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Hunger pains teach lessons



JAKE LOCKARD ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Poor class participants Gordon Harper, left, a freshman studying business, and Aneyea Rice, a freshman studying communication, eat rice and beans Monday evening at the 2nd annual Hunger Awareness Program in the Old Main Restaurant. Each class was served a different meal, which ranged from bread and water to a full three-course meal.

Program shows class disparities of world hunger

Alicia Wade
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carol Knight anxiously flipped open her program to discover whether she was rich, middle class, poor or the dreaded — very poor.

Luckily for Knight, she struck gold and learned she was rich. For her that meant a three-course meal, while for other participants of the second annual Rotaract Hunger Awareness Program it meant bread and water.

About 45 people gathered

Monday evening at the Student Center to participate in and learn about world hunger. According to the dinner's programs, more than 1.1 billion people worldwide live on less than a dollar a day.

The dinner's sponsors included the SIUC Rotaract Club, the Black Affairs Council, the Latin American Student Association and the Racial and Ethnic Minority Student Programs.

The people were divided into four groups and then served a dinner reflecting their social class.

Near the end of the dinner those that were assigned to eat meager meals were invited to partake in the middle-class buffet, which included pasta and salad.

Katie Richardson, a senior

from McHenry studying special education, said being in the very poor category caused her to feel ostracized. The best part of the dinner for her was when she was allowed to eat the middle class' food.

"I felt like I went from poor to riches," Richardson said.

The participants were each given a new identity at the beginning of the night, defining both their social classes and their lives. Some found themselves as an unemployed, single mother raising a 7-year-old daughter on the streets, while others became soon-to-be retired bankers with families.

As the dinner went on, people were encouraged to find oth-

ers holding biographies of their characters' family members and employees.

Knight, an undeclared graduate student from Fairfax, Va., said being rich during the dinner was cause for anxiety, until the poor and very poor were allowed to partake of better food.

"I think if they had done it longer, I would have been really self-conscious," Knight said.

The night began with SIUC alumnus Edson Lobato talking about his agricultural work in the Cerrado region of Brazil. He and his partners took an area comparable to the African savannah and transformed it into rich farmland.

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USG to discuss conduct code

Wayne Utterback
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The president of Undergraduate Student Government said he believes students should have the right to decide if they want to risk intervening in a fight.

Akeem Mustapha, referencing the nine SIUC freshmen suspended in part because they did not break up or report a fight this month, said the Student Conduct Code would likely be a major platform for discussion at the next USG meeting.

The meeting is at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Health Center Auditorium.

Mustapha said several students have come to the USG office to express their concerns of the issue of the nine Chicago-area students who were removed from campus.

Student Judicial Affairs charged the nine with several Student Conduct Violations, including disorderly conduct and not intervening in the Oct. 6 attack. The students were also accused of physical abuse, and they have all denied

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Coach Kill remains in hospital

Jordan Wilson
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU football coach Jerry Kill is awaiting a release date from doctors while he remains listed in stable condition Monday night at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, said Tom Weber, SIU's sports information director.

The 45-year-old Kill collapsed Sunday morning after taping his weekly coach's show at WSIL-TV studios in Carterville. Hours before the incident, the Salukis lost Saturday night at home, 27-24, to Western Kentucky University.

"The doctors decided he should stay overnight again," Weber said. "It's not anything to be alarmed about or concerned with."

"You always want to get him out as quick as possible."

Kill suffered his first seizure at SIU in November 2001 after a loss to Missouri State University. About a year ago, Kill endured another seizure, which occurred on the sidelines of McAndrew Stadium in the waning moments of SIU's 61-35 loss to Illinois State University.

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Many students unaware of conduct code

Brandon Weisenberger
DAILY EGYPTIAN

John Mallon had never heard of the Student Conduct Code until a policeman said he would be referred to Student Judicial Affairs for punishment after an early semester house party.

Before Carbondale authorities busted the party up, Mallon said he had no idea such a code or such a court-like department existed at SIUC.

Now, the junior from Oak Lawn studying mathematics education is appealing a Student Judicial Affairs ruling requiring him to watch an educational video

about alcohol and write a five-page paper.

Mallon said the university charges — selling alcohol to minors and consuming alcohol while underage — are unfounded. Mallon also faces Jackson County criminal charges of selling alcohol without a license. He plead guilty and has been fined \$250.

He's just one of several students who have been through the judicial affairs system, reprimanded and appealed on grounds that the body violated constitutional provisions of due process and proof of guilt.

Mallon is also among the students who were oblivious to the code's existence before being hit with charges and who still have no idea what it's all about.

"A lot of students aren't aware of what it's about," Mallon said. "I

"The students and the university need to wake up and have a serious conversation about this."

— Hugh Williams
owner of Williams Law Firm

think that it's pretty sketchy how as soon as you sign up for classes here, as soon as you pay the university your tuition money, you automatically fall under the long arm of the Student Conduct Code."

Hard copies of the code are hard to come by. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz last week said the only access to the code is via the Internet.

A receptionist at the Student Judicial Affairs office said no copies of the code were available, and students should look online for the guidelines.

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54° 35°	52° 49°	65° 44°	58° 37°	56° 35°

Illinois Weather

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Regional Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Bloomington	50	34	pc	51	45	r
Cape Girardeau	57	35	s	54	53	r
Champaign	51	27	pc	53	41	r
Chicago	48	30	pc	53	41	pc
Danville	50	30	pc	56	42	r
Edwardsville	55	35	s	53	48	r
Moline	55	28	s	52	38	r
Mt. Vernon	52	31	s	54	47	r
Paducah	54	35	s	61	53	r
Peoria	53	30	s	45	40	r
Quincy	53	33	s	46	41	r
Rockford	49	26	pc	52	36	pc
Springfield	53	31	s	53	45	r

Almanac

Carbondale through 3 p.m. yesterday
Temperature:
High/low yesterday 52°/33°
Normal high/low 66°/41°
Precipitation:
24 hours ending 3 p.m. yest. 0.00"
Month to date 2.81"
Normal month to date 2.01"
Year to date 40.26"
Normal year to date 36.60"

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:14 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:08 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:45 a.m.
Moonset today	7:15 p.m.
First	Oct 29
Full	Nov 5
Last	Nov 12
New	Nov 20

National Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	61	38	s	68	48	s
Boston	56	42	pc	56	40	pc
Cincinnati	46	30	pc	56	44	r
Dallas	72	65	pc	76	58	t
Denver	66	34	s	57	25	s
Indianapolis	48	33	pc	54	43	r
Kansas City	57	46	s	59	43	r
Las Vegas	79	56	pc	77	54	s
Nashville	56	32	s	61	50	c
New Orleans	73	55	s	76	68	pc
New York City	54	42	pc	55	44	pc
Orlando	70	47	s	75	55	s
Phoenix	78	65	t	85	62	s
San Francisco	71	51	pc	75	49	s
Seattle	53	44	r	53	44	c
Washington, DC	53	39	pc	57	39	s

Legend: W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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- Showers
- T-storms
- Rain
- Flurries
- Snow
- Ice

Surviving ‘Survivor’



MAX BITTLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mike Skupin sits with participants of the Saluki Challenge this past weekend at the Mae Smith Residential Hall during a tribal council. Skupin appeared on “Survivor: The Australian Outback” in 2001.

‘Survivor’ contestant brings authenticity to Ultimate Saluki Challenge

Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After surviving the Australian Outback, Mike Skupin decided to give the students of SIUC a try.

Skupin hosted the “Ultimate Saluki Challenge” over the weekend, a three-day competition based on the “Survivor” show that pitted 10 students against each other in a battle of athleticism, will and survival. Chris Bigall, a junior from McHenry studying civil engineering, eventually won the competition.

“Of over 1,300 events that I’ve done, this is by far the most amazing,” Skupin said. “I don’t think I slept for 45 minutes straight the whole weekend.”

Skupin was a fan favorite to win Season 2, “Survivor: The Australian Outback” before he fell into a campfire and was severely burned. He spent 10 days in an intensive care ward and was not allowed to return to the competition.

Skupin said his early exit from the show did not sour the experience.

“I think if I fell in the fire on the third day it would have been different. I wouldn’t have had 18 sunrises and 18 sunsets and many, many missed meals. I got to really experience the adventure,” Skupin said.

Kyle Sentel, a senior from Strasburg studying biological sciences, was a contestant in the “Ultimate Saluki Challenge.” As a big fan of “Survivor,” he said he was very excited to have Skupin as the host.

“Whenever he got a chance, he was telling us all about what happened on the real island,” Sentel

For more information

Check out Thursday’s DAILY EGYPTIAN for an extended story with photos on the Ultimate Saluki Challenge.

said. “He made it a lot more like the real thing.”

Sentel said he was inspired by Skupin’s approach to the game.

“His experience on ‘Survivor,’ a lot of people would be disappointed with that, but he seems to be able to embrace ‘Survivor’ for what it is and really enjoys the fact that he was on it even though the way he left was not really the way he wanted to,” Sentel said.

Assistant director of Recreational Sports and Services Sally Wright, who organized the challenge, said Skupin was a perfect fit for the type of program they wanted to offer.

“He lent a tremendous amount of authenticity. With every challenge we had written in advance, he tweaked it and turned it into the type of challenge it needed to be,” Wright said.

Skupin said he felt responsible for ensuring the students had the most challenging and realistic experience possible.

“If they walked away from this adventure saying ‘I wasted my time’ that would be the worst insult to me,” Skupin said. “We gave them a good adventure. I’m very comfortable with the fact that they got a small taste of what it was really like.”

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Bus catches fire, kills 18

Katia Martinez
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PANAMA CITY, Panama — Mechanical problems triggered a fire that raced through a bus in Panama’s capital on Monday, killing at least 18 people, injuring 17 and sending passengers jumping from the flaming vehicle, police said.

Investigators using trained dogs found no evidence of explosives on the city bus and believed some form of fuel leak was to blame for the blaze. The bus lacked an emergency exit.

“We found absolutely no trace of the presence of explosives,” said Jaime Jacome, director of Panama City’s Technical Judicial Police. “What there was a lot of gasoline.”

Witnesses said they saw smoke pouring from the area around the motor seconds before the bus caught fire. Authorities were checking the charred remains of the motor and bus for clues.

Many passengers were seen scrambling to get off before flames engulfed the bus. At least 17 people managed to escape but all were hospitalized with severe burns.

Firefighter Cecilio Lasso said four of the 18 killed were children.

The fire occurred in the Bellavista section of downtown Panama City. The remains of those killed were originally laid out on a crowded street, but eventually removed by emergency crews.

Traffic was snarled in all directions for hours and television stations beamed gruesome scenes of the aftermath live to all of Panama.

“The victims were piled up in the back of the bus one on top of the other,” Jacome said. “We are analyzing the motor to determine the cause of the fire.”

