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Sigma Kappas cheer as Ellen Krumholz, a junior from Eureka studying paralegal studies, pulls with her sorority during the tug-of-war event Monday evening at Campus Lake. This is the first of several events for Greek Week. See story on page 3.
 DuVALE RILEY
 DAILY EGYPTIAN



Agencies say SIU is good borrower

Joe Crawford
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

The state is threatening to tighten the university's budget.

Enrollment numbers indicate fewer students are opting to spend their tuition dollars at SIUC.

But regardless of what might seem like financial hard times, two independent rating agencies recently said lenders should still consider SIU a safe bet.

Due in part to the large amount of money brought in by student fees, the rating companies said financial institutions are taking little risk when they allow the university to borrow their money.

The university plans to take out nearly \$32 million in loans this year to pay for security upgrades and sprinkler installations in university housing, the expansion of SIU-Edwardsville's fitness center and the construction of a Student Success Center at SIUE.

Two agencies, Moody's and Standard and Poor's, assigned SIU a rating that is one point lower than the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. SIU has received the same rating for the past few years.

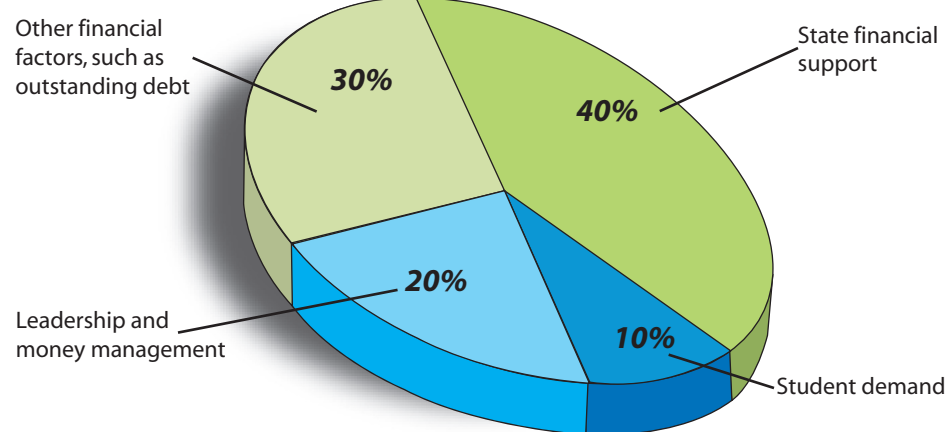
Duane Stucky, vice president for financial and administrative affairs, said the rating is one indicator of how the university is viewed by other institutions.

"It's unfortunate that the way we're strong is the fact that we've increased student fees, but that's what makes our bond ratings strong," Stucky said.

Stucky said the rating is also a reflection of the university's money management, leadership and fund raising. Although enrollment at SIUC has dropped in recent years, Stucky said it was important that this year's drop — 20 students — was smaller than those of previous years.

"It was critical this year that the enrollment drop that we began to experience was really almost

How rating agencies analyze SIU



Source: Duane Stucky, vice president for financial and administrative affairs

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reversed and it looks like the trend is going to be reversed," he said.

Standard and Poor's report said SIUC's declining enrollment was balanced by SIUE's increases.

The report also cited a "limiting state funding environment" as a problem the university faces. Gov. Rod Blagojevich proposed a budget earlier this year that provides no increase in funding for public universities. The governor has also suggested possibly taking millions of dollars from higher education to fill a hole in the budget.

Stucky said a higher credit rating means the university will have to pay less interest on its loans.

Tina Galik, assistant vice president for finance and administrative affairs, said the university is rated each time it sells bonds, which it does almost every year. Projects such as the first phase of Saluki Way, a plan to revamp the campus core, also require the university to take out loans, she said.

Typically, major projects don't start until after the bonds are sold, she said.

"We generally don't want them to sign the award of contract for the big work until the money is actually in the bank," Galik said.

Jessica Matsumori, associate director at Standard and Poor's, said her agency visits campus roughly every five years to interview university officials when assigning ratings. The company does phone interviews when it cannot make it to campus, she said.

Matsumori said SIU received a high rating, although she cautioned against assigning more meaning to the report than what is intended.

"We're looking at this purely from the standpoint of whether or not they can repay debt," she said.

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Reclaimed money remains unused

USG re-evaluates plans for \$90,000 set aside

Allison Petty
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

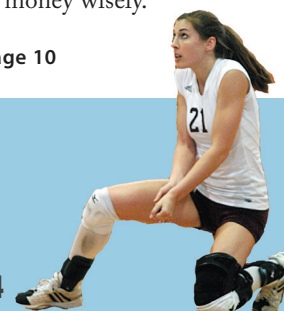
A chunk of money given to Undergraduate Student Government last year is still unused, and its intended purpose may need re-evaluation.

USG reclaimed roughly \$90,000 from Graduate and Professional Student Council last year because of a mistake in the way the student activity fee money was distributed. USG President Demetrous White said in September the money would buy computers and software for an electronic election system with polling places and touch screens.

But last week's student elections used the same paper ballots as before, and the money remains untouched.

Katie Sermersheim, director of Student Development, said she and White received instructions from Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs, to spend the money wisely.

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Student Life
 Music fans congregate at the caves.
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Fraternities and sororities join for Greek Week



DuVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Eric Zwerling, center, a freshman from Des Plaines studying computer science, and Colin Merdian, an undecided sophomore from Elmhurst, lubricate with dish soap and baby oil before participating in the Slip 'n Slide event Monday evening at Campus Lake. This is the first of several events for Greek Week.

Greeks celebrate unity among chapters

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Greek members are coming together all this week to promote unity between fraternities and sororities.

The Inter-Greek Council is sponsoring Greek Week 2008, featuring several events and competitions. The weeklong celebration kicked off Monday with a tug of war and a Slip 'n Slide competition at Campus Lake and ends Saturday with the Relay for Life.

Andy Morgan, Greek Life coordinator, said Greek Week

combines fun and games with community service and works to promote greek unity.

"The main goal is to bring everybody together," Morgan said.

Ashley Curran, a junior from Streamwood studying elementary education, is special events chairwoman of the Inter-Greek Council. Curran said the week serves as a fun end-of-the-year activity for Greeks to let loose after a long semester.

Curran said Greek Week also allows people to meet new members of the greek community. The purpose is to support each other

and all chapters, Curran said.

Rachael Wolz, a freshman from Carbondale studying speech communication, and a Delta Zeta member, said this was her first Greek Week. Wolz said her sorority sisters told her about past Greek Weeks and it seems like a good time.

Matt Heller, a freshman from Skokie studying marketing, said he joined Delta Chi this year because of the sense of brotherhood. Heller said he's been looking forward to Greek Week as a way to unwind now that the semester is ending.

"It's a lot of fun," Heller said. "And it's a great way to come together."

Morgan said the week consists of games where Greek organizations compete. Morgan said the winner of Greek Week is chosen based on participation in the events of the week combined with participation in the February blood drives. Morgan said the award is given as part of the annual Greek Awards held May 1.

Curran said the events of Greek Week are open for all students to attend.

"Anyone can come out and join the festivities," Curran said. "See what we're all about."

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Greek Week Event Schedule

Today: Punt, Pass, Kick at the fields by Brush Towers at 5 p.m. Speaker TJ Sullivan at Student Center Ballroom D at 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Car Crunch and canned food drive at the parking lot next to the Alpha Gamma Rho house at 5 p.m.

Thursday: Obstacle Course at the field next to the Alpha Gamma Rho house at 5 p.m.

Friday: Volleyball tournament and barbecue between Sigma Kappa house and Alpha Gamma Rho house on Greek Row at 5 p.m.

Saturday: Relay for Life at McAndrew Stadium at 6 p.m.

