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SIUC looks to revamp SOAR

Orientation program would benefit from college-specific focus, advisors say

Christian Holt
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

University officials are mulling changes in the way they introduce prospective students to the campus. Chancellor Fernando Treviño said he has received a list of potential changes to the university's day-long orientation program for new students, known as SOAR. The

proposed changes include a concentration of the specific colleges the student is interested in joining.

The program currently focuses on the university as a whole, with little attention to the diverse colleges themselves.

Tamora Workman, chief academic advisor for the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, was one of the advisors to draft the new pro-

posal for the program. She said the focus of the specific colleges was the primary change her college wanted to get across.

Some students said they thought this idea could definitely benefit future students and could have benefited them.

"It could have its benefits I'm sure, versus having everyone all together," said Christine Prinz, a junior from Morton studying geology. "It may sound crazy but depending on what you're going into you need to be prepared for different things."

Treviño said he has not been at the university long enough to have formed his own opinion but thinks the suggestions probably hold true to what the students need.

"I think intuitively what they're proposing to me makes sense," he said.

Clare Mitchell, chief academic advisor for the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, said ultimately the group wants what is best for students going through the SOAR program.

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Chamber opposes fee

Property managers feel licensing fee is unfair

Danny Wenger and Barton Lorimor
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

A City Council vote on a \$35 rental inspection fee was delayed, in part, to accommodate a request by the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce.

The fee, originally discussed at the Oct. 2 Council meeting and scheduled for action on Oct. 16, is now on the agenda for the Nov. 6 meeting. Part of the vote's delay was to give the Chamber of Commerce more time to discuss its opinion, said City Manager Jeff Doherty.

Meredith Rhoads, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, said she wanted to poll the Chamber members to get their opinion of the fee.

Many Chamber members, who are also property managers, said they were opposed to the fee, which would be required for every rental unit in order to fund mandatory safety inspections. Rhoads said more than two-thirds of the property managers in the Chamber were opposed to the fee.

"It is the opinion of the Chamber that the licensing fee proposal, in its current form, is not the most effective way to address the needs of the city in regulating the safety and quality of rental property," she said.

Loretta Cooley, manager of Wedgewood Hills on East Park Street, said the 77 units she manages would be subjected to the fee. The units include apartments, flats, townhouses and even a five-bedroom house.

"It does nothing but drive the rent up for the students," she said. "It's mandatory and they want to charge us for it."

The fee's installment would cost Wedgewood Hills almost \$2,700 per year. Cooley said she felt the problem was the city allowing too many people to build, which decreases the amount of renters.

"The city lets everybody come in and build, which cuts down our rentals, and now they want to charge us for mandatory inspections," she said.

An ordinance approved by the City Council in 1994 requires all rental properties go through a mandatory inspection by city officials. Inspections take place every three years.

Cooley said she talked with other property managers and they are also opposed to the fee.

Erica Kirby, manager at Sugartree Apartments, said she thought the fee was excessive. There are 156 apartments in the Sugartree complex, meaning there would be more than \$5,000 to be paid in fees per year, he said.

Cooley said the fee would hurt rental properties around Carbondale because it would increase the rent for residents.

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Jackson County takes a shot at flu season

CDC recommends everyone receive vaccine this season

Barton Lorimor
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

So far, the only abundance of influenza in Jackson County is in the vaccine to fight it.

Staff from the Jackson County Health Department have traveled to locations throughout Jackson County to administer flu shots in preparation for the upcoming flu season. Flu vaccinations have a \$30 fee, and are avail-

able to anyone wanting the shot.

Carla Griffin, director of nursing for the Health Department, said children ages six months to five years old, ages 50 and above, pregnant women and people with underlying health concerns are recommended to be vaccinated for influenza.

However, students are not in the clear.

Dr. Charles Clemens, medical chief of staff at the SIUC Student Health Center, said college students should strongly consider a flu shot. The health center offers a flu shot for \$20, which includes the basic appointment fee and cost of the vaccination.

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Volunteer Virginia Maerker fills syringes with the flu vaccination
 Tuesday afternoon in the Recreation Center. With winter just around the corner, volunteers and nurses from Jackson County were giving out flu vaccinations to help keep people healthy this season.

BRANDON CHAPPLE
 DAILY EGYPTIAN



Corn, ethanol production on the rise

Eugene Clark
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

The cob in the corn on the cob has never been in higher demand.

The demand for energy conservation and environmentally conscious products has led to a greater need for corn because of its use in ethanol production. Farmers are responding by increasing the amount of corn used to produce the ethanol used in gasoline, said Jim Tarmann, field services director at the Illinois Corn Growers Association.

Tarmann said there are six operating ethanol plants in

the State of Illinois, and each rely on the white part of the corn kernel to produce the form of alcohol.

Maggie Carson, spokesperson for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, said the ethanol boom has also prompted 60 Illinois businesses to sign a proposal for new ethanol plants throughout the state. The proposals are under review by the Illinois EPA Bureau of Air, she said.

Plants have been proposed locally in Litchfield, Sauget and Marshall.

The placement of ethanol plants is contingent upon factors including water access, corn production and proximity to other markets.

Tarmann said the plants operate by taking the starch from the white area of the corn kernel and fermenting it into a sugar. The sugar is converted into alcohol or ethanol, which makes up 10 percent of most gasoline in the state of Illinois.

Tarmann said the actual food content of the ear of corn is still available.

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A harvested corn field soaks up rain Tuesday in Murphysboro. Increased needs for ethanol has put corn production at a higher demand, fueling six ethanol plants in Illinois alone.

THOMAS BARKER
 DAILY EGYPTIAN



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No, students are not given that chance, so why should he?	20%
Yes, he should be given that chance to fix his errors.	30%
No, he is no longer qualified to be president.	34%

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Do you think Saluki quarterback Nick Hill will win the Payton Award, which is given to the top player in the Football Championship Subdivision?
 A. Yes, he will receive the award because of the Salukis' strong performances.
 B. Yes, he's clearly the best player in the nation.
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• 9:30-1:30 p.m. tomorrow and Thursday at John A. Logan College

The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot guarantee that all items will run.

