Hunger pains teach lessons

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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

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

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Near the end of the dinner those that were assigned to eat rice and beans Monday evening at the 2nd annual Hunger Awareness Program 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.

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Many students unaware of conduct code

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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 Conduct Code violation.

On Oct. 6, Student Judicial Affairs charged Mallon with violating the Student Conduct 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 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 reception at the Student Judicial Affairs office said no copies of the code were available, and students should look online for the guidelines.

The students and the university need to wake up and have a serious conversation about this. — Hugh Williams, owner of Williams Law Firm

Until about three years ago, the university used to mail out a “gray book” to students each year that listed SIUC’s policies and procedures, Dietz said. As money got tight, administrators decided to make the code exclusively available online.

He said new and transfer students are mainly advised on how to find the code during annual orientation programs, but there are no in-depth sessions during that time.

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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 students 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 in the October 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 listed in the code of the nine Chicago-area students who were removed from campus.

Student Judicial Affairs charged the nine with several Student Conduct Code violations, claiming dis-orderly conduct and not intervening in the Oct. 6 attack. The students were also accused of physical abuse, and they have all denied the alleged charges.

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Coach Kill remains in hospital

Jordan Wilson
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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 Saturday morning after tapping his weekly coach’s show at WSIL-TV studios in Carbondale.

The doctors decided he should stay overnight again,” Weber said.

“Not anything to be alarmed about or concerned with.”

“You always want to get him out as quick as possible,” Weber said.

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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Examining American Law: The Legalities of Drug Testing in Professional Sports

SPC Films Presents: "The Shining"
7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Student Center Auditorium. Tickets: $3 for students only, $5 for general public.

PreHealth Professions Association Meeting
7 p.m. today at the Life Science III Building, Room 105.

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TOPINKA STILL LOSING MONEY GAME IN RACE
SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Republican Judy Baar Topinka has raised more than $586,000 over the past two weeks, while Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich added at least $650,000 to his already huge campaign fund.

Reports filed through Monday with the State Board of Elections offer a glimpse into fund-raising by the two campaigns. They are required to report donations of $500 or more made five days before each election.

Topinka’s figures don’t include smaller donations or any information about spending. But other reports due Monday should offer more detail. The candidates must disclose every dollar they collect or spent from July 1 to Oct. 6.

In an opinion issued Friday, the 7th District Court of Appeals ruled that Gov. Blagojevich can sell portions of the state’s student loan portfolio, but only the money generated by the sales are required to be used to support student loan recipients.

The attorney general’s ruling came in response to a lawsuit filed by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

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Surviving ‘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 SHUC a try.

Skupin hosted the “Ultimate Saluki Challenge” over the weekend, a three-day competition based on the “Survive” show that pitted 10 students against each other in a battle of athleticism, will and survival. Chris Biggal, a junior from McMurry studying civil engineering, even recalls 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 Straubing 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.

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

For more information
Check out Thursday’s Daily Egyptian for an expanded story with photos on the Ultimate Saluki Challenge.

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Chicagoland — Also in the wake of the pope’s visit, Beppe Grillo, the Italian anti-establishment leader, announced a series of proposals for a more sustainable Italy.

Grillo, who rose to prominence in the past decade with his movement 5-Star Movement, said he would ban the use of minced meat and fish in government kitchens and advise the use of bicycles and electric cars in public transportation.

Grillo’s proposals reflect a growing concern in European countries about the environmental impact of their food and transportation systems.

“A government should never waste food,” Grillo said in a statement.

Grillo also proposed that schoolchildren be taught about the importance of conserving natural resources and that public buildings be equipped with solar panels and wind turbines.

Grillo’s proposals, however, are unlikely to be implemented given Italy’s divided political landscape and the lack of consensus on environmental issues.

Grillo has previously called for a radical overhaul of the Italian political system, advocating for a more direct democracy and a system of government based on the internet.

Orlando, Fla. — The national Democratic committee has approved a strategy for the 2008 elections, focusing on working-class voters who are critical to the party’s success.

Democrats have lost the working-class vote in recent presidential elections, and the national committee’s new strategy is aimed at reversing that trend.

“Working-class voters have always been a bedrock of the Democratic Party,” said Rep. Chris Van Hollen, who co-chairs the national committee.

Van Hollen said the new strategy would emphasize issues such as healthcare, education and the economy, which are particularly important to working-class voters.

“If we want to win the majority in 2008, we have to win the working-class vote,” Van Hollen said.

Van Hollen said the national committee would work with state and local Democratic organizations to ensure that the strategy is implemented across the country.

New York Times — A number of New York City mayoral candidates are calling for an end to the policy of stop-and-frisk, which has been the subject of a federal lawsuit.