GOP challenger denies telling reporter Clinton may have improved her looks

Marc Humbert
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY, N.Y. — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton accused her Republican challenger of getting into “swampy territory” after he was quoted Monday as saying that Clinton was unattractive when she was younger and that she had a lot of work done on herself.

John Spencer denied discussing the senator’s looks during a conversation with a New York Daily News reporter.

The tabloid quoted Spencer as saying: “You ever see a picture of her back then? Whew. I don’t know why Bill married her.”

Spencer, former mayor of the New York City suburb of Yonkers, was also quoted as saying that Clinton under-

went millions of dollars of “work” and “looks good now.”

During a campaign stop at a senior citizens center in Watervliet, just outside Albany, Clinton said: “It’s unfortunate that when you don’t have anything positive to say about the issues that we can get off in some pretty swampy territory.”

After the newspaper came out, Spencer said the comments were “a fabrication. I would never call Hillary Clinton ugly. That’s outrageous. I didn’t do it.”

The newspaper’s front-page headline screamed “GETTING UGLY.”

The reporter, Ben Smith, spoke with Spencer during a flight Friday from New York City to Rochester. He told the AP that Spencer made the comments as Spencer, his wife and

Smith sat together. He said he did not tape-record the comments but took notes on his Blackberry.

Clinton adviser Howard Wolfson said Clinton has had no plastic surgery or similar appearance-enhancing work.

“I’m not sure what’s worse, that Mr. Spencer made these insulting comments or that instead of owning up and apologizing for them, he is lying about them,” Wolfson added. “Either way, it’s clear that he is unfit for the U.S. Senate.”

Clinton joked with reporters during her stop in Watervliet that “my high-school picture was cute.” It was also on the tabloid’s front page.

Polls have shown Clinton, 58, far ahead of the craggy-faced, 59-year-old Spencer in the Senate race.

Paper: Gov. got a list of appointees from Rezko

CHICAGO — A former top aide sent Gov. Rod Blagojevich a note listing 19 people that a key fundraiser — now accused of shaking down firms seeking state business — wanted placed on various state boards, according to a published report.

“Rod, Here is a list of candidates that Tony Rezko wants to be put on non-paying boards,” Lon Monk wrote in a note that was faxed to the governor along with the Jan. 20, 2003 list, the Chicago Sun-Times reported Monday. “What are your thoughts?”

The fundraiser, Antoin “Tony” Rezko, a political confidant and friend of Blagojevich, pleaded not guilty last week to federal charges that he tried to squeeze millions of

dollars in kickbacks from businesses. The governor has not been charged with any wrongdoing.

It was not illegal for Rezko to make recommendations or for people appointed to commissions and boards to make political contributions to the governor.

Blagojevich maintains he knew nothing about any “pay-to-play” schemes involving Rezko or Stuart Levine, the indicted former state Teachers’ Retirement System Board member. His office has acknowledged that Rezko made recommendations to the governor but said many other people did, too.

“Some of those recommendations were taken . . . Others were not,” said Blagojevich spokeswoman Abby Ottenhoff.



WORLD & NATION



CHUCK KENNEDY ~ MCT

President George W. Bush (center left) and first lady Laura Bush (center right) greet Sweden's King Carl Gustav (right) and Queen Silvia at the White House in Washington on Monday.

Former Enron CEO sentenced to 24 years

Juan A. Lozano
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling, the most vilified figure from the most notorious financial scandal of the decade, was sentenced Monday to 24 years, four months in the harshest sentence yet in the case that came to symbolize corporate fraud in America.

U.S. District Judge Sim Lake ordered Skilling, 52, to home confinement, wearing an ankle monitor, and told the U.S. Bureau of Prisons

to recommend when Skilling should report to prison. Lake recommended no date, but suggested Skilling be sent to the federal facility in Butler, N.C.

Skilling, insisting he was innocent yet remorseful in a two-hour hearing, was the last top former official to be punished for the accounting tricks and shady business deals that led to the loss of thousands of jobs, more than \$60 billion in Enron stock and more than \$2 billion in employee pension plans when Enron collapsed.

Lake denied Skilling's request for bond.

Skilling's term is the longest received by any Enron defendant; former chief financial officer Andrew Fastow was given a six-year term after cooperating with prosecutors and helping them secure Skilling's conviction.

The former CEO's arrogance, belligerence and lack of contriteness under questioning made him a lightning rod for the rage generated by the collapse of Enron in 2001.

Shiite-on-Shiite revenge killings spread as Iraqi army stands aside

Steven R. Hurst
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Militiamen loyal to an anti-American cleric re-emerged Monday in the southern city of Amarah, hunting down and killing four policemen from a rival militia in a brutal Shiite-on-Shiite settling of scores.

The Iraqi army set up a few roadblocks but did not interfere in the movement of Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army fighters after police fled the streets. The latest attacks came despite a public call by al-Sadr to halt the tribal vendetta, suggesting that splinter groups were developing within his militia.

The spread of revenge killings among Shiites in their southern heartland has opened a new and ominous front as American forces struggle to control insurgent and sectarian bloodshed to the north — especially in Baghdad.

In the capital, the U.S. military reported that a soldier was listed as missing Monday night and that American and Iraqi forces were scouring the area where he was last seen. The missing soldier is an Army translator, and the initial

report is that he may have been abducted, said a military official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity because the information was not cleared for release.

With the fighting weighing heavily on the prospects of Republican candidates in midterm elections two weeks away, the military on Monday announced four new U.S. deaths — a Marine and three soldiers. So far this month, 87 American service members have been killed in Iraq.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki announced a military crackdown to tame the country's staggering armed violence, taking special aim at continuing lawlessness in Amarah.

But his statement, while notable for its timing, appeared toothless, especially given that his army was standing aside in Amarah and has fallen short of delivering troops requested by the Americans for the ongoing security crackdown in Baghdad.

"The Iraqi government hereby warns all groups with illegal weapons to refrain from any armed activities that undermines public security. Let everyone be informed that orders have been issued to the

armed forces to stop any transgression against state power and to confront any illegal attempt regardless of its source," al-Maliki wrote in his decree.

"The Iraqi government also calls in particular on the people of Maysan province to exercise caution and care in the face of attempts to drag the people of one nation into fighting and strife," he said. Amarah is the capital of Maysan province.

Hoping to find a political solution, the Bush administration has asked the al-Maliki's government to issue an unconditional amnesty to Sunni Muslim insurgents, prominent Kurdish lawmaker Mahmoud Othman told The Associated Press. He is a confidant of Jalal Talabani, the country's president.

He and Hassan al-Seneid, a member of parliament close to al-Maliki, also told AP that U.S. officials were engaged in ongoing talks with members of the insurgency, including members of Saddam Hussein's outlawed Baath Party, to seek an end to the fighting that has plagued American forces in Baghdad, surrounding areas and sprawling Anbar province to the west.

GOP candidates drop war support

Tom Raum
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Republicans worried about losing Congress are challenging President Bush on Iraq, eroding his base of support for the unpopular war just two weeks before midterm elections.

Increasing calls from restive Republicans for new ideas to extricate the United States come as the White House itself seems to struggle for a better course, or at least a better way to describe the current course.

Republican Sen. John Warner of Virginia, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, seemed to open the floodgates to GOP criticism this month when he warned after a trip to Iraq that the war was "drifting sideways," and a course correction might soon be warranted.

In recent days:

- Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said she would not have supported the invasion had she known there were no weapons of mass destruction, and she has proposed splitting Iraq into three parts.

- Virginia Republican Sen. George Allen, in a difficult re-election battle with Democratic challenger James Webb, dropped his stay-the-course mantra to assert, "We cannot continue doing the same things and expect different

results. We have to adapt our operations, adapt our tactics."

- Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said in an interview with The Associated Press that both U.S. and Iraqi officials should be held accountable for the lack of progress: "We're on the verge of chaos, and the current plan is not working."

- Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., said in a debate last week with Democratic challenger Jon Tester that he agreed with Warner's call for a change in strategy — and believed Bush already had a plan to win the war but for now was keeping it quiet. That remark drew ridicule from Democrats who likened it to Richard Nixon's "secret plan" to end the war in Vietnam.

Also challenging Bush's Iraq policy have been former Secretary of State Colin Powell, Republican Sens. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine, and several House Republicans.

More and more, the issue is dominating election campaigns and altering the political landscape. That, and the historic pattern of midterm losses for the party holding the White House, has cast a heavy gloom over rank-and-file Republicans, particularly those on the ballot.

WIRE REPORTS

IRAN

Diplomats: Iran expanding uranium enrichment

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran is expanding its uranium enrichment program even as the U.N. Security Council focuses on possible sanctions for its defiance of a demand to give up the activity and ease fears it seeks nuclear weapons, diplomats said Monday.

The diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to divulge the information to media, told The Associated Press that within the past few weeks Iranian nuclear experts had started up a second pilot enrichment facility.

While the 164 centrifuges were not producing enriched uranium, even the decision to "dry test" them showed Iran's defiance of the Security Council. The council had set an Aug. 31 deadline for Tehran to cease all experiments linked to enrichment. It may start full deliberations on sanctions as early as later this week.

Iran produced a small batch of low-enriched uranium — suitable as nuclear fuel but not weapons grade — in February, using its initial cascade of 164 centrifuges at its pilot plant at Natanz. The process of uranium enrichment can be used to generate electricity or to create an atomic weapon, depending on the level of enrichment.

SEPT. 11

In wake of new finds, officials say they wanted longer search for remains at WTC 9/11 site

NEW YORK (AP) — As the city agency overseeing the removal of the World Trade Center rubble was wrapping up its work in 2002, several officials handling the painstaking recovery of human remains warned that things were moving too fast.

They believed more pieces of the 2,749 dead could be found, and that the city shouldn't be rushing such an important task. But they were overruled, two of those officials told The Associated Press this week.

Over the past few days, dozens of bones have been discovered in underground passages at ground zero, more than five years after the tragedy.

"I knew that this was going to happen — they really just wanted us out of there," said retired Lt. John McArdle, the Police Department's ground zero commander. "There was not a good exit strategy for some of these places, and if there was, it was poorly done."

A utility crew stumbled upon body parts last week in an abandoned manhole along the edge of the site, and forensic experts have since dug down and found more than 100 bones and fragments from skulls, ribs, arms, legs, feet and hands. The discoveries have angered and saddened relatives of the Sept. 11 victims.

NUTRITION

Study: Eating vegetables helps keep brain young

CHICAGO (AP) — New research on vegetables and aging gives mothers another reason to say "I told you so." It found that eating vegetables appears to help keep the brain young and might slow the mental decline sometimes associated with growing old.

On measures of mental sharpness, older people who ate more than two servings of vegetables daily appeared about five years younger at the end of the six-year study than those who ate few or no vegetables.

The research in almost 2,000 Chicago-area men and women doesn't prove that vegetables reduce mental decline, but it adds to mounting evidence pointing in that direction. The findings also echo previous research in women only.