Submit calendar items to the DAILY EGYPTIAN newsroom, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call (618) 536-3311, ext. 266.



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We still encourage readers to interact on any article or Carbondale issue by submitting a letter to the editor. Letters can be sent to editor@siude.com or voices@siude.com.

CORRECTIONS

If you spot an error, please contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 253.

NEWS BRIEFS

First brother sentenced in Madison County murder

EDWARDSVILLE (AP) — One of two brothers accused in the 2005 slayings of two men whose bodies were discovered in a ditch by a mushroom hunter pleaded guilty Tuesday and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Madison County Circuit Judge Charles Romani sentenced Clinton Hill, 31, immediately after he pleaded guilty to one count of first-degree murder, said Stephanie Smith, a spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office. In exchange for the plea, prosecutors dropped an identical murder count.

Hill's plea deal does not require him to testify against his brother, Nathaniel Hill, 33, whose trial on two counts of first-degree murder is set for next April, Smith said.

The brothers were accused in the April 2005 killings of Derek Pitts, 48, and Vincent Rollins, 40, both of Edwardsville. A man searching for mushrooms near Alhambra, a small village located about 30 miles northeast of St. Louis, found the victims' bodies wrapped in a carpet in a ditch.

Autopsies showed that Potts had been shot in the face with a shotgun while Rollins died from blunt trauma to the back of his head, prosecutors said. Authorities believed the slayings took place during an argument at Clinton Hill's Edwardsville home.

Another defendant, Kelly Matlock, 36, was sentenced to three years in prison after pleading guilty in September 2005 to two counts of concealing a homicidal death. Matlock helped wrap and transport the bodies, prosecutors said.

Alleged shooter charged in Chicago boy's death

CHICAGO (AP) — Police say a 17-year-old alleged gang member has been charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of a ten-year-old Chicago boy.

Police say witnesses have identified Lesean Jackson as one of at least two people who fired shots in a gang-related shootout last Wednesday that killed Arthur Jones.

Authorities said at a news conference Tuesday that they're still looking for more suspects. They say they have no evidence the boy was in a gang.

Two other teens have also been charged with first-degree murder in Jones' death and are accused of passing the gun to Jackson.

Police say they have not recovered a weapon.

Two fugitives accused in Williamson County slaying

MARION (AP) — Williamson County prosecutors have accused two fugitives from Carbondale in the slaying of a man whose body was found last week in the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge.

Michael Thompson and Terrance Vinson each are charged with three counts of first-degree murder and aggravated kidnapping in the death of 26-year-old Benjamin Slaughter.

Slaughter's body was found last Wednesday.

Bond for Thompson and Vinson is set at \$1 million apiece. Both men are still at large.

Another suspect, 21-year-old Travis Thompson, is in custody in connection with Slaughter's death. Thompson is being held at the Jackson County Jail on \$250,000 bond on charges of unlawful battery and unlawful restraint.

Blagojevich works on mass transit funding plan

CHICAGO (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich says he and three of the four top legislative leaders are talking about a long-term funding plan to bail out Chicago-area mass transit agencies.

Blagojevich said at a Chicago news conference this afternoon that the idea they're working on would not be "another tax increase on people."

But the governor wouldn't reveal details of the plan or say when they'd be made public.

He says Republican House Minority Leader Tom Cross is supposed to meet tomorrow with House Speaker Michael Madigan to try to get Madigan to embrace their plan instead of a proposed regional sales tax increase for mass transit.

POLICE REPORTS

Denitrious Mintah, 18, of Glenview was arrested and charged with tampering with fire security, life safety systems, and causing criminal damage to state supported property at 1:47 a.m. Tuesday at Mae Smith Hall. Mintah was transported to the Jackson County Jail where he is still being held. There were no reported injuries.

A theft under \$300 occurred between 4 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Sunday at Steagall Hall. A bicycle valued at \$70 was stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

A theft under \$300 occurred between 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Monday at Bowyer Hall. A bicycle valued at \$60 was stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

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Woman on fire

Actress who won two Tony Awards visits SIU, performs off-Broadway show

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The first time Judith Ivey auditioned, she was too scared to go on stage.

Ivey, who won two Tony Awards and is well known for her role as B.J. Potteet on the sitcom "Designing Women," gave a free performance of her off-Broadway show "Women on Fire" at McLeod Theatre Wednesday night. About 430 people showed up for the performance.

Ivey has spent her career in theater, both as an actress and director of stage plays, and has appeared in several TV series, such as "Will and Grace" and "Law and Order." She has appeared in more than 40 films, including "The Devil's Advocate," "Mystery, Alaska" and "Flags of Our Fathers."

All this began more than 30 years ago at Marion High School, Ivey said.

She said she moved to Marion when she was a junior, but the school assigned most of its club and student government positions when students were freshmen.

Ivey had been the editor of the newspaper and a cheerleader before she moved. At her new school, however, her only option was the drama club.

"The first time I auditioned, I wouldn't get up on stage. My teacher took me to the storage room," Ivey said with a laugh.

Ivey studied drama at Illinois State University but said she performed at SIUC for two summers during her college years.



Judith Ivey performed "Women On Fire," which was originally written and read by author Irene O' Garden. The performance was presented by the SIUC theater department and held in McLeod Theatre.

JASON JOHNSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

She spoke to several classes of theater students Monday.

Christine Jacky, a graduate student from South Carolina studying theater, said she appreciated the opportunity to learn from Ivey's experience.

"She really talked about how she got where she is," Jacky said. "It was really interesting. She's been there. She's gone through television. She's gone through theater."

"Women on Fire," written by Irene O'Garden, consists of twelve monologues. Ivey portrayed the characters — which ranged from a southern black construction worker determined to earn her union card to a musician recounting her experience with abortion — in a 90-minute performance with no intermission.

"I thought it was really interesting. It made me think about a

lot of things, listening to the different personalities that she was portraying," said Marybeth Hanson, a sophomore from Leland studying photography.