Stephanie Redmon, a junior from Bartonville studying dentistry, participates in the Slip 'n Slide event Monday evening at Campus Lake. This is the first of several events for Greek Week.
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“The main goal is to bring everybody together.

— Andy Morgan
Greek Life coordinator

Tough laws lacking in America's meth lab capital

Christine Byers
McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

ST. LOUIS — The fire hoses had been rolled up.

The 11-year-old burn victim had been taken to the hospital.

And Jefferson County's Sgt. Gary Higginbotham was left shaking his head as he surveyed the scene of the methamphetamine lab explosion.

He knew that, in other states, authorities could have quickly caught the Festus, Mo., homeowners' illegal purchases of a key ingredient to make meth.

But not here — not in the heart of America's fight against meth labs.

Missouri has long led the nation in meth lab busts. Illinois hasn't been far behind. Yet neither state has adopted stricter laws for obtaining meth's key ingredient, pseudoephedrine. The laws are credited with helping Oklahoma and Oregon see the biggest declines of meth labs of any states.

Had the Festus couple tried to buy pseudoephedrine illegally in Oklahoma, clerks would have refused the sale.

In Oregon, the purchase would have required multiple doctors and prescriptions.

But in Missouri and Illinois, all the addicts had to do was sign paper logs that are often too cumbersome for police to check.

Missouri is set to strengthen oversight, but police worry meth cooks will cross state lines to buy supplies. So does Missouri Rep. Jeff Roorda, who is pushing for a tougher law.

"I shudder to think what people are going to say 20 years from now



A pitbull is subdued and dragged from a Jefferson County Missouri house in December following a raid by the drug task force. Another pitbull attacked one of the officers and had to be shot.

J.B. FORBES
McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

as to why we didn't eliminate this problem," Roorda said.

Awaiting reform, Jefferson County officers have struggled to keep up with a list of who exceeds the limit.

"She was on the list," Higginbotham said, his eyebrows rising in frustration as he put chemicals removed from the charred basement into his truck. "And it's sad because by the time we get to them, the meth is already made or something like this happens."

Higginbotham led the county's drug unit when Congress passed a 2005 law limiting pseudoephedrine purchases to 9 grams every 30 days. That's roughly two 15-dose boxes of 24-hour Claritin D or six 24-dose boxes of Sudafed.

Missouri and Illinois then passed laws authorizing only licensed pharmacies to sell the products. Anyone buying pseudoephedrine products had to show ID and sign paper logs kept at pharmacy counters.

Elected leaders from both states touted the laws as the panacea to the mom-and-pop meth labs — and the laws did help. From 2005 through 2007, Missouri's lab totals were nearly halved. Illinois' dropped about 60 percent.

But Missouri still ended 2007 with 1,189 busts, more than double any other state's. Illinois was fourth with 342.

Higginbotham said the new laws initially confused pill shoppers, commonly called "smurfers,"

who buy for meth makers. But they've adapted.

"They just go from store to store to buy pills," he said.

Jefferson County found 218 meth labs last year — the most in Missouri, and more than 27 states combined.

"For anyone who doesn't believe meth is still around, saddle up and ride with us," said Cpl. David Curtis, who succeeded Higginbotham as head of the drug unit. "We'll show you."

More convicted felons allowed to enlist in Army, Marines

Lolita C. Baldor
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Under pressure to meet combat needs, the Army and Marine Corps brought in significantly more recruits with felony convictions last year than in 2006, including some with manslaughter and sex crime convictions.

Data released by a congressional committee shows the number of soldiers admitted to the Army with felony records jumped from 249 in 2006 to 511 in 2007. And the number of Marines with felonies rose from 208 to 350.

Those numbers represent a fraction of the more than 180,000 recruits brought in by the active duty Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines during the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2007. But they highlight a trend that has raised concerns both within the military and on Capitol Hill.

The bulk of the crimes involved were burglaries, other thefts, and drug offenses, but nine involved sex crimes and six involved manslaughter or vehicular homicide convictions. Several dozen Army and Marine recruits had aggravated assault or robbery convictions, including incidents involving weapons.

Both the Army and Marine Corps have been struggling to increase their numbers as part of a broader effort to meet the combat needs of a military fighting wars on two fronts. As a result, the number of

recruits needing waivers for crimes or other bad conduct has grown in recent years, as well as those needing medical or aptitude waivers.

Concerns have been raised that the significant increase in the recruitment of persons with criminal records is a result of the strain put on the military by the Iraq war and may be undermining military readiness.

— Henry Waxman
Government Reform
Committee Chairman

But he added, "Concerns have been raised that the significant

increase in the recruitment of persons with criminal records is a result of the strain put on the military by the Iraq war and may be undermining military readiness."

The services use a waiver process to let in recruits with felony convictions, and many of the crimes were committed when the service members were juveniles.

For example, in several of the Marine sex crime cases, the offender was a teenager involved in consensual sex with another underage teen. In one Army case, a 13-year-old who threw a match into his school locker was charged with arson and had to receive a felony waiver six years later.

"Waivers are used judiciously and granted only after a thorough review," said Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Jonathan Withington.

He added that "low unemployment, a protracted war on terror,

a decline in propensity to serve," and the growing reluctance of parents, teachers and other adults to recommend young people go into the military, has made recruiting a challenge.

According to the Army, 18 percent of the recruits needed conduct waivers in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2007, compared to 15 percent in the 12-month period ending in Sept. 30, 2006.

"We are growing the Army fast and there are some waivers; we know that," said Army Lt. Gen. James D. Thurman, deputy chief of staff for operations. "It hasn't alarmed us yet."

He added that "the better part of making soldiers is about leadership. Somebody invested in me, you know. That's the beauty of the United States Army. It's about leadership ... You've got to give people an opportunity to serve."

WIRE REPORTS

PENNSYLVANIA

Clinton reaches for Pennsylvania win, cites bin Laden in closing TV advertisements

BLUE BELL, Pa. — Hillary Rodham Clinton invoked Pearl Harbor, the Berlin Wall and Osama bin Laden as she reached for a victory in Pennsylvania's Democratic presidential primary to recharge her comeback effort. Barack Obama said she would probably win but he hoped to keep it close in Tuesday's voting.

Clinton made her closing arguments Monday for the biggest primary left on the election schedule, running an ad with historic images to ask voters whom they would trust most in the White House during a time of trouble. It's the same tactic she used successfully in the "3 a.m." ad she aired in the closing days of the Ohio and Texas contests last month.

JERUSALEM

Carter says Hamas willing to be Israel's neighbor, but militants fail to halt violence

JERUSALEM — Former President Carter said Monday that the Islamic group Hamas was willing to accept the Jewish state as a "neighbor next door," but the militants did not match their upbeat words with concrete steps to halt violence.

Hamas, which advocates Israel's destruction, instead recycled previous offers, including a 10-year truce if Israel takes the unlikely step of withdrawing from the West Bank and Jerusalem first.

WASHINGTON

Defense Secretary says Air Force not doing enough to help in Iraq

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Monday the Air Force is not doing enough to help in the Iraq and Afghanistan war effort, complaining that some military leaders are "stuck in old ways of doing business."

Gates said in a speech at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., that getting the military services, largely the Air Force, to send more unmanned surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft to Iraq and Afghanistan has been "like pulling teeth."

NEW YORK

Gas prices jump to record \$3.50 a gallon

NEW YORK — Rising gasoline prices tightened the squeeze on drivers Monday, jumping for the first time to an average \$3.50 a gallon at filling stations across the country with no sign of relief.

Crude oil set a record for the sixth day in a row — this time closing above \$117 a barrel — after an attack on a Japanese oil tanker in the Middle East rattled investors.