Green leafy vegetables including spinach, kale and collards appeared to be the most beneficial. The researchers said that may be because they contain healthy amounts of vitamin E, an antioxidant that is believed to help fight chemicals produced by the body that can damage cells.

A different kind of disaster response

Organization fielding college students to cheer up victims with multimedia

Wayne Utterback
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC students will have the opportunity to help and cheer up natural disaster victims via video this holiday season.

The project is an idea of the Last Responders, a not-for-profit organization based in Tampa, Fla. SIUC was one of five universities selected to participate in creating a portion of a film.

The group works to provide assistance to people affected by natural disaster. The Last Responders accept either a series of pictures on 35 mm negatives or a 20- to 60- minute message in a video. The organization asks that students put the film on a digital disc with a written or recorded script on any holiday.

The materials turned in will be added to the production of a film that will be distributed to the disaster victims. The theme will be that of a holiday greeting, said Ron Clark, director of operations for the Last Responders.

Clark said southern Illinois would be presented in more than 30 minutes of the film. He said the SIUC campus would produce some sincere

and entertaining footage for disaster victims.

"I expect the college students to do all kinds of crazy things," Clark said. "I hope and expect them to be very creative in what they do."

The group is allowing students to participate in the holiday film project with a deadline of Nov. 10 and asks that submissions be clean and family-friendly.

Students have to complete a release form on the group's Web site, <http://www.thelastresponders.org>. Students can also send donations to cover the costs of making the film.

Several companies are getting involved with the project as sponsors, said Michael Wempe, who is doing documentary work and video editing on the film in Florida. Sony, FedEx and Vans have signed on, and Wempe said he expects more.

Students can advertise products and make commercials, and the proceeds will go to help disaster victims.

"Even though they have so much support right now, as time goes on it gradually gets less and less," Wempe said. "We're going to be there for a very long period of time."

Potential issues

- College students will be given opportunities to help natural disaster victims through multimedia.

- Students can advertise products and make commercials, and the proceeds will go to help disaster victims.

- Southern Illinois will be presented for more than 30 minutes of the film.

- SIUC will produce sincere and entertaining footage for disaster victims.

- Several companies like Sony, FedEx and Vans will sponsor the film.

The project could evolve into a reality show, Clark said. The organization is creating a television pilot. He said the show would consist of real people doing things to help those in need.

"It'll be the first billion-dollar TV show," Clark said. "One million people in the form of aid and assistance will receive \$1 billion and more."

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Gubernatorial hiring specifically

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Republican Judy Baar Topinka says she doesn't object to making public lists of unsuccessful candidates for state jobs who lost out to people with political connections, something Gov. Rod Blagojevich has refused to do citing privacy laws.

Critics have said the names should be released so people can know if the administration is following hiring laws, such as giving veterans preference for jobs.

The administration has released the names at least once before but has refused to do so lately. It's a position Blagojevich sticks to in an Associated Press candidate questionnaire.

All three candidates, including Rich Whitney of the Green Party, responded to the questionnaire that asked questions on issues including ethics, state hiring practices and campaign finance reform.

While Topinka says she has "no objection" to the idea of releasing candidate lists, she did say she would have to look at the legal implications of doing so. Whitney said he would release them.

Questions about state hiring practices come as the Blagojevich administration is under federal investigation for how it does out jobs. U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald said in June that "very serious allegations of endemic hiring fraud" have implicated several state agencies.

Blagojevich has not been accused of any wrongdoing. He

has said his inspector general will root out any problems, which the governor consistently has blamed on "a few bad apples."

Associated Press reviews have found top administration officials have approved hirings for jobs covered by laws and court rulings meant to keep those posts free from politics.

Whitney said he favors an independent hiring and promotion bureau to ensure politics doesn't factor into filling state jobs covered by the civil service code or Rutan, the 1990 U.S. Supreme Court ruling on an Illinois case challenging patronage.

Topinka said she would like to create a new certification requirement for state civil service hiring under which agencies would have to certify that veterans preference and Rutan rules were followed.

Blagojevich said he would continue to follow the state's personnel code.

When shenanigans in state government are uncovered, some have called for public disclosure of any wrongdoing unearthed under the more aggressive, independent system of inspectors general that Blagojevich and lawmakers set up.

Blagojevich touts the system in his questionnaire and says now that it's in place, he's "open to looking at ideas to improve these positions."

Topinka said she supports legislation to make inspector general reports public and also supports "greater public disclosure" of ethics violations uncovered by the executive inspector generals.



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OUR WORD

Time to be heard

SIUC's Student Conduct Code, like our nation's Constitution, should be a living document, if not one that breathes. It seems silly to question one's ability to breathe if it in fact lives, but the conduct code is a unique animal — one that has quite a few people feeling suffocated by it.

We encourage people to pack the meeting room, listen and speak out if so inclined. The code can only be revised to best serve the students through the mass of student voices.

The nine freshmen students who have recently been handed down a total of 17 years suspension can be counted in that group. There still are questions regarding these young men's innocence — they have been accused of assaulting an unnamed sophomore on Oct. 6 — but they haven't lacked in supporters since word first surfaced of their "interim suspensions."

The enforcement of the interim suspensions can leave a student banned from campus before a hearing with Student Judicial Affairs occurs.

For quite a while, the code, shrouded in mystery and not paid attention to by most, has existed only to be scorned by a relative few who have come on the wrong side of it. Carbondale attorney Richard Fedder has counseled some people in this position.

"If the university ever opened up a dialogue with somebody with legal intelligence who would give them the criticism, they would find that many aspects of the Student Conduct Code are simply arbitrary and abusive," Fedder said last week.

A good idea Mr. Fedder, but first let's ask for the university to open some dialogue over the code. A chance arises today with a town hall meeting scheduled to happen at 6 p.m. in the bottom of Grinnell Hall. We encourage people to pack the meeting room, listen and speak out if so inclined. The code can only be revised to best serve the students through the mass of student voices.

Any gripes stated at this meeting should be treated with sincerity, many may have their own stories of mistreatment because of the code, or they may simply add themselves to the number of people who think this whole situation is foul. Regardless, the impact felt by this meeting will flounder if it is not received and answered by any of the several administrators who were invited to attend.

This group includes Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz, Student Judicial Affairs coordinator Terry Huffman, Associate Chancellor for Diversity Seymour Bryson and Housing Judicial Affairs coordinator Carlos Del Rio.

Until a constructive dialogue exists regarding the proper parameters and the overall reach of the university's Student Conduct Code, there will continue to be angry students and parents threatening to sue SIUC. There will also continue to be unknowing students committing stupid and unsafe acts thinking they'll get a slap on the wrist instead of a drastic halt of their education.

It takes 9,000 words for SIUC to make a proper agreement of civility with the people who attend this institution.

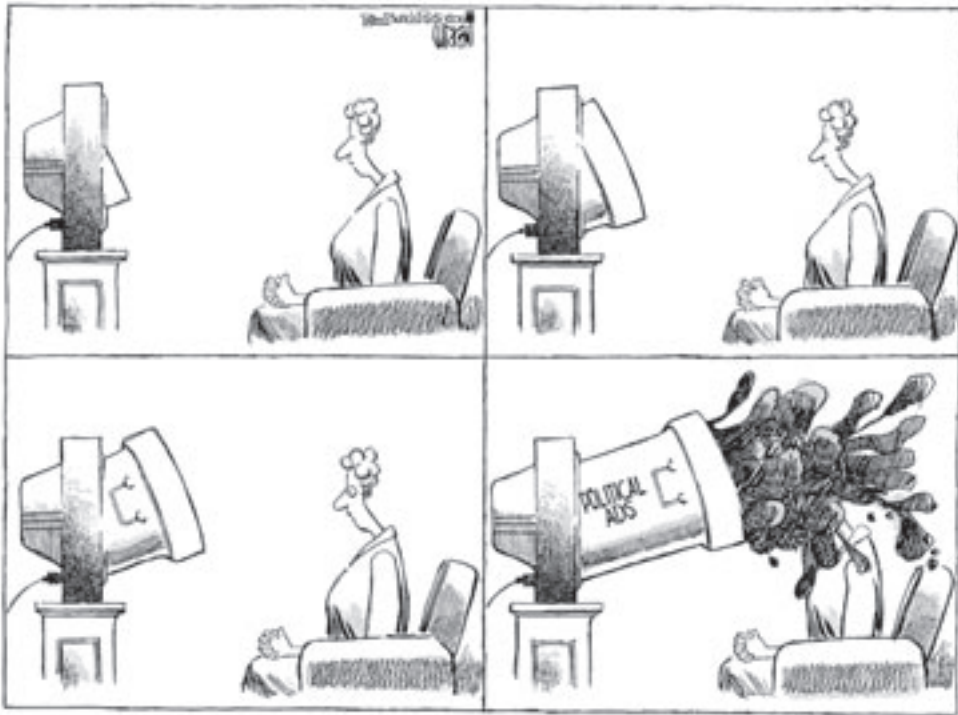
It is no coincidence that all the principals in this code controversy are freshmen. Think of how you were as a freshman — someone with the comparative mind of a high schooler but with the freedom of an adult, or so you thought.

It takes a couple of years of life in college before you can begin to coast through it. Before that, it's all a feeling-out process in which guidance and direction are needed. If this university wants to truly curb unsafe acts on campus, it should make sure a clear understanding exists between it and each and every student who applies here — what is expected of one as a person as well as a student.

Printed copies of the code should be available throughout one's college career, but the stakes associated with violent and reckless behavior should be established at its start. Programs like SOAR and the "Week of Welcome" provide chances for seminars or presentations regarding to the code.

If any number of people decide to not attend this school because of strict policies, then maybe it is better than all the discomfort we see currently, or maybe it is a sign that some changes should be made in this living, breathless document.

GUEST COLUMNS



'Grey's Anatomy' irresponsible

Peter Brown
MCT

"Grey's Anatomy" has become television's top show by transferring the "all for one, one for all" mentality of the now-departed mega-hit "Friends" to a hospital setting.

The problem is that in real life, friends don't usually look the other way when crimes are committed and rules are broken — nor should they.

The show's message that it is perfectly normal, and to some degree acceptable, for people in a position to decide who lives and who dies, to give preference to their personal emotions over the law and medical ethics, is profoundly disturbing.

Of course it is only TV. But given the medium's power and the topic's seriousness, I for one am offended by a major story line of the hit show, which by the way, is terrifically entertaining.

One of the show's main characters, Dr. Stevens, a lingerie model turned medical intern, breaks the law and medical canon to manipulate the way heart transplants are allocated to save her fiancé.

The show's failing is that it gives the inaccurate impression that the transplant process is capricious, can be easily manipulated and if so, what's the harm, since it's to help a friend.