Ivey said she encouraged theater students to develop a thick skin, because critics are especially harsh to young performers.

Students should work hard, she said, even though much of her success was due to chance.

"Luck has a lot to do with it," Ivey said. "I don't know if lawyers would say that to you or doctors would say that to you, but I do think it figures in the sense that your talent and your determination and your willingness to sacrifice all add up when you're in the right place at the right time."

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Hear from the Man Who Wages War on Hate

Took on controversial and unpopular cases in Alabama's white community in the 1960s

Co-Founded the Southern Poverty Law Center

Led landmark lawsuits to bankrupt and abolish hate groups

Morris Dees, the son of an Alabama farming family, is an accomplished businessman, attorney and champion of civil rights who has earned awards from numerous national organizations for his work to pursue equal opportunities for minorities and the poor. In 1971, Dees co-founded the Southern Poverty Law Center to fight against groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, Aryan Nations and, most recently, the Imperial Klans of America, the second-largest Klan organization in the nation, in an effort to dismantle their leadership structures, seize their assets and diminish their influence. The target of numerous assassination plots, Dees is not deterred in his quest for justice.

Due to enhanced security measures, back packs and other similar items (excluding ladies purses) will not be allowed. Early arrival is strongly encouraged.

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WIRE REPORTS

IRAN

Bush: defense system needed in Europe to counter Iranian threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Tuesday that plans for a U.S.-led missile defense system in Europe are urgently needed to counter an emerging threat of attack by Iran.

"If (Iran) chooses to do so, and the international community does not take steps to prevent it, it is possible Iran could have this capability," Bush said. "And we need to take it seriously — now."

IRAQ

Rice orders increased oversight for some private guards in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Tuesday ordered new measures to improve government oversight of private guards who protect U.S. diplomats in Iraq, including cultural awareness training for contractors and a board to investigate any future killings.

The steps, recommended by an independent review panel she created after last month's deadly Baghdad shooting involving Blackwater USA, also would tighten the State Department's rules of engagement and bring them into line with those of the military.

ELECTION 2008

Giuliani won't say where he agrees with conservatives

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Republican Rudy Giuliani declined to tell a voter on Tuesday where he agrees and disagrees with conservative members of his party, saying it's about more than "just an ideology."

The former New York City mayor, who has made conservative Republicans nervous with some of his more liberal views — his support of abortion rights and gun control, for example — was asked pointedly at a town-hall-style meeting to outline where his views align with conservatives.

Giuliani chuckled, took a deep breath and then told the questioner it was up to him to figure that out.

"And I ask you to consider doing that, not as a conservative Republican, or as a right-wing something or a left-wing something or a middle-wing something or a tailback," Giuliani said. "Why don't you try doing it as an American voter? Figure out what you agree with and disagree with."

The voter, Peter Sajko, nodded politely as Giuliani went on, describing not his positions but his record as mayor of New York City, where crime declined and unemployment went down.

CRIME

NYC 'Preppie Killer' arrested again in undercover drug sting

NEW YORK (AP) — The so-called "Preppie Killer," who served 15 years in prison for strangling a woman in Central Park during what he said was rough sex, was in jail Tuesday after police said he repeatedly sold undercover officers cocaine out of his apartment.

Robert Chambers, 41, put up a fight during the raid late Monday, police said. One officer suffered a broken thumb and another had a strained ligament in his hand, authorities reported.

District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said Chambers is facing 14 counts of drug possession and sale. Morgenthau said he likely will be charged with resisting arrest and assault.

FLORIDA

NAACP leads protest march in Tallahassee over boy's death at boot camp

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — About 700 protesters marched to the federal courthouse Tuesday to voice their outrage at the handling of a black teenager's death at a boot camp.

Shouting "we shall overcome" and "no justice, no peace," the marchers made their way past the Capitol to the courthouse, where several NAACP officials met with U.S. Attorney Gregory R. Miller and Justice Department officials.

"They pretty much assured us that they have taken these types of cases seriously in the past and they are definitely taking this case seriously," NAACP attorney Chuck Hobbs said of the meeting. "They are going to make sure no stones are left unturned in the determination of the facts."

The NAACP-sponsored protest comes less than two weeks after an all-white jury acquitted seven camp guards and a nurse of manslaughter charges in the death of Martin Lee Anderson, a 14-year-old black inmate.

Iraq death tallies decline in October

Steven R. Hurst

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — October is on course to record the second consecutive decline in U.S. military and Iraqi civilian deaths and Americans commanders say they know why: the U.S. troop increase and an Iraqi groundswell against al-Qaida and Shiite militia extremists.

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch points to what the military calls "Concerned Citizens" — both Shiites and Sunnis who have joined the American fight. He says he's signed up 20,000 of them in the past four months.

"I've never been more optimistic than I am right now with the progress we've made in Iraq. The only people who are going to win

this counterinsurgency project are the people of Iraq. We've said that all along. And now they're coming forward in masses," Lynch said in a recent interview at a U.S. base deep in hostile territory south of Baghdad. Outgoing artillery thundered as he spoke.

Lynch, who commands the 3rd Infantry Division and once served as the military spokesman in Baghdad, is a tireless cheerleader of the American effort in Iraq. But the death toll over the past two months appears to reinforce his optimism. The question, of course: Will it last?

As of Tuesday, the Pentagon reported 28 U.S. military deaths in October. That's an average of about 1.2 deaths a day. The toll on U.S. troops hasn't been this low since March 2006, when 31 soldiers died

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— Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch
U.S. Military

— an average of one death a day.

In September, 65 U.S. soldiers died in Iraq.

Part of the trend can be seen in a volatile and violent band of lush agricultural land on Baghdad's southern border.

The commander of the battle zone — Lt. Col. Val Keaveny, 3rd Battalion, 509th Infantry (Airborne) — said his unit has lost only one soldier in the past four

months despite intensified operations against both Shiite and Sunni extremists, including powerful al-Qaida in Iraq cells.

Keaveny attributes the startling decline to a decrease in attacks by militants who are being rounded up in big numbers on information provided by the citizen force — which has literally doubled the number of eyes and ears available to the military.