"It's killing us," said Jean Beuns, a New York cab driver who estimated he now makes \$125 to \$150 less per month than in the fall because of costlier gas. "And it was so quick. Every day you see the price go up 5, 6, 10 cents more."

NEW JERSEY

Court rules Internet providers cannot release information without subpoena

NEWARK, N.J. — Internet service providers must not release personal information about users in New Jersey without a valid subpoena, even to police, the state's highest court ruled Monday.

New Jersey's Supreme Court found that the state's constitution gives greater protection against unreasonable searches and seizures than the U.S. Constitution.

The court ruled that Internet providers should not disclose private information to anyone without a subpoena.



BRANDON CHAPPLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Friday's rain caused many cars to get stuck in the mud, but with the help of tow trucks and manpower, no cars had to be left in the camp.



BRANDON CHAPPLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

From left, Dustin Sholtes, Amber Davis, Kayla Pentacost and Sid Rehg set up camp at Cave Fest 2008. Although rain drenched the camp most of Friday, the fun was not lost as festival goers still danced until the early hours of the morning.

CAVE FEST .. rainorshine

Brandon Chapple
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Festivals like Bonnaroo and Lollapalooza may draw huge crowds and big name bands, but Cave Fest has something none of those festivals can provide — a huge cave as its stage.

The weekend at the Shawnee Saltpetre Cave

south of Murphysboro saw headliners Cornmeal and a Grateful Dead tribute by Joint Chiefs of Staff play on the Cave Stage, while DJs spun records into the early hours of the morning on the Beyond the Moon Stage.

Although rain drenched the campground while campers set up Friday, moods were not dampened as people crowded the stages until the

music stopped.

Mud caused by the rain did cause some problems. Many people fell on the slippery mud while tow trucks had to help cars get out of the muddy parking lot.

The next event held in the cave will be Underground Sound 4 on Aug. 15 and will feature headliners Shpongole and Hallucinogen.



Cave Fest Earthday Gathering 2008 saw hundreds of people come out to the Shawnee Saltpetre Cave to camp and listen to music. Rock bands and live DJs rocked the weekend on two stages set in a large natural amphitheater.
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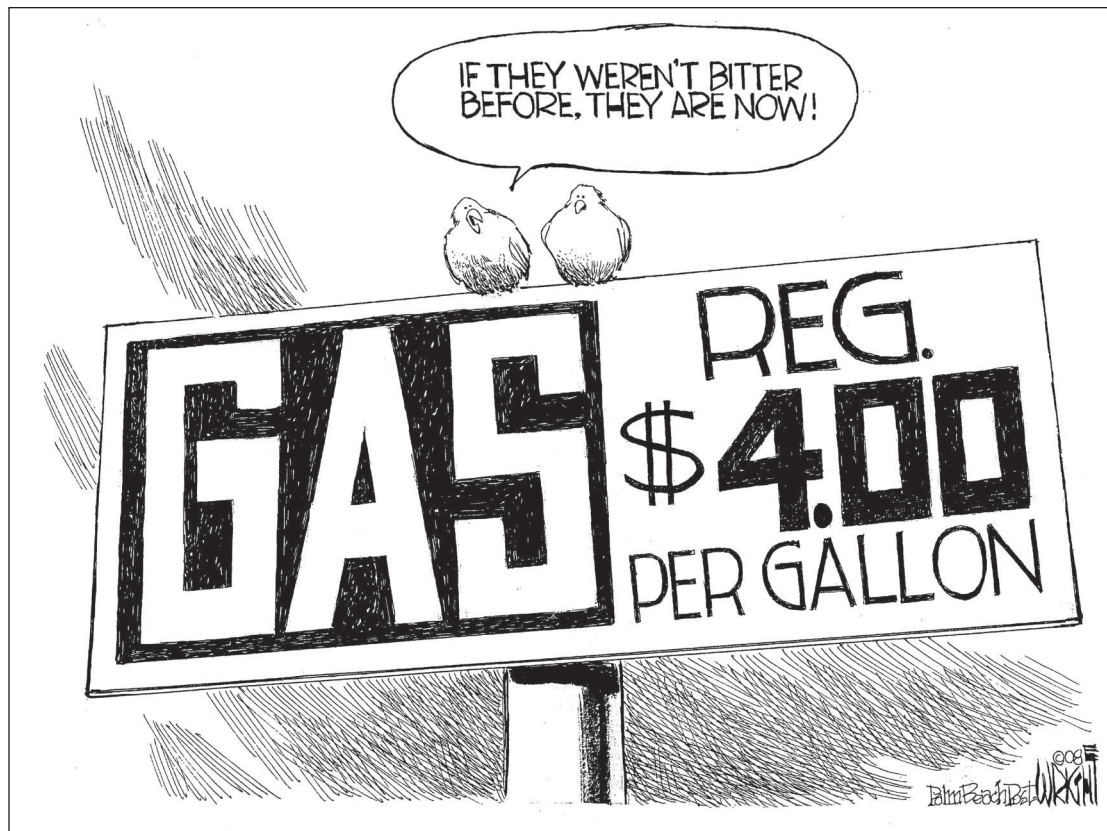
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Men can help stop violence

DEAR EDITOR:

The article by the Wellness Center in the April 9 DAILY EGYPTIAN spoke of the critical importance of breaking the attitudinal underpinnings and silence that can lead to an environment where sexual (and other) assault and other cruelty takes place.

Kudos to the Wellness Center for engaging in the Men Against Violence week from Monday through Friday. I strongly concur

with the creation of the Progressive Masculinities Mentors program.

I believe that men who learn to open their hearts, embrace their sensitivity, engage in meaningful relationships, honor their emotions and their inherent spiritual nature at the same time as honoring their fundamental fire and warrior essence are bound for a richer life that makes an important contribution to the overall social fabric.

He is a strong man who can correct his errors in thinking and

join others to root out the violence, fears, prejudices and bigotry they have been conditioned with through unhealthy social systems, parental and social conditioning and difficult experiences. When men do this type of inner work, they pave the way for other men (and women) to nurture positive developments that will lead to healthier individuals and a healthier society.

Curt Wilson

information technology specialist

Can't shelter yourself from this

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm honestly a little puzzled by Leigh Ann Kristiansen's recent letter ("Disappointed with the front page") to the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

SIU is a university. Universities are not bastions of social conservatism. Did she expect anything less than a liberal slant to SIU's newspaper? Why is she surprised? From reading the letter, one might think the image in question was pornographic or otherwise lurid; it was an image of two men exchanging a very tame kiss, in shadow, out of the central focus of the frame.

Ms. Kristiansen insists fitfully that she isn't a bigot, merely interested in protecting her children from

images of adults kissing. Is she as outrageously offended by "The Kiss," by Gustav Klimt? How about the Times Square Kiss, photographed by Alfred Eisenstaedt?

I'd be very surprised if her children hadn't seen these — they're great, iconic images, firmly enmeshed in our culture. Both are far more sensual than the kiss on the cover of Wednesday's DAILY EGYPTIAN. If she doesn't object to her children seeing these, why not?

Does Ms. Kristiansen write angry letters to her local newspapers, requesting that they stop running photographs from the second Gulf War? Of detainees in Guantanamo Bay? Of the torture at Abu Ghraib? These are far more horrific, far more

offensive to any sense of decency, far more terrible for children to be exposed to than a tasteful picture of two men kissing.

Ms. Kristiansen concludes by pointing out that she doesn't want her children going to SIU. Good. It's a liberal university — like most universities are — and she'd undoubtedly be very upset if they came back to her with broadened horizons.

It's a shame, though, that while she's busily changing TV channels and frantically hiding newspapers from them, she can't hide them from reality.

Jackie Schmitt

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THE WEEKLY WENGER

Save the planet, eat a cow

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It's time to be honest: If you really are concerned about global warming, go eat a double-stack burger from Wendy's.