I am not a doctor, but I was fortunate enough in 2002 to receive a liver transplant. I became acquainted with the arduous process by which organs are allocated.

Organ transplants are the ultimate zero-sum game. For every patient saved, someone else is not. There are many more people needing hearts, livers, lungs and kidneys than there are available organs. Thousands of Americans die each year waiting for a transplant.

Everyone connected with the transplant process — doctors, nurses, donor families, or recipients and their families — understands this.

The United Network for Organ Sharing supervises U.S. transplants. It has set criteria for evaluating patients' needs, primarily based on a recipients' closeness to death, overall health and ability to thrive afterward. It decides who gets a transplant and who doesn't.

In "Grey's Anatomy," the intern makes her fiancé sicker in order to move him up the list

when a heart becomes available. Several fellow interns, instead of stopping her, aid in her efforts.

The patient dies after the transplant, and the other interns don't report what happened. Later, they refuse to finger the culprit in some kind of celebration of friendship. If coming attractions are to be believed, the hospital lets Dr. Stevens back on staff.

Arthur Caplan, the Emmanuel and Robert Hart Professor of Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania, say what would then happen in the real world is this:

- Dr. Stevens would probably face murder or manslaughter charges, since she began a process that resulted in the patient's death. She would face criminal charges for falsifying medical records. She would be dismissed from the intern program and almost certainly never get a medical license.

- The hospital, aware it could lose its accreditation to do transplants and have to pay a huge damage settlement (not just to this patient's family, but to the family of the one who didn't get the heart due to the fraud), would report what happened to the state medical board, UNOS and the police.

- The other interns could also face criminal charges. Their medical futures would be in doubt since they could be considered accessories to the crime.

In the show, no one calls the cops or the state medical authorities. Nothing happens to the other interns.

Television is, of course, entertainment. It is invested in hooking viewers on Dr. Stevens' character. But it is also a business, hence their reluctance to write a popular character off the show.

You got the feeling when the tough resident doctor who supervises the interns began lobbying the big boss to take Dr. Stevens back that she is going to somehow return to the hospital and all her friends.

That is a shame. Television doesn't have to replicate real life. But when a drama, not an obvious farce like "Scrubs," suggests crime can be without consequences, it is as dangerous to the public good as when it glorifies sex and violence.

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WORDS OVERHEARD

“ All options are open, but certainly nobody wants [a strike]. We do not want to interrupt the educational process. ”

Lenore Langsdorf
Faculty Association spokeswoman

STUDENT COLUMNISTS

Not just playing games

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I grew up watching the NBA playoffs every night of every season. But, that was only because the Chicago Bulls were playing.

It is the last few seconds of the game, and fans are peering anxiously from the sidelines, glued to the TV screen or listening intently from their car stereos.

Sports fans are everywhere. They are usually easy to spot, with their sports lingo and endless knowledge of the inner workings of their sport and more specifically, their team. They wear their team jerseys to school every day and put team bumper stickers on their cars.

No, I am not talking from experience and am actually not a true sports fan. I grew up watching the NBA playoffs every night of every season. But, that was only because the Chicago Bulls were playing. My dad was absolutely crazy about that team — Michael Jordan and company.

I can remember when the NBA theme was my favorite song. We watched it every night, regardless. After the team split, we stopped watching. Now, we turn on the occasional Monday Night Football and the NFL Stanley Cup Finals game.

For a lot of people, sports is their religion, their pastime and favorite topic of conversation.

In the United States, we divide over the issue of sports. For some, baseball is it; for others, it is football or basketball or hockey.

People will pay high prices for front row tickets to a key game. Here in southern Illinois, dedicated fans travel nearly every other weekend to see a St. Louis game. At SIU, many students and faculty attend every Saluki game. For them, it is school spirit.

Soccer ranks pretty low on our list, yet, it is the sports king for most of the world.

I recently took a trip with a family from Germany. The sons had moved to America just a few weeks before, and one of them was starting to speak some English. Their books were entirely in German, which fascinated me, and they almost always spoke German to their father. Yet, when we passed a small soccer field, their voices shouted out “soccer!” It was one of the English words they knew well. They were quite disappointed when no one was playing. Their dad noticed that, instead, a game of baseball was going on. The word “baseball” was almost foreign to them.

Whatever the sport, there are fans out there who would nearly give their life for the team.

So, if you are looking for a passion, try sports. Enter this world with caution, though. You may find yourself buying hundreds of dollars worth of team jerseys, bumper stickers, game tickets and the list goes on. Or attending every game, come rain, sleet, hail or snow and then talking about games as if they were your life’s story.

Lindsay is a junior

Life as art or science

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Living life to its fullest potential is a series of calculations.

Drink one glass of red wine a night to help your heart. Sleep the recommended eight to 10 hours a night. Eat 1,500 to 2,000 calories a day. Exercise three times a week for at least 30 minutes. The list could go on forever.

What about passions and spontaneity? Life would be boring and lackluster without those fudge-covered brownie sundaes or projects you put hours of time you don’t have into. So how do you live your life, as a thing of science or art?

Is your life based on impulses, passions and desires or nutrition labels and experts’ recommendations?

My sister has been playing soccer competitively since kindergarten and is now up for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee game-winning scoring record. Sure, she has pushed her body to the limit, injured herself and will quite possibly pay the consequence as her body ages. But she has lived for her passion and has no regrets. She didn’t sit there and calculate her target heart rate or make sure her shoes didn’t have too many miles on them — she just played for the love of the game.

Say you love salmon but experts recommend only two servings of fish a week because of mercury. If you limit yourself, you aren’t getting what you want. But if you don’t limit yourself, you are risking health issues. We face choices like this everyday. How you come to your decisions makes you who you are.

When you go to the bar, you can go to have a couple of drinks with a few good friends. Or it can become

a constant math equation. Let’s see, medical experts recommend limiting yourself to one drink per hour because the human body can only process 15 ml, or about one can of beer, per hour. But that doesn’t even get into the fact that men are only advised to drink three to four units of alcohol while women should not drink more than two to three units a day. My head is already spinning, and we haven’t even addressed the recommended daily value of calorie counts. On the other hand, not paying attention could lead to a bad hangover, a protruding gut and liver problems.

So do you live in a world in which you carefully calculate every step you make, or do you live to the extreme and then have regrets when you pay the consequence for a carefree lifestyle? It is easy to say you will just balance the two and live in moderation. It is a lot harder to do. Some people rely on calorie calculation to prevent themselves from grabbing that cookie they don’t really need. For others, those same calculations will frustrate them and stress them out.

As I have mentioned before, I work at a winery. My boss showed me a winemaking book with charts, graphs and chemistry calculations that are used to make wine. I was surprised by the complexity of the process and asked if, to him, winemaking was a science or an art. He responded without hesitation that it was an art because he said he puts his own individual touch to his wine.

Maybe it is important to keep those calculations, facts and numbers in our head for reference to keep ourselves in check when our impulses and passions get out of control. Just don’t miss out on experiences because they don’t fit in the recommended equation.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

‘Boondocks’ cartoon offensive

DEAR EDITOR:

I was at SIU for the family weekend. It was a very enjoyable time until I began reading your DAILY EGYPTIAN newspaper.

Maybe your editorial staff should look over some of the material they print. Especially, your comic section.

I did not find “The Boondocks” funny but rather “racial and discriminatory.” Whomever Aaron McGruder is, he must have a big racist problem. It

doesn’t take a brain scientist to know what he is trying to get across.

It was offensive and disgusting to me.

There are enough problems on your campus without creating more! Maybe the ratio of rapes on the campus should be addressed and the caricatures of the offenders be in Aaron’s column showing them in black and white and not degrading the white female student as

he did in his article.

Let’s see if you will print this in your editorial section. Hopefully, this type of garbage will be put where it belongs, in the wastebasket.

God help us all if this type of person is in the generation that will lead our country!

Roberta Pieto
Palos Heights

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SIUC awarded for partnership with Women’s Center

Groups to split \$15,000 from Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership award

Sarah Lohman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Although Mythili Rundblad said she doesn’t volunteer to win awards, being recognized makes it feel even more rewarding.

The partnership between the Women’s Center in Carbondale and SIUC was awarded the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award on Oct. 16 at a ceremony in Chicago.

Awarded biannually by the Campus Compact for Community Service, the honor provides recognition and a monetary award to three exceptional partnerships in a state chosen each year by the Carters.

The process began in May when Rundblad, a coordinator of stu-

dent development, with the help of Joan McDermott, prepared and submitted a 10-page application. McDermott is the director of women’s studies and former president of the board of directors for the Women’s Center.

The award was presented by Rosalynn Carter, who gave a short inspirational speech before announcing the grand winner, Rundblad said.

“We were sitting at the edge of our seats, and she said ‘And this year’s Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Award goes to —’ right when she said ‘Southern’ we were all up on our feet and hugging each other,” Rundblad said.

The partnership will receive a golden statue of a globe and

\$15,000 to split equally. The award must be used for volunteerism and civic engagement of students, but both members of the partnership said they will wait for more specific guidelines to make plans for the money.

“Some of our students do so much at the Women’s Center, and now hopefully the campus and the larger community knows that,” Rundblad said.

To qualify for the award, a partnership of at least two years must demonstrate the complexity of community involvement on the part of the academic institution, the extent and history of shared power and decision-making, the sustainability of the partnership, and the extent of the partnership’s positive impact on the larger community. The application was also to include two letters of support for the partnership’s accomplishments, as well

as two or three pictures demonstrating its work. Twelve Illinois schools applied for the award.

Applications were judged by well-known people from across the country, but their names were not revealed, Rundblad said.

A month before the award was presented, SIUC and the Women’s Center were one of three finalists competing for the grand prize, Rundblad said.

“I just felt very good being a finalist because I knew a partnership with the Women’s Center is so multifaceted,” Rundblad said.

Camille Dorris, executive director of the Women’s Center, was a member of the delegation receiving the award in Chicago.

“One of the reasons that we stand out is because the Women’s Center is nearly 34 years old, and for nearly 34 years, we’ve had a relationship with the university,”

@ For more information about the Carter Partnership Award, visit siude.com.

Dorris said.

SIUC provides volunteers through organizations such as the Saluki Volunteer Corps to answer calls through the crisis hotline, work on specific projects such as annual Clean Up Day and complete training to act as direct service volunteers, Dorris said.

“It’s almost as if there’s an extension of our staff because we rely so heavily on them,” Dorris said.

The university relies on the expertise of the Women’s Center for certain problems and as an opportunity for students to get experience, McDermott said.

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Wrigley company hires first non-Wrigley family CEO

Dave Carpenter
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co. turned over the leadership of its chewing-gum empire to an outsider for the first time after four generations in the Wrigley family, naming ex-Nike Inc. CEO William Perez on Monday to replace Bill Wrigley Jr. as chief executive after a turbulent past year.