Space shuttle Discovery thunders into orbit

Marcia Dunn

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Shuttle Discovery and its crew of seven thundered into orbit Tuesday, setting off on the most challenging space station construction mission yet that will pave the way for the arrival of two science labs in a few months.

NASA pulled off the on-time launch — the third one in a row — after determining that a small patch of ice on fuel tank plumbing posed no danger. Indeed, most if not all of the ice harmlessly shook loose when the booster rockets and engines ignited.

The rain clouds that had been forecast for days stayed away for the late morning launch.

"We got lucky today. We could have just as easily gotten unlucky," said launch director Mike Leinbach. "But as I tell my team, there's nothing wrong every now and then with a little good luck."

With Discovery safely in orbit, NASA looked ahead to all the work awaiting the astronauts once they arrive at the international space station on Thursday. It is considered the most complicated mission in the nine years of station assembly in orbit.

During their 112-week station visit, the astronauts must install a live-in compartment that they're bringing along, relocate a giant girder and set of solar wings, extend those solar wings and radiators, and test a thermal tile repair kit.

In all, five spacewalks are planned,

which will be the most ever conducted while a shuttle is docked at the station.

The three space station residents face even more construction chores after the shuttle leaves, each one of them critical.

NASA's space operations chief, Bill Gerstenmaier, said the two crews face a tremendous series of challenges, but noted, "I can't think of a better start to this mission than what we got today."

In a historic coincidence, both the shuttle and station have women at the helm. Retired Air Force Col. Pamela Melroy is only the second woman to command a shuttle, and biochemist Peggy Whitson is the first female skipper of a space station.

Whitson and Clay Anderson watched Discovery's launch live on a station computer. Anderson, who will return to Earth aboard Discovery after a five-month expedition, shook a white towel and did a complete backflip once the shuttle reached orbit.

At least six pieces of foam insulation came off Discovery's fuel tank during liftoff, but because that occurred after the crucial first two minutes, the debris posed no risk to the shuttle.

"It's preliminary only, but it did look like a clean ascent," Mission Control informed Melroy.

NASA has paid extra attention to launch debris ever since the 2003 Columbia disaster. A hole in the wing brought down Columbia, the result of a strike by a slab of fuel-tank foam.



MCLATCHY TRIBUNE

The Space Shuttle Discovery launches for mission STS 120 from the Kennedy Space Center on Tuesday, October 23, 2007.

A much smaller piece of foam broke off a bracket on the fuel tank during the last launch in August, possibly along with some ice, and gouged Endeavour's belly. More changes were made to Discovery's fuel tank to prevent dangerous ice buildup from the

super-cold propellants.

Melroy and her crew will use a laser-tipped inspection boom Wednesday to check Discovery's vulnerable wings and nose, standard procedure since the Columbia accident.

Firefighters admit California wildfires are blistering

Gillian Flaccus

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — Faced with unrelenting winds whipping wildfires into a frenzy across Southern California, firefighters all but conceded defeat Tuesday to an unstoppable force that has already chased nearly a million people away.

Unless the shrieking Santa Ana winds subside, and that's not expected for at least another day, fire crews say they can do little more than try to wait it out and react — tamping out spot fires and chasing ribbons of airborne embers to keep new fires from flaring.

"If it's this big and blowing with as much wind as it's got, it'll go all the way to the ocean before it stops," said San Diego Fire Capt. Kirk Humphries. "We can save some stuff but we can't stop it."

Tentacles of unpredictable, shifting flame have burned across nearly 600 square miles, kill-

ing two people, destroying more than 1,300 homes and prompting one of the biggest evacuations in California history, from north of Los Angeles, through San Diego to the Mexican border.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said the flames were threatening 68,000 more homes.

"We have had an unfortunate situation that we've had three things come together: very dry areas, very hot weather and then a lot of wind," Schwarzenegger said. "And so this makes the perfect storm for a fire."

In Rancho Santa Fe, a suburb north of San Diego, houses burned just yards from where fire crews fought to contain flames engulfing

other properties. In the mountain community of Lake Arrowhead, cabins and vacation homes went up in flames with no fire crews in sight.

"These winds are so strong, we're not trying to fight this fire," said firefighter Jim Gelrud, an engineer from Vista, Calif. "We're just trying to save the buildings."

More than a dozen wildfires blowing across Southern California since Sunday have killed two people and forced the evacuation of more than 350,000 houses, encompassing nearly 950,000 people based on average household size. More than 40 people have been injured, including 16 firefighters.

President Bush, who planned to visit the region Thursday, declared a federal emergency for seven counties, a move that will speed disaster-relief

efforts.

The sweeping devastation was reminiscent of blazes that tore through Southern California four years ago, killing 22 and destroying 3,640 homes.

The ferocity of the Santa Ana winds in 2003 forced crews to discard their traditional strategy and focus on keeping up with the fire and putting out spot blazes that threatened homes.

Fire crews were especially concerned about dense eucalyptus groves in Del Mar and Rancho Santa Fe, fearing the highly flammable trees could turn neighborhoods prized for their secluded serenity into potential tinderboxes.

The usual tactic is to surround a fire on two sides and try to choke it off. But with fires whipped by gusts that have surpassed 100 mph, that strategy doesn't work because embers can be swept miles ahead of the fire's front line. In those cases, crews must keep 10 to 30 feet back from the flames or risk their own lives, Los Angeles County firefighter Daryl Parish said.

"These winds are so strong, we're not trying to fight this fire, we're just trying to save the buildings.

— Jim Gelrud
Firefighter Vista, Calif.

Head Start pledges to put a book in every home

Program aimed at pre-schoolers

David Lopez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sitting in front of a group of preschoolers Tuesday morning, Erika Lowery, wife of SIU men's basketball coach Chris Lowery, had the daunting task of holding the attention of 20 young children.

Lowery made an appearance at the Carbondale Head Start Center Tuesday to announce the continuation of "A Book in Every Home," a program that provides books for children ages 3 to 5.

The book drive hopes to collect enough books for all of the 433 children enrolled in area Head Start Center locations to take home at least one book.