Cows, long considered to be mundane and docile, have been secretly planning our demise. In a plot to destroy mankind in a manner similar to their own unfortunate fate — being cooked — cows have leaped to the front of the line of greenhouse gas emitters.

According to the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization, cows are one of the top three contributors to environmental problems. Cows, besides being a source for delicious meat and fashionable leather, are a huge source of methane and nitrous oxide, two

gases that put carbon dioxide to shame when it comes to trapping heat. A gassy heifer can belch out anywhere from 25 to 130 gallons of methane a day.

Of the more than 1.5 billion cattle in the world, 100 million graze in the United States, according to the International Erosion Control Association. That means the U.S. cattle industry could be putting as much as 13 billion gallons of methane into the atmosphere daily.

So while we are slow cooked in our own juices like a beef brisket, cows are getting the last laugh. Every last gas emission from the forward or aft portions of the bovine brings them closer to their kamikaze-esque goal.

The only option left is to eat our way out.

Refraining from eating beef would be a strategic blunder, one of the worst in history,

comparable to Napoleon's march on Moscow. The enemy, with their hooves, horns and udders, must not be left free to roam our streets and hills, unculled by the merciful blow of a captive bolt pistol.

The alternative to eating meat: the ungodly, rubbery, tumor-like food known as tofu, which contributes to the malicious warming of our globe as well because it is soy based. Soy production in South America has led to mass deforestation. For example, Paraguay has cleared over 90 percent of its rain forests to make bean fields to pacify the

bohemian, elitist American vegetarian.

Plants in general help to slow the warming process, but how can they photosynthesize our carbon emissions away if we all devour them like rabid rabbits?

Plants don't emit methane; they deserve to live, flourish and bloom. Cows, their treachery stealthily hid behind the rhythmic chewing of cud, do not

deserve life.

Our ancestors did not struggle their way up the evolutionary ladder for naught. The epic battles against the marauding hordes of wild and ravenous bovine and buffalo were painstakingly documented on the walls of caves. It wasn't until the war against the horned ones was finally won that our humble predecessors could leave those caves to enjoy the sun and open field. Do we turn our backs now on those who paved the way of our species' domination?

We have canine teeth for a reason, and it is not for shredding lettuce. It is our evolutionary right — nay, duty — to eat cows.

To preserve our planet, they must go.

I'll see you at the front lines — at McDonald's.

Wenger is a senior studying journalism and Spanish.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The DAILY EGYPTIAN, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“One thing is for certain, the world has consumed more than it has produced.”

Ban Ki Moon
secretary-general for the U.N.
calling to increase food production to combat rising prices and civil unrest.

TWO MINUTES OF TRUTH

Get your mind right, part two

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"All that you accomplish or fail to accomplish with your life is the direct result of your thoughts," James Allen once said.

How will you think? Like an employee, chained and oppressed, or like the creator of your destiny?

To reiterate last week's point, through various institutions, we are socialized to have an employee mindset. We wait around and let bosses and co-workers, family and friends and especially the media, dictate our thoughts.

Wrap your mind around that one and then contrast it with the mindset of the extraverted, enterprising entrepreneur. These select few are the ones who are pioneering their way past obstacles — not making any excuses — and reaping the benefits of having more freedom. Entrepreneurs are self-motivated and constantly look ways to leverage their time.

Make plans for the future. Don't wait until you're on that 999th weekend at your job to wish you had a 'Plan B.' Begin plans for the future now.

Free enterprise is just about the only system alive that lets ordinary people earn extraordinary lifestyles, yet this isn't taught in school.

The concept seems so simple: find a problem in society, develop a service or product that will lighten the load in an average person's life, grant him piece of mind and get paid.

It's nothing new, just something different most would shy away from because of fear. We're so pressured to get the grades, get into college and graduate in four years then gloss up that resume and send it out to every employer who attends the job fair.

From kindergarten to 12th grade, you're getting prepped for that wondrous world of women (and men) in college, but what is college? A closer look . . .

We all come from different geographic locations, family backgrounds, experiences, religions, races, etc. Yet it seems all of the students who walk around on campus are more involved with that mindset of the 'worker'.

Stay in your own little world, plug your ears and listen only to what the master is saying, ignore your other co-workers (fellow students), and wait until the weekend to relax, party and dread class on Monday.

When gathered in groups, the conversation rarely strays away from greks and parties, controversy and calamity, courses and courting the opposite sex. The list goes on.

What the conversation rarely reaches; solution-based thinking, problem solving tactics and wealth-building principles from the greats like Stephen Covey, Napoleon Hill, Dale Carnegie, Robert Kiyosaki, etc.

"Little-minded people's thoughts move in such small circles that five minutes conversation gives you an arc long enough to determine their whole curve," Oliver Wendell Holmes once said.

We come to college to network bringing with us a socializing and networking mindset. It's something we all have; yet few of us really know how to use it.

Instead of networking and finding out about the soap opera garbage that goes on in some person's life, start talking to your friends about how

you're going to decrease the poverty rate in southern Illinois. Start talking about how you're going to contribute to the education of minors to guide them in the right direction. Start talking about how you plan on being financially free by the time you are 32 instead of planning on retirement at 72. Start talking about how you will be the future leaders of tomorrow.

These things you talk about will be the things that dominate your thought. Now this isn't to say neglect your homework and studies. It's actually just the opposite. It's saying that through organization and positive thinking, you'll begin to make time to talk about the more useful aspect of society. Not to say the other things don't have interest, but I'll leave you with this:

Do you want to be talking about the same nonsense five to 10 years from now as someone's employee or would you rather have found the solution for several problems in society and earned your time and financial freedom in the process?

Think about it . . .

Flowers is a senior studying biological sciences.

GUEST COLUMN

FOIA: Democracy doesn't need mushrooms

Linda P. Campbell
McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Tom Blanton wasn't nuts when he told a room full of open-government fans to act squirrely.

Scientists have found, he informed us last Friday, that "squirrels have no idea where they've dug that hole and put that nut." They survive the winter by planting enough nuts that "wherever they go, they're likely to uncover a couple of buried items," he explained. "But if not enough squirrels plant not enough nuts, they're all going to starve."

Then he drove the point home: "As news gatherers, as news publishers and as citizens, we're going to starve — our democracy, our accountable government, our information flows — unless we get out there and plant some FOIA requests, write some stories and get the story out." Blanton and the research organization he heads, the National Security Archive, have made it their mission to plant Freedom of Information Act requests all across the federal government to shed light on what agencies are doing in our name. FOIA is the 1966 federal law that requires agencies to give people records they ask for (with certain exceptions), supposedly in timely fashion and without regard to why the information is being sought.

Through FOIA, the archive

has uncovered fascinating nuggets of history as well as documentary treasure troves of insight into how government operates.

Right now, the archive's Web page, www.nsarchive.org, links to:

- Declassified histories compiled by the Air Force that show CIA involvement in combat air attacks during the Vietnam War.
- Stories about the archive's continuing lawsuit seeking to force the Bush White House to preserve and restore thousands of missing e-mails.
- An analysis of open records practices in Mexico.
- The CIA's "family jewels" — a 693-page file detailing years of domestic spying and other improper practices by the CIA.

• And there's "Nixon meets Elvis." It turned out, archive staffers discovered, that the document that people most wanted to see at the National Archives — home of our nation's founding documents and other precious papers — was a photo of President Nixon hosting Elvis Presley at the White House on Dec. 21, 1970.

National Security Archive staff filed a FOIA request for all related documents and received a file that included Elvis' letter on American

Airlines stationery seeking a meeting with Nixon; talking points recommending that the president ask the singer to create a TV special about getting high on life, not drugs; and a photo of Nixon inspecting Elvis' cufflinks. (You can see these on the group's site.)