In recent weeks, several candidates, including Bill de Blasio and Anthony Weiner, have called for a moratorium on stop-and-frisk, which is a police tactic used to prevent crime.

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Former Enron CEO sentenced to 24 years

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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 in prison, an amount long expected but still a significant blow for the company that rose to prominence during the dot-com boom and fell with the bursting of the Internet bubble.

Skilling, who was convicted of an array of fraud charges in a case that made for riveting courtroom theater, was considered a go-to figure from the most notorious days of corporate fraud in America. Former Enron CEO Ken Lay was sentenced to 14 years in prison and another former executive, Andrew Fastow, was given a five-year sentence when they were convicted of a conspiracy to defraud investors.

Skilling, who was found guilty of conspiracy to commit securities fraud, wire fraud, money laundering and making false statements, was convicted in April 2006 of 13 counts of fraud in the case that came to symbolize corporate greed in America.

He was found guilty of lies that stretched across Enron's entire business as well as in his personal life, where he lived like a king but also hid much of it from his family.

Lay, the company's founder, was convicted of everything Skilling was convicted of plus one count of obstruction of justice. Lay later died of brain cancer while serving his prison term.

Enron filed for bankruptcy in December 2001. Authorities say its collapse cost investors more than $100 billion.

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

Steven R. Hurst
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Militiamen loyal to anti-American cleric re-emerged Monday after U.S. forces in Baghdad had warned all groups with illegal weapons to report to prison. Lake denied Skilling’s request for bond.

When the fighting weighed heavily on the prospects of Jalal Talabani, the country’s president.

He and Hasan al-Sheiedy, a member of parliament close to al-Maliki, also told AP that U.S. officials were engaged in ongo-

In the case, 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

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**GOP candidates court war support**

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A different kind of disaster response

Organization fielding college students to cheer up victims with multimedia

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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 on a video.

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 for 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.”

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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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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 so far.

Critics have said the names had to be released so people could 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 has also said “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 candidate lists.

Questions about state hiring practices come as the Blagojevich administration is under federal investigation for how it doles out jobs. U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald said in June that there have been “serious allegations of endemic hiring fraud” that 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 hires 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 unaerted under the more aggressive, independent system of inspectors general that Blagojevich and lawmakers set up.

Blagojevich ousted 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.
Time to be heard

SIC'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 in fact, lives, but the conduct code is a unique animal — one that has quite a few people feeling suffocated by it.

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 unarmed 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.

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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.

Peter Brown

"Grey's Anatomy" irresponsible

"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 follow the same rules. They are not committed and rules are broken — nor should they.

The show's message is that it 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 suppose it's not only offensive by a major story line of the hit show, which by the way, is trivially entertaining.

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

The show's failure 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 transplant patients are the ultimate zero-sum game. For every patient saved, someone else is not. There are many more waiting needing hearts, livers, kidneys and lungs 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. transplantations. 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.

"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 effort.

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 Hurt 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 replicate real life. But when a drama, not an obvious farce like "Scrubs," suggests crime can

Peter Brown is the assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute and a former editorial columnist for the Omaha Sentinel.
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 sports fan. I grew up watching the season. But, that was only because

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 — 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 do you come to your decisions?

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 of calculations, facts and numbers. It is the last few seconds of the game. 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.

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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 some comic sections. I did not find “The Boondocks” funny but rather “racial and discriminating.” Whenever Aaron McGruder is, he must be a racistproblem. He doesn’t take a brain scientist to know what he is trying to get across. It was offensive and degrading to me.

There are enough problems on your campus without creating more! Maybe the ratio of comics on the campus should be addressed and the caricatures of the offenders be in Aaron’s column showing them in black and white, 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 a generation that will lead our country!

Robert Pietro
Palm Heights

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Groups to split $13,000 from Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership award

Sarah Lohman  Daily Egyptian

Although Myrthil 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 every year by the Carters.

Rundblad, a coordinator of student 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.

“There are that many 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 sustainable ability 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.

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.

“The 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,” Dorris said.

SIUC provides volunteers through organizations such as the Sahki Volunteer Corps to answer calls through the crisis hotline, works 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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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 34 percent increase in third-quarter earnings to $1.48 billion, 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 stocks 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 some other things, 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.

“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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Wrigley company hires first non-Wrigley family CEO
Memories are coming back, emotions. Amanda Hamm, 30, a 31-year-old mother of three, is set for a murder trial this week. The trial begins Tuesday in the 115th District Court in Champaign. About 80 prospective jurors reported Monday for orientation, and the trial is set for November 9.