Once Lowery finished reading what was supposed to be the last book, the children mobbed her until she read "The Hungry Caterpillar."

"OK, but this the last one," Lowery told the children.

Lowery, who is in her third year as chairwoman of the program, said she wanted to make sure as many kids as possible would be able to take books home by the program's Dec. 7 end date. She stressed that donations need not be incredibly generous.

"Some people feel like they can't do a whole lot, but five dollars can get them a nice little book," Lowery said. "It doesn't matter how



Erika Lowery, honorary chair of this year's Book in Every Home campaign and wife of SIU basketball coach Chris Lowery, reads to children Tuesday at the Head Start Center in Carbondale. The Book in Every Home program aims to provide area preschoolers with brand new books. The 13th annual drive ends Dec. 7.
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big the donation is, you helped out and you did something."

Lowery said she would personally buy the books with the money provided through donations.

The program has been around for 13 years and last year provided enough books for all 433 children to take home at least three books.

Carbondale residents are encouraged to bring books and other

donations to one of seven locations around campus. Drop boxes are currently located at the SIUC Student Center, The Chancellor's office in Anthony Hall and several other locations across the city.

Lowery said she is working on setting up more drop box locations, including the First Southern Bank and the Bank of Marion, and she hopes to work with the banks to

offer a casual-dress day for employees who participate.

Joyce Guy, collaborations and training specialist at the Carbondale Head Start Center, cares for the children everyday and said she wants parents to nurture their child's education at home as much as at school.

"Because we feel that parents are the first teachers of our children,

we want them to understand that reading is important," Guy said. "We want to make sure that children are getting that in the classroom, and we just want to make sure that parents are also teaching their children to love reading."

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OUR WORD

There has to be a better way

When someone is rushed to the hospital, odds are that person's family members would prefer to be informed sooner than later.

Yet university spokesman Rod Sievers said he doesn't see anything wrong with the amount of time it took for Alex Booth's mother to be notified of his death Thursday.

We at the DAILY EGYPTIAN think two hours is too long.

That's how much time passed from when the first ambulance arrived at Alex's dorm in Thompson Point at 5:30 p.m. until his mother, Becky, was contacted by the DAILY EGYPTIAN at 7:30 p.m.

Carbondale hospital administrator George Maroney said the hospital attempted to contact the next of kin, but they either didn't have a valid number or they couldn't get an answer.

According to Sievers, it's not the university's job to make sure the family is aware of medical emergencies.

Students at St. Louis University, much like here, fill out emergency cards when they move into university housing. Their information is passed

on by housing directors to the vice president of student development, who notifies families when a medical emergency occurs, said Connie Green, SLU administrative assistant to the director of housing and residence life.

Why not adapt a similar policy?

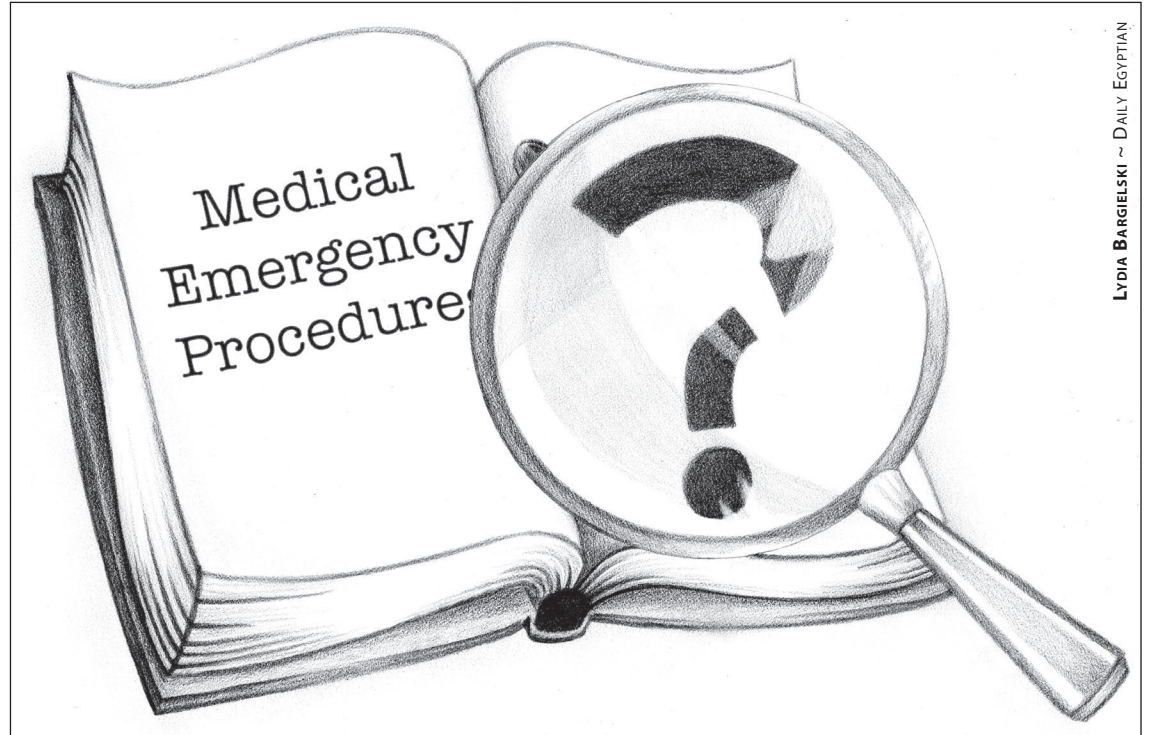
While the university keeps record of students' emergency contact information, the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 prohibits faculty from contacting the family, Sievers said.

If a student who lives on-campus is found unconscious and taken to the hospital, his or her parents should be notified. It seems that the individuals with the capacity to do that quickly would be our own officials.

We have the information. We have phones. We should make the call.

If other universities can do it, why can't we?

For one, an individual might have a medical condition that a parent is aware of and tragedy might be avoided. For example, some people have allergic reactions that become life threatening and leave them



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immobilized. Make a quick call to the mother, administer an epinephrine shot, and the student's condition would stabilize until he or she received more attention at the hospital.