During its history, the privately funded group has filed more than 35,000 open records requests and collected 8 million to 10 million documents, Blanton told an audience at the First Amendment Awards banquet sponsored by

the Society of Professional Journalists' Fort Worth chapter last Friday.

Release of the "family jewels" last year came about after the archive had asked a range of federal agencies for their 10 oldest pending FOIA requests. Though the law sets specific deadlines for turning over information requested by the public, they often aren't met, sometimes for years. A request for the "family jewels" had sat unfilled for 15 years, Blanton said.

Because of a 2005 executive order signed by President Bush and because of FOIA changes pushed into law last year by Sens. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and John

Cornyn, R-Texas, many agencies are reducing their backlogs of old open-records requests. But the two senators are continuing to try to strengthen FOIA.

The law never has been really popular with those who must comply with it, Blanton said. President Lyndon Johnson signed it grudgingly.

In 1974, President Ford vetoed a bill designed to put teeth into it, on the advice of two key aides and a Justice Department lawyer: Dick Cheney (now vice president), Donald Rumsfeld (later defense secretary) and Antonin Scalia (now a Supreme Court justice).

Congress overrode Ford, to the enduring public benefit.

There's no doubt that the U.S. government is among the world's most open. But it helps that nosy reporters ask questions and that courageous government employees are willing to blow the whistle when they see questionable practices and wrongdoing.

"The good news is that when you shine a light on things, they get fixed," Blanton said.

Mushrooms might thrive in the dark, but democracy doesn't do so well.

Campbell is a columnist and editorial writer for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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Actors bare all in McLeod

'The Full Monty'
plays this week

Audra Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Six men line the stage, dancing to the music and removing articles of clothing one by one until, in a grand finale, they're letting it all hang out.

"The Full Monty," presented by the theater department and the School of Music, plays in McLeod Theater this week. The musical is about a male striptease act and is rated PG-17 for coarse language and nudity.

The musical is based on a film by the same name that came out in 1997.

William Barney, who plays one of the main characters, said stripping on stage was unnerving at first, but he became comfortable with it once he got to know the rest of the cast.

"We've gotten so close with each other that after a while, it doesn't even matter. We're just guys in the locker room — that's how we've been looking at it," said Barney, a junior from Chicago studying music theater.

"The Full Monty" chronicles the lives of six unemployed steel workers in New York. The men are each in a financial crunch after being laid off of work and decide to form a male strip tease act to raise some much-needed cash. Some central themes in the production are the importance of friendship and self-discovery, said Brian Clark, a senior from Danvers studying open music studies. Clark plays Dave Bukatinsky, another of the main characters.

"[Audiences] can expect a play about friends. About guys who have sort of lost themselves and their way and find it again through their friends,"



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William Barney, a junior from Chicago studying music theater, sings to Michael Kelly, a junior from St. Peters, Mo., studying theater, in the dressing room of the McLeod Theater before the dress rehearsal of 'The Full Monty.'

Clark said.

Barney said he hopes audiences will walk away from the production with the realization that even if they're at their lowest low, they can still do anything.

Both Clark and Barney said they are looking forward to performing "The Full Monty" in front of

an audience.

Clark said he draws energy from the audience during the performance and is anxious to see and hear the feedback and reactions from the audience.

"Once there's an audience, something snaps and the energy that you get back from the audience and that

you give to them, it just makes so much of a difference," Barney said. "That's the reason we do it."

"The Full Monty" runs in McLeod Theater Wednesday through Sunday. The curtain opens at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for

seniors and \$6 for students and can be obtained through the theater department box office Monday through Friday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. or an hour before the performance.

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TV Tuesdays

Sharpen those
Chicago knives

Alicia Wade
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'Top Chef: Chicago'

Bravo

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Foodies: Get ready to salivate.

Bravo's smash hit "Top Chef," a show that seeks the newest up-and-coming chefs and pits them against each other in cooking challenges, is back — and this time it's on Illinois soil.

"Top Chef: Chicago" is the fourth season of the food challenge that offers the winner a feature in Food & Wine magazine, a showcase at the Annual Food & Wine Classic, a vacation to the French Alps and \$100,000 to help open a restaurant.

"Top Chef" works the way many reality competition shows do. It defines a challenge that guarantees the winner immunity from elimination and then subjects all the contestants to a larger competition where at the end someone will be eliminated.

Though it's easy for a show to become stale after several seasons on air, "Top Chef" escapes this threat once again by populating its show with fun personalities from the contestants (or annoying and mean, because really they all fall into a category thanks to what the show's editors allow viewers to see) as well as new challenges integral to the background of Chicago.

Such as the tailgating challenge, where chefs had to prepare meals for tailgaters at Soldier Field — because what says Chicago sports more than a good tailgate with great food?

Judges Padma Lakshmi and Tom Colicchio helm the show, while Gail Simmons and Ted Allen pop in every now and then and always in time to eliminate a starry-eyed chef from the competition.

Unfortunately, Lakshmi is still about as boring as a well-dressed rock, but she is leaps and bounds above her painfully stiff performance as host when she took over for season two.

As the show has progressed over the past few seasons, she has become more comfortable. One can only hope that her comfort level gets a kick in the tail and she finally becomes the well-spoken and interesting person



4 out of 5 stars

viewers are sure she can be.

"Top Chef" also has its fair share of celebrity guest judges, including former reality show star Rocco DiSpirito and ultra-critical chef Anthony Bourdain. While parading through guest judge after guest judge can get a little tedious for a viewer just there to see the delectable

treats the contestants are cooking up, this does keep judging from growing too stale. It allows extra commentary and helps the viewer get a sense of what exactly everything tastes like and what competitors are being judged on.

"Top Chef: Chicago" represents a reality competition at its height, with even more interest to viewers because, hey, it's a little closer to home than recent seasons, such as "Top Chef:

Miami." And while the familiar faces may be a little stale, the challenges and backdrop are not — as well as the drama between chefs. There's no doubt this tantalizing season will keep the "Top Chef" franchise's knife sharp for yet another go in the food world.

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In last night's episode of NBC's game show "Deal or No Deal," President George W. Bush appeared in a taped message, wishing luck to a contestant who has served three tours of duty in Iraq. What do you think of the president taking part in a game show?



Devin Vaughn

I was surprised he didn't prematurely declare the contestant the winner while standing in front of another "Mission Accomplished" banner.



Audra Ord

I'll just play the part of the ultra-conservative and say that I think it's great that President Bush is still showing such strong public support for members of the military.



Alicia Wade

Unless at the end of the tape there was at least an utterance of "I'm sorry," I have no interest in this.

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"Dr. Dietz sent (White and Sermersheim) a letter saying, 'OK, now you have this \$90,000. I don't want you to just blow it on one event or whatever,'" Sermersheim said.

Until last year, the money was split between the graduate and undergraduate students according to the number of each category of student paying the fee. This created a problem because the fee is charged by the credit hour, and undergraduate students typically take more credit hours than graduate students.

Sermersheim said she and White originally agreed to use the money for electronic polling places. But Sermersheim said she later realized a company called Student Voice is already under contract to the university and could run online elections for free.

Election Commissioner John Teresi attempted to institute the Student Voice system for last week's student elections. Student Voice would have allowed students to vote online from any location using their SIU e-mail addresses.

But White opposed the system and the senate spoke against it, saying the ability to vote from any computer would allow students to cheat.

"Honestly, that's one of those things I don't think Demetrous (White) is clear on," Sermersheim said.

White said the fate of the money would now rest in the hands of next year's USG President Chiquita Watts, who was determined the winner in a hand count Sunday. Reports of incompetent poll workers, students voting more than once and electioneering plagued this year's Scantron ballot election, which was originally thought to

USG's extra \$90,000

The student activity fee is charged by credit hour (currently \$3 per hour).