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Will Weissert
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Paul’s Political Notebook – 9/15

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

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATERVLIET, N.Y. — Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday that 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 considering running.

“I think it’s great that anybody thinks about whether 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 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 Yankees Manager 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.

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laying a hand on the sophomore victim. All of the students have been suspended coming for three years.

Mustapha said she and USG Vice President Larry Daniel spoke about the issue with Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz. She said the situation should be one that is done fairly and efficiently.

"It 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 inves-

CONDUCT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

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 law, the campus constitution."

"It is unfair. It’s the only way to make sure the students and the university can stand by the code in the face of things like this," Williams said.

"I think that it’s something that should be reevaluated," Mustapha said. "We need to look at," White said. "A lot of students don’t know what it is."

"Some cases, he said, require more extreme measures. "You can’t get to some individuals, you can’t reach them," Huffman said.

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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 return to the field to pay for the imports."

"You feel you are entitled to a portion of the revenue that GPSC has accumulated the past few years," 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 in-

"I think that it’s that 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 what is the most efficient way to ask for funding and we can’t give it to them."

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Solution to Monday's puzzle

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

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By Linda Black

Today's Birthdays (10-24-06). This year you can be an angel in many people's lives. Don't think about what you'll gain - think about what you can facilitate.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 7 - Whenever you find yourself money ahead, your first and strongest inclination is to buy all the stuff you've been wanting for years. Don't do that this time, OK? Save up for a rainy day.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 7 - Once you decide what you want to accomplish, the rest is relatively easy. You won't care if you run into resistance; you'll plow right on over.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 5 - Necessity is the mother of invention, as you may remember. So don't panic. You're about to think of something that will solve the problem.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 10 - Don't be afraid of things that seem too good to be true. You can get used to having more of that in your life.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6 - Consult the family about what they want, and how to proceed. Some of their suggestions are silly but some will work quite well.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is an 8 - You're on the right trail, but not everything you try produces results. Don't give up, and file your claim just as soon as you know where to dig.

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 8 - You're calm, even though you're venturing out beyond reality as other people know it. In other words, you're in the groove.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 9 - You become more creative as you take on more responsibility. Does that seem strange? It's perfectly natural.

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**Men's Tennis**

**Salukis struggle amid tough competition**

Matt Hartwig

The Saluki 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 Nelson Lema didn't fare much better. The duo lost 8-4 in the first round. Nilsson and Lama had the pair is still getting used to playing alongside each other. He said more experience will pay off down the road.

“The only difference is he’s a nationally ranked school.”

Lama had the team's best performance this season. Lama won 5-7, 6-3, 10-5 in the first round. In the second round, an injury to his opponent made him proud. He said he was expecting a lot out of Lama after his performance at the NCAA Championship.

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**Preparations**

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“We just went out there and did our best,” Mohammad said. “He told us to hit ’em and we just went and hit those pitches.”

Out of the women, Sprako said she 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 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 Saluki 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 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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TURNER

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

Turner’s stats

2005 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)

2006 Stats

- PR: 19, YDS: 320, AVG: 16.9, TD: 1, LONG: 93
- All-Purpose Yards: 699

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 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 I’m not going to 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 can 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 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 a big hit,” Turner said. “It sounds kind of crazy, actually, but somebody has to bring it; somebody has to make the big hit.”

“Turner rarely does it; he’s right there for a fair catch, no matter how much pressure comes his way.

“No, he doesn’t like that,” Turner said. “It’s not going to change my flow.”

Said defensive end Lorenzo Wims, “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 (Kil) asks me what

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

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Junior cornerback runs for 223 all-purpose yards in Saturday’s home game
D.W. Norris Daily Egyptian

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 223 all-purpose yards and a touchdown as SIU’s 27-24 loss Saturday to Western Kentucky. Turner, a junior from Bourbon, Ill., studying physical education, gained more yards on seven returns (233) than the Salukis’ offense mustered in 41 offensive plays (230).

Turner’s efforts earned him Gateway Football Conference special teams Player of the Week honor (200). The “white” team led by Shaw beat the “maroon” team led by Tatum in four quarters over into the scrimmage. "Getting the ring is really a token of how hard we work," Tatum said. "It really proves the cliché true.

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“On our last drive, we didn’t have a chance 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.

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

“Before we set goals in terms of the tournament, we want to get 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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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Team shows off for crowd at scrimmage
Salukis receive MVC championship rings in front of packed gym
Matt Hartwig Daily Egyptian

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 scrimmage 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 six of the 11 players on 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 scrmmage.

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Tatum said the team already went through five straight times.

After 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 Jonass Oordewy and Doran ran especially well at the Saturday practice.

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