Wrigley will remain chairman of the 114-year-old company, a job he has held along with the chief executive’s role since his father William Wrigley died in 1999.

The surprise announcement came as Wrigley reported a 14 percent increase in third-quarter earnings to \$148 million, lifted by a sales rise in Asia, to exceed Wall Street’s expectations.

The news resulted in the biggest single-day increase in Wrigley’s stock in at least 20 years. Shares jumped \$6.40, or 13.7 percent, to close at \$53.23 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The gum, candy and mint manufacturer’s once high-flying stock had declined sharply since last year when it spent more than \$1.4 billion to buy Life Savers, Altoids and

other businesses from Kraft Foods Inc. — an expensive, debt-funded acquisition that it has struggled to absorb.

Bill Wrigley shook up the top management team in April as Chief Financial Officer Ronald Waters departed, but generating profits from the new businesses has continued to prove difficult.

He said it was solely his idea, endorsed by the board of directors, to bring in another executive to run the day-to-day operations while he focuses on strategy and innovation.

“I will have a greater opportunity to focus on key growth strategies

for the company that will drive our global leadership position,” Wrigley said at a rare news conference.

“Frankly, there’s so many opportunities to take advantage of out there that it makes sense to divide and conquer and allow me to work on some of the longer-term growth strategies and some other things, and Bill works on running the company day in and day out.”

The 59-year-old Perez lasted barely a year as an outsider CEO at Nike, resigning in January over differences with Phil Knight, the company’s co-founder.

Perez previously spent 34

years, eight of them as CEO, at Wisconsin-based SC Johnson, which like Wrigley is a family-owned business that derives more than half its sales internationally. He also will join Wrigley’s board of directors.

The executive said he has no concern about a recurrence of the conflict that led to his departure from Nike.

“We will speak to the Wrigley team with a single voice,” said Perez, who was first contacted by Wrigley about the job on Aug. 8. “We have a very clear understanding of how we’re going to operate.”

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Election 2006

State Rep. race shows both ends of political spectrum

Brandon Augsberg
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Incumbent Republican State Rep. Mike Bost totes 10 years of experience as a state legislator as he battles Green Party candidate and lifelong blue-collar worker Charlie Howe this year for the chance to represent Illinois' 115th District.

The district covers all of Jackson and Washington counties and parts of Union, Perry and Clinton counties, and the election is Nov. 7.

Bost, 45, of Murphysboro is seeking re-election to a sixth term, and Howe, 62, of Carbondale is seeking a seat in the Illinois House of Representatives for the first time.

Bost said he sees the same key issues in this election as most other elections — the budget, education and jobs.

He said the most important decision for voters would be to make

sure whomever they elect could step forward and work with the governor on the state budget.

"We have to figure out how to slow spending down," Bost said.

He said the state must find a way to refill pensions and settle its debt to Medicaid providers. The state's "long-term indebtedness" has greatly increased over the past few years, he said.

Bost said southern Illinois also needs help with its lagging economy, and SIUC, and education in general, needs more state funding. Bost is currently the Republican spokesman for the Higher Education Committee and said, if Republicans become the majority in the house, he would become chairman of the committee. Bost said he has always been a proponent of education funding and would continue to be if elected.

Howe also said education would be an important topic if he were elected. He said the Green Party advocates for House Bill 750, which calls for tax swaps that would help keep more money in the pockets of low-income people. He said the bill would allow for an education fund to be created that could take some of the pressure off of school districts and higher education institutions.

Bost said the representative for this district must also be well-connected and have a strong voice to best serve the constituents of the 115th district. He said he will soon be one of the most senior members of the house, and other legislators look to him for help.

He said his experience as a representative and his familiarity with the district are key assets for him.

"That's why I want to stay here," Bost said.

"With different perspectives from different areas, I feel like I have a leg up on Mr. Bost."

— Charlie Howe
Green Party candidate for Illinois' 115th District

Howe, who has spent his life working blue-collar jobs such as a railroad worker and in the oil fields, said his real-world experience would offset Bost's experience as a politician.

"With different perspectives from different areas, I feel like I have a leg up on Mr. Bost," Howe said.

He said he has been in the "real world" and he knows how it is to be a blue-collar worker. He said his education — degrees in sociology and international business — and his work experience make up for his lack of experience as a state representative.

Howe said the Green Party defines its constituency base dif-

ferently than the traditional parties, and they also focus heavily on environmental issues. He said the party has done everything possible to give voters another choice.

"We have tried our best by getting on the ballot to offer the voters a different choice," he said.

Bost said one of the best parts about elections is that the voters get to hear many different perspectives.

"I'm all for anybody running, and that's what is so neat about this," he said.

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Second trial set to begin in 2003 Clinton Lake drownings

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CLINTON — Craig Brown's thoughts drift back every day to the late summer evening shattered three years ago when a car sank into a central Illinois lake, killing his 3-year-old son and two other children trapped inside.

But the Bloomington factory worker says haunting memories have grown more vivid as he prepares to relive the tragedy. About 80 prospective jurors reported Monday for orientation, and jury selection begins Tuesday in the murder trial of the children's mother, 30-year-old Amanda Hamm, who is accused of drowning her three children in Clinton Lake.

"I've been a nervous wreck ... Memories are coming back, emotions are coming back," said Brown, whose

son, Austin, died along with 6-year-old Christopher Hamm and 23-month-old Kyleigh Hamm after a car rolled off a Clinton Lake boat ramp and sank in about 4 1/2 feet of water on Sept. 2, 2003.

Brown spent more than a month in a Bloomington courtroom last spring for the murder trial of Hamm's former boyfriend, Maurice LaGrone Jr., who was sentenced to life prison for his role in the drownings.

"This one is probably going to be harder because at one time I cared about her," Brown said of Hamm, his ex-girlfriend.

Hamm's trial, expected to last a month, was moved about 30 miles south from Clinton to Decatur because of pretrial publicity and the small jury pool in largely rural DeWitt County.

Prosecutors contend Hamm and

then-boyfriend LaGrone killed the children because they were in the way of the couple's relationship. Hamm and LaGrone have maintained the deaths were a tragic accident that happened after LaGrone parked a car too close to the water during a family outing.

"She's nervous but ready for it to be over," said Hamm's mother, Ann Powers. "Finally, the time has come, and she wants to prove her innocence."

In some ways, attorneys for both sides say, Hamm's trial will be a replay of LaGrone's, which ended in April when a McLean County jury convicted the 31-year-old of three counts of first-degree murder.

Unlike LaGrone, though, Hamm does not face a possible death sentence. Prosecutors sought the death penalty for LaGrone, but his jury ruled he was ineligible for that punishment. Two

jurors said later that prosecutors failed to prove LaGrone intentionally killed the children, although he should have known his actions created a strong probability of death or great bodily harm.

Prosecutors say they again will argue that LaGrone sank the car on purpose to get rid of the children, who were in the way of his lazy, sex-and-drugs lifestyle, according to testimony during his trial.

Hamm, who moved LaGrone into her Clinton apartment about a year before the children died, "went along with the plan and did nothing to stop it," prosecutor Ed Parkinson said.

Defense attorney Steve Skelton argues Hamm and LaGrone had nothing to gain, but plenty to lose, by killing the children. Through child support, rent subsidies and other public aid, the

children accounted for 60 percent of the family's income, he said.

"There is absolutely no motivation whatsoever on either Mr. LaGrone's or Amanda's part to do anything to harm those children. ... Life wouldn't be rosier without them," Skelton said.

Both sides expect a fight over whether prosecutors can use testimony about statements Hamm allegedly made, pointing to a murder plot, while she was hospitalized for depression and suicidal thoughts after her children died.

"A large part of our case against her is her own words," Parkinson said.

Skelton said he will seek to bar the testimony, arguing Hamm's statements were inconsistent because of depression and post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as "the tactics of the authorities who interviewed her."

Wider Panama Canal may benefit U.S. shoppers

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PANAMA CITY, Panama — The United States on Monday applauded Panama’s overwhelming vote in favor of widening its canal, an eight-year project that will cost \$5.25 billion and should lower prices for shoppers on the East Coast buying goods from Asia.

The massive project, which would add a third set of locks on the Atlantic and Pacific sides of the waterway, is expected to double the 50-mile canal’s capacity, allowing container ships, cruise liners and gas tankers currently too wide for its dimensions to squeeze through.

“There will be an impact on the pocketbook,” U.S. Ambassador William Eaton told reporters in Panama City. “The transit costs will be cheaper and

that will have an effect on the market.”

The United States, which built the waterway in the early 1900s and controlled it until 1999, had been mum on the expansion plan so as not to sway Sunday’s referendum. But Eaton said Monday that Panamanians had made the right choice.

“This is important to the U.S. It’s important to our economy,” he said. “We welcome expansion.”

While turnout was only about 43 percent of Panama’s more than 2.1 million eligible voters, nearly eight in 10 voted in favor of expansion. Construction won’t begin until 2007 and is expected to take up to eight years.

President Martin Torrijos, who staked his political future on the plan, said the project, the largest in the canal’s 92-year history, would create

40,000 jobs in a country where 40 percent of people live poverty and where unemployment sits at 9.5 percent.

The Panama Canal Authority, the autonomous governmental agency which runs the waterway, will borrow \$2.3 billion between 2009 and 2011 to help finance the expansion, but expects to pay for the entire project by gradually increasing tolls for ships that sail through it.

Marvin Castillo, director of Panama’s Maritime Chamber, said “any increase in tolls will have to be spread widely enough through all sectors of the shipping industry so that users can prepare for it and it won’t represent a major hit.”

The canal is on pace to generate \$1.4 billion in revenues this year but could produce \$6 billion in revenues per year by 2025.

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U.S. Ambassador to Panama

A chunk of tolls paid on each ton of cargo that passes through the canal goes to the national treasury for education and other social programs.

About two-thirds of shipping traffic passing through the canal is headed to or coming back from the United States. That figure will likely get even higher after expansion is complete.

The biggest vessels now moving through the Panama Canal’s 108-foot-wide locks are known as Panamax ships, carrying up to 4,000 containers. But 27 percent of the world’s contain-

erized shipping is hauled by vessels that can carry 8,000 containers but are too big for the canal. By 2011, 37 percent will be too big, the canal authority says.

Many international shippers also said the expansion was necessary given the increasing amount of products from China, Hong Kong and other parts of Asia that need to be transported to stores on the U.S. East Coast. China is the canal’s second-biggest user, comprising 18 percent of traffic.

Israel’s Olmert agrees to bring hard-liner into government coalition

Josef Federman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, in a bid for political survival, struck an alliance Monday with a hard-liner who has called for stripping Israeli Arabs of citizenship, executing lawmakers for talking to Hamas and bombing Palestinian population centers.

Taking the hawkish Yisrael Beiteinu party into the government would shore up Olmert’s coalition, weakened badly by the war with Hezbollah but probably ends any hope for a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from much of the West Bank.