But the fee was divided by the number of graduate and undergraduates who paid.

Graduate students take less credit hours, so they should have gotten less money. The fee should have been divided by credit hour, the way it was charged.

About \$90,000 went from Graduate and Professional Student Council back to Undergraduate Student Government, but remains in a separate account from the organization's other money.

Michelle Arras ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

have resulted in a tie.

"That money will sit there and next year they will figure out if they want to go ahead and get the system or if they want to use it in another way, shape or form," White said.

He suggested using the money to furnish offices for Registered Student Organizations.

Watts and USG Vice President-elect Vincent Hardy said they wanted to set up some kind of electronic or online voting system that did not allow students to vote from any computer. But the pair said they were unsure if the \$90,000 would be necessary.

Next year's election commission could use laptops to set up polling places with the free Student Voice system, Hardy said.

As for what he and Watts might do with the leftover money, Hardy said he was not sure.

"(It should) go back to the students," Hardy said. "That's all I can say."

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GLBT director retires after 21 years

Luke McCormick
DAILY EGYPTIAN

One year after the grand opening of the safe haven she spent 14 years fighting for, Paulette Curkin is leaving SIUC.

Curkin, director for the university's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Resource Center, plans to end her 21-year career at the university after this semester. Curkin said working toward the center's January 2007 launch was her proudest achievement of the two decades.

Throughout her time in Carbondale, Curkin said, there had always been a clear need for a support network for GLBT community members.

"There was no place that faculty or students could go to have a sense of community besides maybe a gay bar," Curkin said.

Those concerned began asking for a resource center around 1993, Curkin said. At that time, she said, GLBT persons faced a negative stigma on campus. That negative feeling helped open the discussion for a resource center, she said.

After an August 2005 report on the status of the GLBT community emphasizing the need for the center, which more than 120 universities across the nation have, Curkin helped lead the way for funding for SIUC's resource center.

Curkin's employment began at the university in 1987 as the assistant coordinator of University Housing, a position she held for 11 years. She then took a spot in Student Development helping student leaders of various organizations.



JASON JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Paulette Curkin has been at SIUC for 21 years and will be retiring at the end of the semester. Curkin considers her role in the formation of the GLBT Resource Center her greatest accomplishment.

Curkin said throughout her various positions, the highlight has been those she has worked to help.

"The best part of the last 21 years has been working with the students," Curkin said.

A number of students have appreciated her guidance.

"If I can do half of the things that Paulette has done, I will consider my life worthwhile," said

O.J. Duncan, a freshman studying microbiology and the Saluki Rainbow Network's co-director.

Duncan said Curkin is one of the most amazing people he has ever met and she has been an inspiration to him.

"She has taught me that no matter what, you can keep your spirits high and a smile on your face," Duncan said.

John Teresi, a senior studying political science and administrative justice, said that after taking a leadership class from Curkin, the two developed a friendship that has continued to this day.

"She's a mentor for anyone as soon as you meet her," Teresi said.

Though her goals for the resource center have been accomplished, Curkin said she would not stop striving for change.

Campaigning for the presidential candidate of her choice is on the horizon, she said.

Though Curkin said she plans to live in Carbondale after retirement, travel plans will take her to Italy this summer and around the country to visit family and friends.

"Most of my family is in Florida, so when the ice hits and students are worried about how they'll get to class, I'll just hop in my car," Curkin said.

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The best part of the last 21 years has been working with the students.

— Paulette Curkin
retiring director for
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Resource Center

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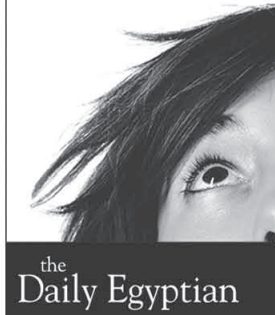
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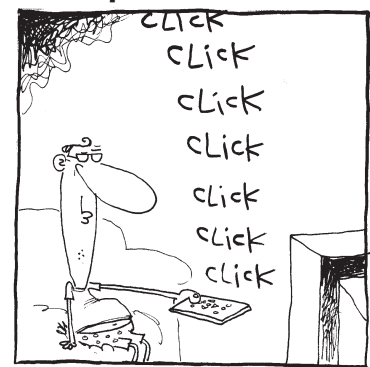
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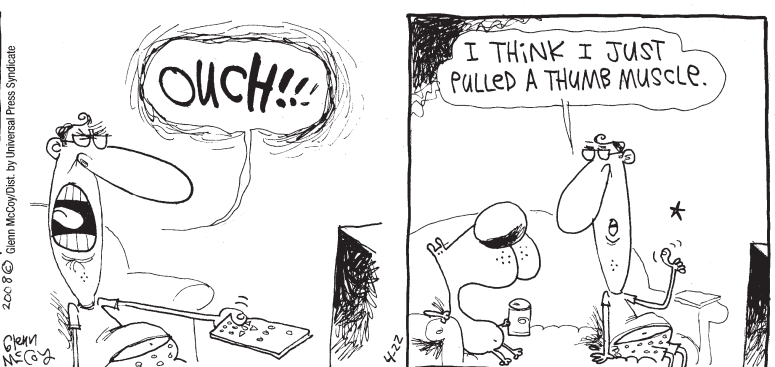
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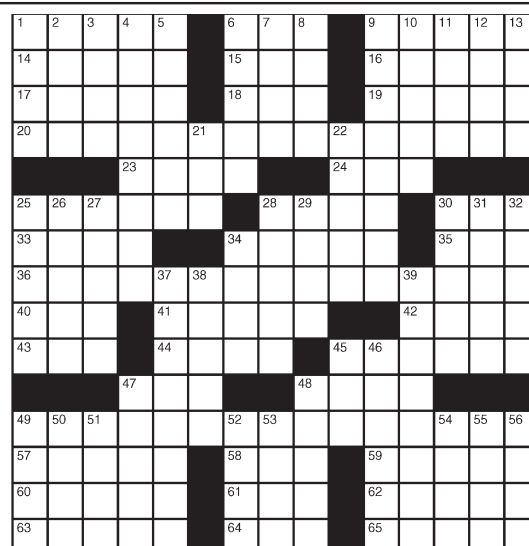
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- ACROSS**
- 1 High-fives
 - 6 Came down with
 - 9 Allied
 - 14 Israeli port
 - 15 Nautical swerve
 - 16 Loan-sharking
 - 17 "The Taming of the Shrew" city
 - 18 Greek letter
 - 19 Hold responsible
 - 20 Part of a dinner order
 - 23 Sara and Farrow
 - 24 Periphery
 - 25 Toy shooters
 - 28 Herring's cousin
 - 30 Part of a play
 - 33 Lena of "Chocolat"
 - 34 The ones here
 - 35 Prohibitionist
 - 36 Part of a dinner order
 - 40 Naughty
 - 41 Recesses
 - 42 If all ___ fails...
 - 43 Hog haven
 - 44 Milanese eight
 - 45 Accent
 - 47 Well-suited
 - 48 Jack of talk shows



By Josiah Breward, Scranton, PA 4/22/08

- DOWN**
- 1 Numidian serpent
 - 2 Neeson of "...The Phantom Menace"
 - 3 "M*A*S*H" star Alan
 - 4 "Scarface" star
 - 5 Dictator born in Georgia
 - 6 Greek sandwiches
 - 7 Pearl Harbor's island
 - 8 Tango teams
 - 9 Falls to the bottom
 - 10 Muhammad's religion
 - 11 Binary
 - 12 Columnist Bombeck
 - 13 Recolored
 - 21 Embodies
 - 22 Clear, as a disk
 - 25 Lead balloons
 - 26 Sound sheepish
 - 27 Lightheaded
 - 28 Military hat
 - 29 Towel ID
 - 30 Designer Simpson
 - 31 Boorish
 - 32 Little ones
 - 34 Jogging pace
 - 37 Intact
 - 38 Words to remember
 - 39 Very poor
 - 45 Miguel, CA
 - 46 Kind of sauce
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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