Secondly, nothing could be worse for a parent than to learn his or her child's life could be dangling by a thread. Informing the parent quickly is the least that could be done. Sometimes

there may be something they could do to help.

Of course, the DAILY EGYPTIAN could ponder hypothetical situations all day long. But there's no need. The bottom line is, somewhere along the line, someone needs to ensure that this doesn't happen again.

Ask any parent. Two hours is too long.

"I don't think we had a problem in this case and I don't think we'll have one in the future," Sievers said.

It took a DAILY EGYPTIAN reporter less than five minutes to search Booth's hometown phone directory, call the first listing and talk to a woman who had no idea anything was wrong.

Two hours is too long.

STUDENT COLUMN

The sins of the father

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"You know Arnold's father was a Nazi, right?" a friend recently said to me.

He was aghast that I would suggest Gov. Schwarzenegger, if Article Two of the Constitution were to be changed, could win the presidency. This would be, in his opinion, exactly what the framers of the Constitution did not want to happen.

The son of a fascist regime taking control of our nation's highest office (even if he is Conan the Barbarian) could be disastrous to America's national security.

I assured him my argument

was purely hypothetical, and that it would be difficult for me to support voting the Terminator into the White House. But then I began to change my mind.

I couldn't justify judging the son by the sins of his father. Arnold has, after all, stepped into a bad situation and proven to be a strong and effective leader.

However, you can imagine my surprise when I discovered that Americans had already elected two presidents with family ties to the Third Reich: George H.W. and George W. Bush.

Controversy over this connection has floated around the Internet for years and even made a brief appearance in the mainstream media during the 2004 presidential election, but it never received the attention

it deserves. Considering the microscope candidates are placed under it is surprising — not to mention suspicious — that this has slipped under the radar for so long.

The gravity of this should not be underestimated. Barack Obama was, at one time, scrutinized for attending an Islamic-affiliated school while living abroad. This turned out to be unabashed slander, but George W. Bush's grandfather helping to fund the Nazi party has somehow been considered less newsworthy.

Prescott Sheldon Bush, a two-term congressman from Connecticut, was one of seven directors of the Union Banking Corporation. On July 31, 1941, an article in the New York Herald Tribune revealed that the UBC

was a Dutch-owned bank with ties to a well-known financier of the Third Reich.

Financial transactions with German companies were not prohibited at this time, but six days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt signed legislation called the Trading With the Enemy Act. This made transactions with the Axis powers illegal, but the UBC carried on with business as usual.

As a result, on Oct. 20, 1942, the United States seized all shares of the UBC. Prescott Bush and others avoided prosecution because, in the words of a University of Pittsburgh professor, "the federal government was too busy trying to fight the war."

The nature of these transactions, however, was by

no means benign. The UBC's activities, along with other banking firms Prescott Bush was involved with, can be traced to the following activities: utilizing slave labor from concentration camps (including Auschwitz), shipping millions of dollars in gold to finance Hitler's military build-up and laundering upwards of \$3 million in Nazi money.

None of this, of course, directly implicates either George H.W. or George W. But, suffice it to say, such immediate connections in a president's family to a former enemy are unnerving; not to mention the idea that the sins of a father have already been brought upon an unsuspecting nation.

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WORDS OVERHEARD

"I don't know how we'd do it any other way. I guess you could quibble over the time it took, but I think there are steps that have to be followed."

Rod Sievers
University spokesman
on the time it took to inform Alex Booth's mother of his death Thursday

INSIGHT



Signs of talent

Photo column by
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During the past few semesters working for the DAILY EGYPTIAN, I have witnessed an exceptional amount of talent many students have at this university — most of which I would not have seen if I were not assigned to photograph the event.

From award-winning students to an astronaut in space, individuals at this university prove they have more potential than what their degrees might show.

When photographing the Miss Eboness Pageant during homecoming weekend, I did not know what to expect. I was astonished at the amount

of talent each of the candidates displayed. They sang, danced and recited poetry, all to the crowd's applause.

I have noticed there are not many who attend events that display each other's talents, with the exception of the nationally acclaimed men's basketball team. If people want to find talent at SIU, they don't have to look far. Any type of event held by an RSO or another organization is likely to have entertainment for the crowd. I feel lucky to have been able to witness just a few of the talents students have at this university. I hope you can experience them too.

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GUEST COLUMN

The 'How to' on reducing alcohol risks

Counseling Center
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In 2005, 670 students were referred to Student Judicial Affairs or received disciplinary sanctions for liquor law violations. During the same year, 49 students were arrested on campus for violating liquor laws, according to the Department of Public Safety Web site. Every year, some students drink alcohol and experience negative consequences while others who drink do not. Why is this? Most likely, the students who are avoiding negative consequences are using harm reduction strategies.

Harm reduction strategies are an attempt to reduce the negative consequences that can accompany alcohol use. What does this mean for the average student? Often,

this means increased enjoyment of alcohol and avoidance of the drawbacks which can include fines, DUIs, getting into fights and lost study time due to next day recoveries. It also means fewer social regrets, less time spent making apologies and not having to avoid people for things said or done while under the influence. If you do want to drink but also want to reduce the risks, try some of the following strategies.

Set predetermined limits of how much you are going to drink before you go out. A good rule of thumb is to have only one drink per hour, as this is the amount of liquor that the liver can process in that period of time. This means one 12 oz beer, one 5 oz glass of wine, 1 shot (1.5 oz) of distilled spirits (vodka, whiskey, rum, etc.),

or one 12 oz. wine cooler.

Besides limiting your alcohol intake, space out your drinks over time. Try to alternate alcoholic beverages with, preferably, a non-carbonated, alcohol-free beverage. Water is often the best choice to alternate with alcoholic drinks. Conversely, carbonated beverages can increase alcohol absorption into the system and thereby lead to intoxication more quickly.