Yisrael Beiteinu’s leader, Avigdor Lieberman, announced the deal Monday after meeting Olmert. “We are joining the government,” the smiling Lieberman said.

Olmert said as deputy prime minister, Lieberman would be responsible for “strategic threats,” such as Iran’s nuclear ambitions. His appointment must be approved by parliament, a step seen as a formality.

Lieberman, 48, entered the political stage a decade ago as a top aide to then-Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He quickly gained a reputation as a powerful behind-the-scenes mover widely detested for his strong-arm tactics.

He has grown into a potent political force, in large part because of his popularity with Israel’s sizable community of immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Lieberman, a former bar bouncer, immigrated to Israel from the Soviet republic of Moldova in 1978 and still speaks with a Russian accent.

Lieberman’s comments about Arabs have made him one of Israel’s most divisive figures.

At the height of fighting against Palestinians in 2002, Lieberman, then a Cabinet minister, called for the bombing of Palestinian gas stations, banks and commercial centers.

More recently, he advocated trading Israeli Arab towns for West Bank settlements — in effect stripping Israeli Arabs of citizenship — and called for the execution of Israeli Arab lawmakers who met with leaders of Hamas, which is running the Palestinian government. Such positions have drawn accusations of racism.

But with his coalition weakened by harsh criticism of this summer’s war, Olmert had little choice but to look past Lieberman’s liabilities. On

“**At the end of the day, what we hoped for is to have a partner in Israel who is willing to revive a meaningful peace process that will end this miserable situation between our two peoples.**”

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Monday, Olmert’s spokeswoman, Miri Eisin, dismissed Lieberman’s past stances as rhetoric.

Speaking to reporters Monday, Lieberman questioned the wisdom of past peace deals which Israel ceded captured land to Arab adversaries. “Maybe we should ask if we should go in a different direction,” he said.

Dovish Israelis were enraged. Yossi Beilin, leader of the Meretz Party, accused Olmert of “defrauding voters” by striking a deal with Lieberman. Olmert was elected this year on a platform of a unilateral withdrawal from much of the West Bank, but he shelved the plan in the aftermath of the war against Hezbollah. Lieberman quit a previous government over his rejection of Israel’s pullout from Gaza last year.

With Yisrael Beiteinu and its 11 seats in the coalition, Olmert now controls 78 of 120 seats in parliament, guaranteeing success in crucial parliamentary votes.

“A government must have a stable majority, and we must set the rules for securing this, and a wide political base that would shield it,” Olmert said.

Saeb Erekat, a confidant of the moderate Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, termed the development an internal Israeli affair.

“At the end of the day, what we hoped for is to have a partner in Israel who is willing to revive a meaningful peace process that will end this miserable situation between our two peoples,” Erekat said.

Olmert said the inclusion of Lieberman in the government would not result in any policy changes. However, many moderate Israelis expressed concern that Lieberman will have a say in sensitive matters, such as Israel’s dealing with the threat of a nuclear Iran.



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U.S. Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) speaks at a news conference on the Darfur Peace Act on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2006.

Clinton says it’s great Obama is thinking about presidential run

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATERVLIET, N.Y. — Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday it was “great” that Sen. Barack Obama was thinking about running for president.

Polls show Clinton is the front-runner among potential 2008 Democratic presidential contenders and she said Friday during a debate that she has also been thinking about running.

“I think it’s great that anybody thinks about whatever they want

to do in the future,” Clinton said Monday when asked about Obama during a campaign stop at a senior citizens’ center just north of Albany.

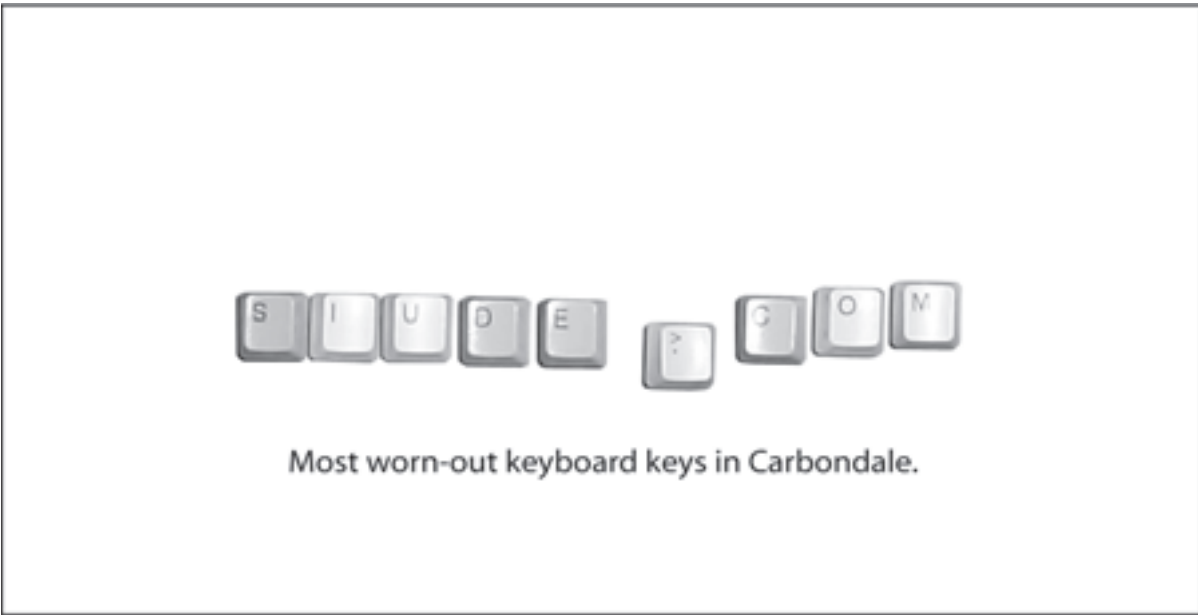
“I’m focused on my campaign. I’m focused on reaching as many voters as possible, talking about the issues,” she said. “And, that’s what I’m going to be doing for the next few weeks.”

Polls show Clinton far ahead of her Republican challenger in New York, former Yonkers Mayor John Spencer.

Clinton said during a debate

Friday night against Spencer in Rochester that she has been thinking about running for president, but has not made a decision. She said if that bothered New York voters, they should consider it when voting next month.

Obama said during an appearance on NBC’s “Meet the Press” on Sunday that he was thinking about running for president, backing off previous statements that he would not do so. The Illinois Democrat said he would not make a decision until after the Nov. 7 elections.



USG

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laying a hand on the sophomore victim. All of the students have been suspended from campus for one to three years.

Mustapha said he and USG Vice President Paul Ogwal recently spoke about the issue with Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz. He said the situation should be one that is done fairly and efficiently.

“This should be handled with care so as not to tarnish the image of this institution,” Mustapha said. “There has to be a situation where they will take care of such people as opposed to those involved after thorough investigation.”

CONDUCT
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Among the nearly 9,000 words that compose the code is the phrase, “It is each student’s responsibility to know and comply with the SIUC Student Conduct Code and any policies referenced therein.”

Hannah Myer, a freshman from Belleville studying geology, said she first heard of the Student Conduct Code in newspaper reports last week.

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Myer said she looked in a packet she received during move-in weekend for a copy of the code and was worried when there wasn’t one.

“I really wanted to know more about this, like what I’m supposed to

He also said the students who are not found guilty as being a part of the assault should have had protection against being thrown out immediately. He said students should have the right to decide whether to intervene in a fight.

“It’s funny when altercations like this happen, and people are just rounded up,” Mustapha said.

Demetrous White, a senator representing the College of Liberal Arts, said he held a meeting with his constituents to talk about the Student Conduct Code. He said students were not well-informed about the code.

“I think that it’s something that we need to look at,” White said. “A lot of students don’t know what it is.”

There may also be discussion on

USG’s recent demands to receive a portion of the revenue that GPSC has accumulated the past few years.

“You feel you are entitled to a piece of the pie, and you have to go out there and speak for it,” Mustapha said.

He said USG could use the funds to support more Registered Student Organizations as well as save money for the next year.

“USG, like GPSC, is also an organization that needs funding,” Mustapha said. “We don’t want an institution where RSOs would come to ask for funding and we can’t give it to them.”

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HUNGER

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“For the most part, Brazil was importing almost all of their food,” Lobato said. “No one had the money to pay for the imports.”

Now, he said, Brazil is the second largest exporter of soy beans, behind the United States, and rarely imports food. Lobato gave a presentation earlier Monday in the Agriculture Building explaining his work in depth.

Last week, he and his partners were awarded with the 2006 World Food Prize. Edward Varsa, a retired professor in plant and salt science and

one of Lobato’s former teachers, said the prize is equivalent to the Nobel Prize.

“(Lobato) basically tripled the production of the land in half the area,” Varsa said. “You grow more off the same amount of land.”

Lobato said returning to Carbondale after leaving in 1973 gave him only good feelings, especially since his first daughter was born here.

“Coming back here is wonderful,” Lobato said. “But it is the way I came back — being invited here makes me think I am famous.”

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KILL

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One week after the Illinois State loss, Kill was back on the sidelines in a game at Indiana State.

Mario Moccia, SIU’s athletic director, said Kill’s swift return to the field last year speaks volumes about what type of person he is.

“I think Coach epitomizes hard work in the region,” Moccia said. “I don’t expect anything different. My focus is his health and getting him healthy.”

Kill continued to coach the Salukis to a 9-4 record and their first play-off game in 22 years. In January after the season, Kill had surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from one of

his kidneys.

Kill is widely credited for turning around a program that was in 2001 a lowly Division I-AA squad to a team that has been ranked in the top 10 nationally the past four years.

The Salukis (5-2, 2-2 Gateway) play at Missouri State on Saturday. Weber said defensive coordinator Tracy Claeys will be the acting head coach until Kill’s return.

“This program has been involved with something like this before,” Moccia said. “It’s a time to rally around each other, rally around Coach’s family. It brings folks closer together.”