Solution to Monday's puzzle

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Today's Birthday: This year you'll build relationships you can rely upon for generations. Make commitments and set mutual goals big enough to override the conflicts that are bound to come up.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — When one door closes, another opens. That's optimistic thinking. The one that opens may be quite a distance away, however. Expand your search.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — You're getting more convinced and less interested in changing your mind. So explain your position to the ones who don't get it yet. You could make a few converts.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — You can't get where you want to go without personal effort. Even if somebody picks you up and carries you over there, you'll have to give directions. You're in charge.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — Can you take a "well day"? You shouldn't be stuck inside. You ought to be out exploring the countryside. Do what you can.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — Not a good day to go shopping. You're liable to get a lot of stuff you don't really need, won't fit, or isn't the right color. Tomorrow will be better.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — A situation that seems insurmountable is going to melt away. You'll find the perfect way to make the mountain into a molehill. It'll be worth the cost.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — It's a safe bet that things will not go exactly according to plan. If you had any false assumptions or weak links, they'll become apparent. Proceed with caution.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — A fantasy is shown to be totally without substance. If your money's involved, avoid a deal that sounds too good to be true. Keep digging for the whole truth.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — It's not a very good day to try to sell an idea, or anything else. Buying household items goes well, though. You should find excellent bargains.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Pay your fair share, but you don't have to pay a lot more than that. Save some back for hidden expenses you'll be discovering soon.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — Keep your philosophy to yourself; it's not a good day to make converts. Don't even offer advice. Indicate you hear and understand what's said.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Nobody said it was going to be a rose garden out there. Even if it is, roses have thorns. The point is, proceed with caution.

JUMBLE

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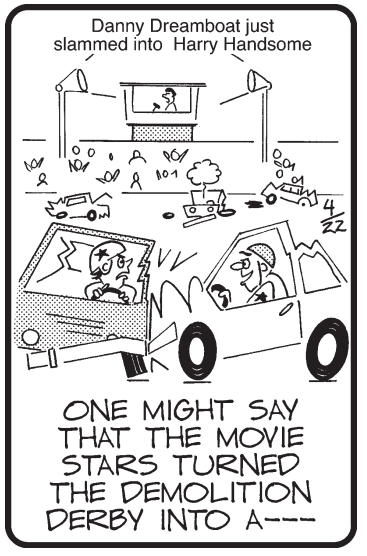
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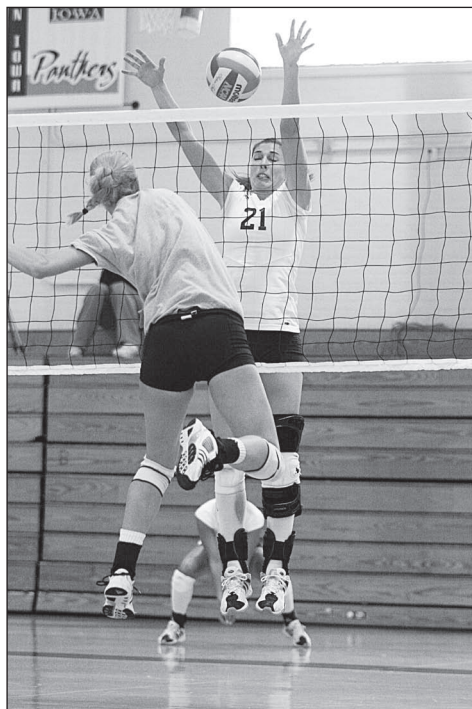
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SPORT BRIEF

Saluki volleyball splits two in spring tournament



Freshman Jennifer Berwanger attempts to block a spike during Saturday's spring tournament at Davies Gym. SIU beat Eastern Illinois 5-2 during its first game and lost to Southeastern Missouri 3-1.

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On the heels of a .500 season, the SIU volleyball team completed its spring season with a split.

After dropping their first two games, the Salukis rallied in the closing tournament at Davies Gym Saturday to close out Eastern Illinois on a 3-0 run for the match victory.

The Salukis faced Southeast Missouri State in game two but dropped the match 3-1.

Overall, the Salukis went 7-3 in their spring season and will return all six starters from last season when they went 15-16 overall and 7-12 in conference play with their first Missouri Valley Conference tournament appearance since 2002.

Three of the starters received post-season honors, including All-MVC second team, All-Freshman team and All-Tournament team.

SIU has also signed two players for the fall season, including Jessica Hemann, a 5-foot-9 outside hitter from Breese and Amanda Arnold, a 6-foot setter from Toledo, Ohio.

The team will begin its season Aug. 28 in the Niagara University Tournament at Niagara, NY.

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Roach, who also finished in seventh place in the shot put, finished in eighth place in the discus behind Leeth.

Sophomore Thomas Smith garnered three top-10 finishes on his own. Smith posted a fifth-place finish in the hammer, a sixth-place finish in the javelin and a 10th-place finish in the discus. Freshman Jessica Vermeulen finished sixth in the women's javelin toss.

Saluki throwers weren't the only athletes who garnered top-10 finishes.

Freshmen Justin C. Kozak and Brandon Deloney, along with sophomores Sammy Biggs and Stevie Warren finished in second place in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:12.32. Deloney also finished seventh in the 100-meter dash and Warren finished in eighth in the 200-meter dash.

Despite the top-10 finishes, Deloney said he did not think he performed as well as he should have.

"I felt like I had some ups and downs," Deloney said. "I don't think I did as well as I should have, but I stayed consistent in my four-



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Saluki jumpers, from left, Trent McKinney, Gwen Barry and Judeka Adams warm up before practice Wednesday at McAndrew Stadium. The Salukis picked up four meet titles and 20 top-10 finishes at last weekend's Vanderbilt Invitational.

by-four time."

Sophomore Toni Whitfield and freshman Emily Toennies combined to collect three eighth-place finishes. Whitfield finished eighth in the 800 and 1,500-meter run and Toennies finished eighth in the 3,000-meter run. Senior Nick Waninger posted a sixth-place finish in the men's 3,000-meter run, finishing in 8:59.46.

If SIU hopes to continue its outdoor success, it will have to

take how they perform at practice into its meets. Deloney said he was prepared to do just that.

"Whatever kind of work out we have in practice, we're going to have to do it hard from start to finish to be prepared for the meet," he said.

The Salukis look to continue to add to their collection of titles Thursday at the Drake Relays.

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San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili won the NBA's sixth man award, which is given to the league's best bench player. Despite coming off the bench, he led the team in scoring with 19.5 points per game. Did anyone else deserve to win the award?

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“Manu obviously deserves the award. I don't consider him a “bench” player though; he is a starter who happens to come off the bench. I would just like to mention the last sixth man to lead his team in scoring was a Milwaukee Buck, Ricky Pierce.”

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“The sixth man is obviously the best fit for him and right now I don't think there is anyone more deserving. Ginobili might not be as productive in the starting line up, so people who think this might mean he will get a starting spot, don't hold your breath.”

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“Manu deserved it, but Leandro Barbosa and Jason Terry were good off the bench, too. However, the award is kind of a joke. Would Kobe or LeBron be handed the award if they didn't play the first 30 seconds of the game?”

QUOTE OF THE DAY
Jamaal Tatum

“The reason why we went to the NCAA Tournament six years in a row and won the Valley so many years in a row is because of the caliber of players we have on a physical and mental level. They know the game and they can play the game.”

— Former Saluki guard Jamaal Tatum on his former teammates helping to build SIU into an MVC power

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declined to say where.