Stay away from caffeine and other stimulant containing drinks as well. Adding caffeine and other stimulants to alcohol short-circuits the body's defense system, allowing you to stay awake and consume more alcohol than you may have otherwise. This can lead to dangerously high blood alcohol levels (BAL), and because caffeine works to dehydrate the body, it can

contribute to nausea, severe dry mouth and exhaustion.

To regulate your drinking, space and pace your drinks in addition to eating before and while you are drinking. Remember that the key factors that determine intoxication are your body size and weight, the amount of alcohol consumed and the rate at which you consume it. Thus, it is wise to avoid "all you can drink" situations and drinking games whenever possible. Having something to eat before drinking is also a good idea as food slows alcohol's movement through the digestive system thereby delaying its entry into the bloodstream.

Your mood, your expectations and certain medications can also influence your susceptibility to alcohol. Anger and depression especially tend to worsen with

alcohol use. If you find yourself drinking just to get drunk, have a hard time stopping once you start, or notice that you use alcohol to cope with anxiety, depression, or as an escape from unpleasant feelings or thoughts, it might be time to explore the role of alcohol in your life.

By employing harm reduction strategies, it is possible to drink in a way that maximizes the positive aspects of drinking while minimizing the negative effects. If you believe that alcohol may be a problem for you or someone you know, call 453-5371 to talk with someone at the Counseling Center.

Information from the Illinois State Student Counseling Services Handout contributed to this column.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disqualification unfair

DEAR EDITOR:

First of all, thank you for depicting me as part of the Latino Alliance team. Even though I didn't play, I was with them every step of the way throughout the ISC Soccer Tournament. As true underdogs in the tournament it was a disappointment to have been disqualified after the struggle to get to the finals. We feel that it was unfair, unfounded and extreme to disqualify the Latino Alliance and so do the two other teams that made it to the finals.

It was unfair because all of our players consistently played

throughout the entire competition after being screened by ISC officials throughout each and every game. We won fair and square against African Lions, much to their surprise, prompting their accusations. It was unfounded because to this day ISC officials cannot find the sign-up sheet from the semi-finals game. There is no proof and if there were they would find the same players that have played throughout the entire tournament.

Disqualifying the Latino Alliance was an extreme approach to the accusations. These accusations have come up in this year's and past tournaments, involving teams like African Lions, and resulting in either a re-match or a fine. It is with disappointment that LASA is appealing ISC's decision

to disqualify our sponsored team due to the unfair, unfounded and extreme nature of the decision. It is unfortunate that the thirst for winning has divided and tainted the friendly competition of the ISC Soccer Tournament.

I thank the Saudi team for supporting us and forfeiting the official final and I congratulate them on having won the unofficial match at Parish Fields. I also wish to congratulate the African Lions for having won the ISC Soccer Tournament without having even kicked a goal, that is a true craft that I must learn to master. VIVA LASA!

Oscar Schlenker
senior studying radio-television

Chalk up another one for the DE

DEAR EDITOR:

On Friday, the Illinois Army National Guard's 33rd Brigade Combat Team (BCT) officially announced its alert status for deployment to Afghanistan in late 2008. The Brigade is made up of more than 4,000 soldiers, 2,700 of which will be directly affected by the deployment. This also affects tens of thousands of their friends and family members across the state. So needless to say this will be affecting more than just a handful

of people from SIUC. However, because the DAILY EGYPTIAN more resembles a Democratic Presidential Candidate by its one-sided acknowledgements and less like a fair and impartial fact providing source that a newspaper should be, it chose not to mention anything about the deployment.

From a reader's standpoint I feel a little let down that my school's newspaper failed to report an issue that affects such a large population and is also such a large issue in our society today. I am a non-commissioned officer in the 33rd BCT and as a soldier I feel betrayed by the DE's lack of respect towards such an important issue. The DE and a lot of the university seem to be able to talk about

Dr. Glenn Poshard and plagiarism on an everyday basis but when it comes to acknowledging the support of our troops the DE is able to turn its back on an organization that assures its, the DE's, freedom of speech.

For once I would like to see the DE making an attempt to put a positive light on the soldiers who risk their lives everyday for this country. I can only hope, as this is my second tour of duty, that the rest of the country does not forget what is being done by the troops in this war as it seems the DE has done.

Greg Triphahn
junior studying administration of justice

Plagiarism fallout

DEAR EDITOR:

Some people take the following attitude to the plagiarism scandal: "It is over now, let's move on." The situation is not that simple.

I was at a relatively small scientific conference in South Carolina a week ago. Several people there — all senior university professors, none of them SIU alumni or in any way associated with this school — asked about the "Poshard affair." Their attitude was one of amazement

that Dr. Poshard would stay in his position, or that the University would allow it. This was very embarrassing. Further embarrassment will surely follow, for the whole university.

Dr. Poshard's first inappropriate act was to stay in office after the allegations. (I do not suggest that he should have resigned, but he should have stood aside temporarily. I would not even expect his salary to be interrupted.) His attempts to minimize the problem show that he does not understand the nature of a university, or the nature of scholarship. His attempts to influence public opinion and change the outcome of a poll (an unscientific

opinion poll, for goodness sake) were the acts of a sleazy politician.

The committee found that plagiarism occurred in his dissertation. Dr. Poshard has said he did not intentionally plagiarize. Assuming he is not a liar or a stupid man, one can only conclude that he does not believe academic honesty and integrity are very important. This is an alarming trait in a University President.

President Poshard owes it to SIU to resign.

W. D. Wallis
mathematics professor

Time to bring back some common sense

DEAR EDITOR:

The controversy surrounding the President of SIU has begun to bother me. While I have met Dr. Glenn Poshard on several occasions professionally, I have no vested interest in the affair. However, as it is playing out I have several observations and questions.

My first deals with the continuous calls for "open and honest" revelation on the part of Dr. Poshard. If that is the case, why is the same not also required of the person(s) who brought to light the issue in the first place?

Next, I struggle with a concept of law known as the

statute of limitations. I believe that in law there are very few actions that do not have to follow that rule. One of those exceptions is for murder. If an academic panel found the text of Dr. Poshard's work acceptable more than twenty years ago, why is it an issue now? Please tell me we are not making this "issue" as grave a matter as that of taking a life?