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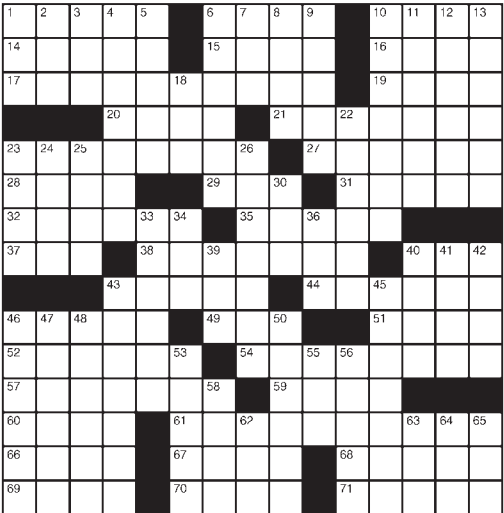
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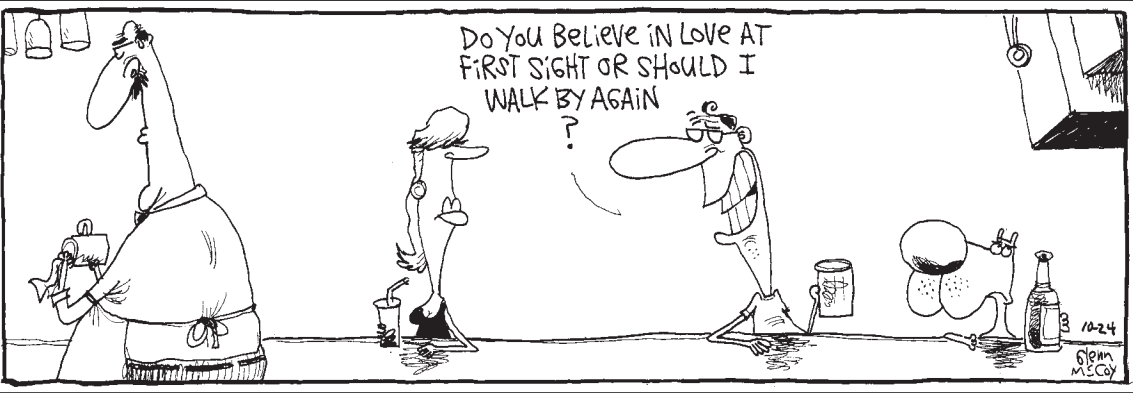
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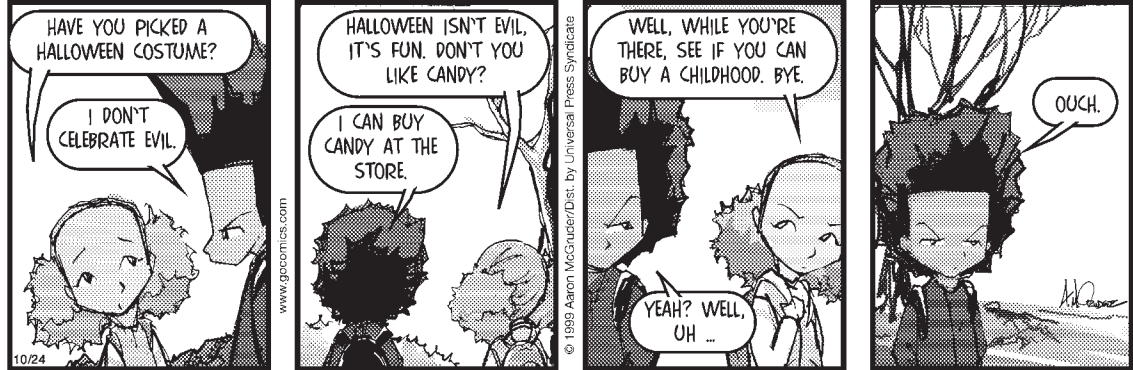
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MEN'S TENNIS

Salukis struggle amid tough competition

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU men's tennis team couldn't pull off any upsets at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Mid-American Regionals.

All three members of the Saluki team struggled through first-round action in the main draw. Junior Rodrigo Lama, along with freshmen Karl Nilsson and Lucas Waked, lost in straight sets to open the tournament.

Despite the early struggles, men's tennis coach Dann Nelson said the team played hard through the tough first-round matchups. He said Lama and Waked had to play nationally ranked opponents in their first-round action.

"It was a tough battle for all of them," Nelson said. "Overall, it's a tough tournament with a handful of ranked teams."

In doubles action, the tandem of Lama and Waked didn't fare much better. The duo lost 8-4 in the first round.

Lama said the pair is still getting used to playing alongside each other. He

said more experience will pay off down the road.

Nelson said the doubles team wasn't clicking at all.

"Our double's play was horrendous," Nelson said. "We couldn't hold our serve, and that made it near impossible to get a win."

In the consolation bracket, the Salukis fared much better, including a semifinal appearance.

Although Waked lost in the first round, Nilsson and Lama both advanced to the second round. Nilsson won his first round match 6-4, 3-6, 10-6 before losing to Illinois State University's Alfredo Lagardo in straight sets in the second round.

Nilsson said he did as expected, and the competition was the best he has faced this season.

"There wasn't much I could do in the second round," Nilsson said. "I was really overmatched."

Lama had the team's best performance as he made it to the semifinals. Lama won 5-7, 6-3, 10-5 in the first round. In the second round, an injury

to St. Louis University's Filipe Acosta advanced Lama to the quarterfinals.

Lama knocked out fellow Missouri Valley Conference member Tiago Espirito Santo of Wichita State in straight sets before losing a close semifinal battle with Jorge Villanueva of Arkansas, 6-4, 5-7, 10-7.

Lama said he was pleased with how many matches he won even though he came up short in the semifinals.

"It was a tough match against a tough opponent," Lama said. "I was really close to beating a great player from a nationally ranked school."

Nelson said Lama's performance made him proud. He said he was expecting a lot out of Lama after his semifinal performance at the Marquette Invitational on Oct. 15.

"It was impressive for Rodrigo to make it as far as he did in such a big tournament," Nelson said. "This is what he's capable of."

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PREPARATIONS

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"We just went out there and did our best," Mohamed said. "He told us times to hit, and we just went and hit those times."

Out of the women, Sparks said he was pleased with the way seniors Katie Birn and Sarah Rinker ran.

"Everybody ran well together on Saturday," Birn said. "We just need to keep our pack together."

Running together is something the Saluki women have been doing well all year. At the Bradley Classic on Oct. 13, SIU's top five runners all finished in the top 10 out of the field of 127.

Birn, who has been the lone constant in the Salukis' top five this season, said she is approaching this week just like any other. The only difference is there's more urgency now that the season's winding down.

"It's really not that much different, just make sure we get our rest and don't get sick," Birn said. "We've made it this far in the season, so we don't want to



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Ty-Nica Davis and student assistant Jessica Ordway use a medicine ball during practice Monday afternoon at McAndrew Stadium. The SIU cross country team is preparing for the Missouri Valley Conference Championship this weekend in Lincoln, Neb.

mess it up now."

After the MVC Championship meet, the Salukis will still compete in the NCAA Regional meet Nov. 11 with aspirations of qualifying for

the NCAA Championship.

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David Eckstein, Cardinals' lead off man, is accumulating injuries in postseason

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — David Eckstein, the shortstop with the infectious go-go attitude, the "pulse" of the St. Louis Cardinals, needs a tuneup.

Worn down by injuries since June, he now has a sprained left shoulder, courtesy of a diving stop on Jose Reyes' infield hit during Game 5 of the NL championship series.

Since then, he has taken fewer batting practice cuts than his teammates and has avoided unnecessary throws to conserve his strength for games. He skipped Monday's off-day at Busch Stadium while the rest of his teammates went through a mandatory workout.

Eckstein's defense hasn't been affected, though he's had no success at the plate in the World Series or much in the postseason overall.

"I limit my swings in the on-deck circle, limit batting practice," Eckstein said. "If the other guys are taking three sessions in the cage, I'll take

one or two.

"I limit all the stuff I do before the game."

Eckstein, who batted .292 in the regular season, is 0-for-9 against the Tigers with a strikeout and a double-play ball to end the eighth inning in the Cardinals' 3-1 loss in Game 2. He's hitting .160 overall (8-for-50) in the postseason with two extra-base hits, a homer and a double, and two RBIs.

Trainer Barry Weinberg said the latest injury isn't so severe that Eckstein wouldn't have tried to play through it during the regular season. Weinberg also noted the heart factor.

"Is he 100 percent? No. Is he playable? Yeah," Weinberg said. "So he plays. That's David, that's his nature. He pushes on and he doesn't want to not be in the lineup."

Teammate Scott Rolen said Eckstein deserves to be out there, if he thinks he can play. That, of course, is a sticky subject since the Gold Glove third baseman was benched twice in the postseason because he wasn't hitting.

"If he gives the nod that he can go out and play, he earned it and we want him out there," Rolen said. "I believe the man. I'll take him out there any day."

Pitcher Chris Carpenter called Eckstein "a leader in this clubhouse."

"He's a leader on the field and he comes every day to play the game as hard as he can," Carpenter said. "He's a big part of this club."

In the postseason, it's common for players to soldier through aches and pains accumulated from six months of competition.

"Man, there's a lot of people banged up right now," Preston Wilson said. "That's part of the game, that's part of what you do."

"Playing banged up right now is better than sitting at home."

Those have always been words to live by for Eckstein, although this year he was limited to 123 games. The physical woes began with what was described as a mild concussion sustained in mid-June while breaking up a double play in Pittsburgh.

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Saluki Insider

Saluki Banter

Kenny Rogers was seen in the first inning of game two in the World Series with an unknown substance on his pitching hand. Rogers said it was a clump of dirt while ESPN has reported that he has had the spot on his pitching hand twice before during the playoffs. Do you think Kenny Rogers cheated?



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“Probably. Did it matter? No. I don’t know if that was tar for better grip or dog poop for stink. It didn’t matter much, especially given that it was only on his hand for the first inning.”

“I don’t think he cheated, and I am even a Cardinals fan. It did look a little suspicious in the first inning but after he came out with a clean hand and still kept the Cardinal bats quiet, I figured it was nothing.”

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“The only thing Rogers is cheating is Father Time. Maybe he put a little something on his hand. Maybe he ate a chocolate Drumstick before the game. Who knows? There’s always a little cheating going on in baseball. If there wasn’t, catchers wouldn’t change signs with a man on second base.”

STATS OF THE WEEK

SIU FOOTBALL

SIU (5-2, 2-2 Gateway) owns the top-ranked scoring and rushing offense in the Gateway Football Conference. Here is a quick look at some Saluki team rankings in the GFC.