The two-time All-MVC defensive team honoree said it's great to see his former teammates succeed in basketball after college.

“This is my family here and I'm forever going to be a Saluki,” Hairston said. “I love to do things like this especially for guys in my family like Jamaal (Tatum), Tony (Young) and Randal (Falker). It's good to see them again and how good they're doing.”

Hairston used his coaching chops to help his old teammates teach Carbondale children Saluki basketball. The first session was for younger children and was geared toward teaching fundamentals.

Tatum said the second session was packed with intensity and the instructors pushed the older group on the court.

Some of the attendees even had a chance to go one-on-one with reigning MVC Defensive Player of the Year Bryan Mullins. This was Mullins' first year at Tatum's camp and he said it was a great experience for everyone there.

“We really got into it with them in the second session but they worked hard the whole time,” Mullins said. “It was a great turnout and there were a lot of great counselors here.”

While Tatum said he loves being



Former Saluki basketball player Jamaal Foster helps 6-year-old Lily, a participant in the basketball camp, with her shot Saturday at the Recreation Center. This was the second year former Saluki Jamaal Tatum has held a basketball camp for the youth in southern Illinois.

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able to host his youth basketball camp, he also said he hopes to be in an NBA camp this summer. Tatum is living in Sacramento, Calif., and working with NBA trainer Guss Armstead in hopes of making a return to the NBA after an injury prompted the Atlanta Hawks to drop him from their roster.

Tatum said making an NBA roster could mean less time for his youth camp, but he hopes a Saluki youth basketball camp can continue

with or out without him.

Falker is one Saluki who wants to continue helping at Tatum's camp as he said his second year volunteering was just as fun as last year.

“It's kind of been our plan all along to do stuff like this,” Falker said. “We have a good time out here. You just talk to the kids and they find they're just like you.”

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“I had an idea but I'm always real optimistic thinking that I'm going to go in there and throw like I did in high school,” Glosson said. “And it was a big eye opener.”

Blaylock said she didn't recruit Glosson for her strikeout abilities but knew she could be successful

because of her composure on the mound and good ball movement.

Glosson is well on her way to setting school records, since she is only 22 strikeouts behind Tania Meier, who is 10th place all-time at SIU with 120 strikeouts.

Blaylock said would not be surprised to see Glosson in the record books.

“Danielle is just going to get

better and better,” Blaylock said. “And I tell them all the time it's not about a year. It's about a career.”

The Salukis will face Tennessee-Martin in a doubleheader 3 p.m. today in their final regular season home series.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Saluki hoop stars reunite



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Saluki basketball guard Bryan Mullins runs a shooting drill with elementary students Saturday at the Recreation Center. The drill was part of former Saluki Jamaal Tatum's youth basketball camp.

Jamaal Tatum's camp brings Salukis together

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While Saluki fans were excited to play basketball with Jamaal Tatum during his Carbondale return, Tatum was just as excited to see

his former teammates. Tatum hosted his second annual youth basketball camp at the Recreation Center Saturday. The camp drew more than 100 children between the first session of 13-year-olds and under and second session of 14 through 18-year-olds. The children were visibly excited before and after the camp as they lined up for autographs and photographs with the players. Tatum shared a similar expression when talking to the other volunteers

at the camp. "It's always fun to see all the older players I played with," Tatum said. "It shows me how much these players really care and what our relationship meant to them while we were playing when they take time for something like this." Some of his former teammates who attended the event included Stetson Hairston, Kyle Smithpeters, Jamaal Foster and Randal Falker, among others. Most of the Salukis Tatum played with have continued

with basketball in some capacity. Two-time Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year Darren Brooks was going to attend but he is playing basketball overseas, while former Salukis such as Kent Williams and Hairston have started coaching careers. Hairston was head assistant coach at Lincoln Trail Junior College and is expected to take a coaching position at another school, but he

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SOFTBALL

Pitcher tosses away slow start

Freshman Glosson primed for record career

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After a slow start to begin her career on the SIU softball team, freshman pitcher Danielle Glosson has found a home in the circle. Early losses to top programs including Kansas and Hawaii put the freshman pitcher's record, which now stands at 5-7, below her high standards. But those numbers don't reflect the success Glosson has had in the Saluki uniform. "At the beginning of the year, I was struggling," Glosson said. "My dad and (coach) Kerri (Blaylock) kept telling me to keep fighting and I kept going and it's gotten a lot better." Being thrown into a starting position to help fill roster vacancies

led by former Saluki aces Ashley Hamby and Cassidy Scoggins, Glosson said she knew she would have extra motivation to become a better pitcher. But after starting the season at 1-1, Glosson lost the next four games by a combined nine runs and went almost a month without recording a win. Glosson said she didn't need to make a change in her approach when she stepped into the circle — just a change of mentality. "I just think I was lacking confidence," Glosson said. "I just needed to get over it and throw the ball." Now, Glosson, a native of Winston-Salem, N.C., leads the team in earned run average at 2.33 and strikeouts with 98. Blaylock said Glosson struggled early in the season because she would fall behind in the count and let runners on base before she could establish a rhythm. Blaylock said she has seen more confidence from the young



Freshman pitcher Danielle Glosson winds up during the first game of Saturday's doubleheader against Creighton. Glosson leads the Saluki rotation with a 2.33 ERA and 98 strikeouts.

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pitcher lately. "She's confident on the mound, throwing a lot of strikes and very, very tough to hit right now," Blaylock said. Despite coming off a successful high school career where she recorded

1,346 strikeouts — the second most in North Carolina history — 26 career no-hitters and eight perfect games, Glosson said she knew pitching in college would be no easy chore.

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TRACK & FIELD

SIU wins big at Vanderbilt

Salukis pick up four more meet titles

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Four was the magic number for the SIU track and field team in its trek to Nashville, Tenn. The Salukis picked up four titles at the Vanderbilt Invitational, their fourth meet of the outdoor season. SIU has earned 16 individual titles outside the gym. Senior Brenton Siemons, freshman Jeff Schirmer and sophomore Jason Ordway combined to pick up the team's first three titles on the first day of competition and junior Bianca Stuart picked up the lone women's title during day two. With four meet titles and numerous top-10 finishes, sprints and hurdles coach Alan Turner said the team exceeded expectations, especially in a field with schools such as Tennessee, Alabama and Western Kentucky. "Each meet for us is like a building block process," Turner said. "Some of the times weren't indicative of what I wanted to see, but they really performed well." Siemons won the men's shot put with a toss that measured over 57 feet. It marked the fourth consecutive meet where Siemons was victorious in that event. Schirmer ran the 1,500-meter run in a time of 3:53.22 to pick up the first-place finish. Ordway was the top finisher in the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase, crossing the finish line first with a time of 9:27.50. Sophomore A'Seret Dokubo and freshman Megan Hoelscher finished third and fourth in the women's steeplechase, respectively. Stuart leaped into the record books with a 20-foot, 8-inch leap in the women's long jump. The jump set a school and meet record. Stuart also teamed with freshmen Kandise Thompson, Meredith Hayes and senior Andrea Norris on the 4x100-meter relay team that finished in eighth place with a time of 47.38 seconds. Individually, Thompson posted an eighth-place finish in the 400-meter dash while Hayes ran the 100-meter hurdles in 14.41 seconds for a 10th-place finish. Seniors Blake Brachear and Justin P. Kozak posted the best finishes for SIU in the pole vault, finishing fourth and fifth, respectively. Kozak passed the 15 7 mark and Brachear cleared 15 11, a personal best. Senior Brittany Riley posted a third-place finish in the shot put with a throw that measured more than 46 feet. Throwing teammates, freshman Rickael Roach and junior Sasha Leeth finished second and fourth in the hammer throw.

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