Category	Stat	Ranking
Scoring		
offense	36.0 pts/game	1st
defense	19.3 pts/game	3rd
Rushing		
offense	239.7 yds/game	1st
defense	126.0 yds/game	3rd
Passing		
offense	135.6 yds/game	8th
defense	198.3 yds/game	5th
Total		
offense	375.3 yds/game	5th
defense	324.3 yds/fame	4th
3rd-down conversion	48.0-percent	5th
defense	44.4-percent	5th

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SPORTS NETWORK’S I-AA POLL

Team (First-place votes)	Record	Points	Previous Rank
1. Appalachian St. Mountaineers (82)	7-1	2,570	1
2. Montana Grizzlies (4)	6-1	2,437	2
3. Illinois State Redbirds (12)	6-1	2,388	3
4. Massachusetts Minutemen (3)	6-1	2,244	6
5. James Madison Dukes	6-1	2,150	8
6. North Dakota State Bison (3)	6-1	1,945	9
7. Northern Iowa Panthers	5-2	1,865	14
8. Furman Paladins	6-2	1,845	12
9. Cal Poly Mustangs	5-2	1,690	4
10. Youngstown State Penguins	6-2	1,640	5
11. New Hampshire Wildcats	5-2	1,376	7
12. Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks	6-1	1,311	16
13. Richmond Spiders	5-2	1,142	10
14. Eastern Illinois Panthers	5-3	1,109	17
15. Maine Black Bears	5-2	1,068	19
16. UC Davis Aggies	4-3	915	18
17. Hampton Pirates	7-1	896	11
18. Princeton Tigers	6-0	851	22
19. Southern Illinois Salukis	5-2	788	13
20. San Diego Toreros	7-0	725	21
21. Portland State Vikings	5-3	650	23
22. Coastal Carolina Chanticleers	5-2	393	24
23. Harvard Crimson	5-1	384	15
24. Montana State Bobcats	5-3	239	NR
25. Delaware Blue Hens	4-3	177	NR

Others receiving votes: Towson 153, Charleston Southern 138, South Dakota State 107, Western Kentucky 81, Yale 76, Holy Cross 72, Alabama A&M 67, Delaware State 67, Central Connecticut State 60, South Carolina State 33, Central Arkansas 23, Jackson State 23, McNeese State 22, Georgia Southern 18, Wofford 15, Sam Houston State 12, Tennessee State 9, Northeastern 8, Gardner-Webb 6, Penn 5.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 5	Christian Brothers (ex.)	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 12	Missouri	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 17	Murray State	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 21	Saint Louis	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 24	San Francisco	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 25	Kentucky or Delaware	TBA
Nov. 29	Austin Peay	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 2	Weber State	3:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	South Alabama	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 9	South Dakota St.	6:00 p.m.
Dec.16	Indiana	7:00 p.m.
Dec.19	Tennessee Tech	7:05 p.m.

MEN’S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 2	Quincy	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 5	Henderson State	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 10	Washington, MO.	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 19	Murray State	2:05 p.m.
Nov. 23	Arkansas	Noon
Nov. 24	Marist or Minnesota	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	ESPNU Classic	TBA
Nov. 29	Louisiana Tech	TBA
Dec. 2	Saint Louis	TBA
Dec. 9	Western Kentucky	TBA
Dec. 17	Indiana	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 20	Central Michigan	7:05 p.m.

TURNER

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Turner’s 17.1 yards-per-punt return average in 2006 ranks second in the Gateway, sixth in Division I-AA. His 83-yarder against the Hilltoppers is the second-longest return in the Gateway this season. He also averages 23.9 yards-per-kick return this season, third in the conference.

Turner’s 649 all-purpose yards — which combine rushing, receiving and return yards — rank second on the Salukis to All-American running back Arkee Whitlock’s 1,062.

Call him an instant field position — a Weeble who wobbles but won’t fall down, whether he has to spin, leap or lower his pads. He gets tackled but not on the first hit, as was the case in SIU’s 48-16 win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Sept. 23.

Turner had eight total returns for 176 yards, including a punt return in which he took a tackle head on, ran through it and spun out of another, all while dancing on a tightrope down the sideline.

After the game, junior quarterback Nick Hill shook his head when asked about Turner’s performance and style.

“I can’t do it, and I’m not going to tell him what to do, but man, he takes some shots sometimes, but it seems like he never goes down,” Hill said.

Turner’s stats

2006 Stats
• PR: 17, YDS: 290, AVG: 17.1, TD: 1, LONG: 83
• KR: 15, YDS: 359, AVG: 23.9, TD: 0, LONG: 42
• All-Purpose Yards: 649 (2nd best on team)

Turner had two returns of more than 40 yards, including a 42-yarder where he got his jersey ripped off at the SIU 42-yard line.

Simply put, the 5-foot-10-inch, 195-pound package of speed and fearlessness never thinks he cannot make a play. He stays on his feet and does not shy away from contact, even though he knows it is coming.

“Oh yeah, every game I look for the big hit,” Turner said. “It sounds kind of crazy, actually, but somebody has to bring it; somebody has to bring the big hit.”

But one thing Turner rarely does is wave his right arm for a fair catch, no matter how much pressure comes his way.

“No, he doesn’t. I like that,” senior defensive end Lorenzo Wims said.

Wims called Turner a playmaker, an athlete who inspires confidence even when he puts himself in harm’s way.

His fearlessness in the face of a potential knockout blow keeps his coaches and teammates wondering about his sanity.

“Sometimes (Kill) asks me what

I’m thinking, what goes through my head,” Turner said. “He said if he played, he doesn’t think he could do that. But he has confidence in me, and that’s the big thing.”

And Turner has confidence in his own abilities. He said he does not wave for fair catches because he knows what he can do.

“If I see an opportunity where I can make a play or I can make something out of nothing, then that’s why I take it,” Turner said.

But the threat of a tooth-rattling hit is always present. Turner said he does not care about the consequences of standing in there and fielding punts other returners would think twice about fielding.

“It’s not going to stop me, and it’s not going to change my flow,” Turner said. “I’m not going to adjust my swagger. It’s all going to be the same, so if somebody makes the big hit, hats off to them, but I’m coming back anyway, and the next time they’ll have to bring it harder.”

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Junior cornerback runs for 223 all-purpose yards in Saturday's home game

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Craig Turner has a simple philosophy when it comes to doing his job.

"I come out and give everything — go balls to the wall, pardon my French," said Turner, a return specialist and cornerback.

His attitude paid huge dividends in the form of 233 all-purpose yards and a touchdown in SIU's 27-24 loss Saturday to Western Kentucky. Turner, a junior from Boutte, La., studying physical education, gained more yards on seven returns (233) than the Salukis' offense mustered in 43 offensive plays (200).

Turner's efforts earned him Gateway Football Conference special teams Player of the Week honor and a selection as a I-AA.org National All-Star.

His big day moved him up in SIU's record book, as well.

Turner's 812 career punt return yards shattered a record set in 1968 by Doug Hollinger. His 60 career punt returns rank him second in that category,

15 returns behind Reggie Fowler (SIU 1994-1997). Turner's 290 punt return yards in 2006 rank him fifth on the single season list, 18 yards behind his total of 308 in 2005.

His punt return touchdown in the second quarter of the WKU game, which put the Salukis up 21-7, was classic Craig Turner.

He eschewed the fair catch, even with a would-be tackler bearing down on him. Turner took the hit, horsed his way out of the tackle and turned on the jets. Once he had a chance to move forward, Turner sprinted from one sideline to the other for an 83-yard score — second in SIU history to his 85-yarder versus Youngstown State in 2005.

"He's a great special teams return guy," head coach Jerry Kill said. "That's why he was an All-American last year."

And it looks like Turner, a running back in 2005, could surpass the return numbers he totaled in his sophomore campaign. Turner finished 10th in the nation with a 14.7 yards-per-punt return average and was named a first-team, all-Gateway Football Conference selection as a return specialist.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Team shows off for crowd at scrimmage

Salukis receive MVC championship rings in front of packed gym

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After a seven-month wait, the SIU men's basketball team finally receives its Missouri Valley Conference championship rings. The recent recognition for the Salukis' 2006 MVC tournament win didn't make them lose focus, though — they remain humble and hungry for more.

The Salukis faced off in an intersquad matchup Saturday night in front of a near-capacity crowd at Davies Gymnasium after being honored with the MVC tournament

championship rings. The Salukis battled each other for 12 minutes and showed off the defense that won them the conference tournament in March.

Senior guard Jamaal Tatum and junior forward Matt Shaw said they were excited about getting their rings, and their excitement spilled over into the scrimmage.

"Getting the ring is really a token of how hard we work," Tatum said. "It really proves the cliché true."

The "white" team led by Shaw beat the "maroon" team led by Tatum in four quarters that were four minutes apiece.

Tatum and Shaw led their respective teams with 11 points each. Tatum set up his teammates with crisp passing, including an ally-oop to junior forward Randal Falker.

Tatum said the team already went through a full practice earlier in the day, and it was hard

to get it going again.

"We went full-speed in the scrimmage because we want to put on a good show for the fans," Tatum said. "It's a lot of fun to come out here and do this."

Shaw had some good midrange jump shooting and a buzzer-beater in the third quarter. His fierce rebounding throughout the game was indicative of his effort.

He said anytime the players step on the floor, they play as hard as they can.

"It's really nice to just get out and play in front of everyone," Shaw said. "We know the fans appreciate us."

The game also featured a relentless defensive effort by newcomer Tyrone Green, a junior, and strong performances out of sophomore forward Tony Boyle and junior forward Jamaal Foster.

Boyle and Foster combined for 10 points, while Green played lockdown defense and excited the crowd with some monstrous dunks during pregame warm-ups.

The three players had head coach Chris Lowery yearning for more.

Lowery said Boyle and Foster have made significant strides from the 2005-06 season and should have an impact on the 2006-07 season. He said he was also pleased with the efforts of his junior forward Green.

"We all know how good our two older guys are," Lowery said. "Tyrone Green has a chance to be really good for us, too."

With the upcoming season starting Nov. 2 against Quincy, the Salukis don't want to set limits after a 22-11 season that included a dramatic first-place finish at the MVC tournament.

Lowery said getting the rings was nice, but it was more impressive to make the tournament five straight times.

"Before we set goals in terms of the tournament, we want to win the conference first," Lowery said. "Although it may have seemed like last year was the best year for the MVC, I think it's even stronger this year."

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CROSS COUNTRY

Salukis begin preparing for championship

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SIU cross country team members hope running fewer miles will take them further in their quest to win the conference.

With the Missouri Valley Conference Championship looming Saturday, head coach Matt Sparks has scaled back the teams' workouts to allow them to freshen up for the meet.

While the men generally run 60 to 80 miles per week, they will only run about 50 this week. The women will run roughly 40 miles instead of their usual workload of 50 or 60.

"We run a little less miles just to let your body recover from a full season of training and racing," Sparks said. "We cut off some of the morning runs that they do and try to let the body feel a little bit more fresh."

Although the Salukis will be running fewer miles, the runners said it won't be as easy as Sparks advertised it.

"We'll back off a little bit this week, but it's not going to be a cakewalk," junior Kevin Doran said. "We'll have some tough practices."

Before the runners' workload was eased, they ran a tough workout Saturday morning. This session was meant to simulate the race setting for the conference meet, so it was run at 10 a.m., the same time the MVC Championship will take place.

"It was by far the best workout they've run all year," Sparks said. "It was a great practice, and that's obviously what you need going into a championship season."

Sparks said sophomore Mohamed Mohamed, who has been the Salukis' top runner in each race he's participated in this year, freshman Jason Ordway and Doran ran especially well at the Saturday practice.

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Jamaal Tatum dribbles past Josh Bone during a scrimmage Saturday evening at Davies Gymnasium. All returning players from the 2005-2006 Saluki basketball team received Missouri Valley Conference championship rings.

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