I am also troubled by the faculty vote at SIUE and rationale of the person who proposed it. Quoting a former U.S. President: "What is 'is'?" In philosophy there is a construct known as "cause and effect." I wonder what the "real" cause is? Is it academic integrity or perhaps the not so off hand remark to separate the two campuses? Or could it be something else?

In short I find this small rodent-like bump being made into the latest glacial peak. It seems that we are more and

more becoming a people caught up in the minutiae while real problems within society remain. Yes, academic integrity is important, but to the detriment of "real" societal issues; I think not!

Perhaps some of those in the academic "ivory towers" and the editorial offices who have been calling for the removal of Dr. Poshard would like to join me in my office where I deal with people who are trying to purchase gasoline for their cars, put food on their tables, pay their rent or keep their utilities connected; "real" issues for "real" people.

Is it not time to return some "common" sense to the issues that seem to drive our media and our lives?

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Ridership for the year, which ended Sept. 30, surpassed the previous record of 25.03 million set in 2004, before Amtrak transferred some services to a commuter rail operator.

Ticket revenue at the federally subsidized company increased 11 percent to \$1.5 billion from \$1.37 billion in 2006. Total revenue was \$2.2 billion, Amtrak said. That number includes

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Amtrak received \$1.3 billion in federal funding for fiscal 2007.

“Highway and airway congestion, volatile fuel prices, increasing environmental awareness, and a need for transportation links between growing communities, are some of the factors that make intercity passenger rail extremely relevant in today’s world,” Amtrak President Alex Kummant said in a statement.

“Our record-setting ridership and ticket revenue in FY07 indicate the stage is set for Amtrak to take on a role as not only a contributor to the nation’s transportation network, but as a leader among modes,” he added.

The Northeast saw the biggest leap in revenue — by 14 percent to \$829.3 million, Amtrak said. The Acela Express, Amtrak’s high-speed

Amtrak in Carbondale

- The Saluki and Illini each make one run daily between Chicago and Carbondale in each direction. These trains each serve nine stations between Carbondale and Chicago.
- The City of New Orleans runs once daily between Chicago and New Orleans in each direction, serving 17 stations along the way.

SOURCE: www.amtrak.com

Boston-Washington service, experienced a 20 percent jump in ridership to 3.1 million passengers and a 23 percent increase in revenue to \$403.5 million.

Illinois was another big source of new riders after the state Department of Transportation more than doubled its contract with Amtrak, providing much more frequent service within the state.

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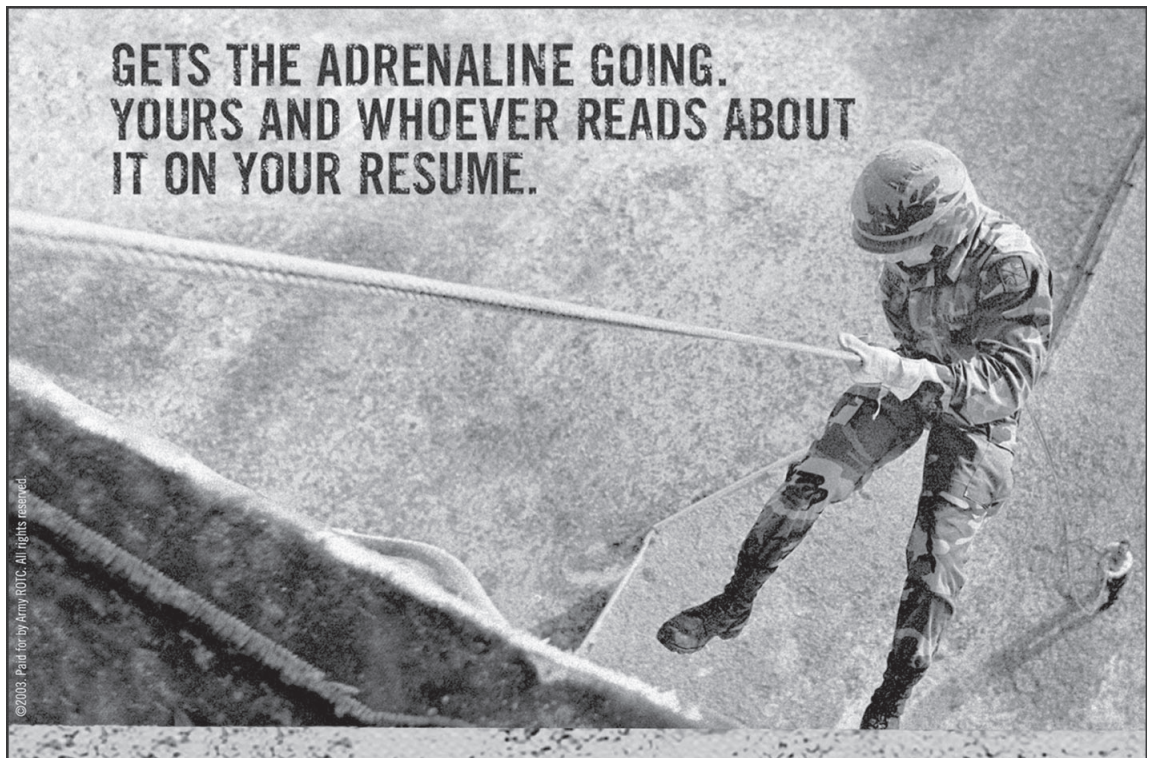


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State Web site lets anyone 'follow the money'

'Open Book' site links contract database to Illinois campaign donations list

Christopher Wills
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Comptroller Dan Hynes wants a law to cut the connections between political donations and government contracts, but for now he'll make do with a Web site meant to draw attention to "pay to play" politics.

Hynes launched a site Tuesday that makes it simple for the public to search campaign donors and find out whether they ended up with a state contract.

The Chicago Democrat hopes the site sheds light on "pay to play" politics — the practice of giving donations in order to get a slice of state business.

"Track a state contract back far enough and there's a good chance that a campaign contribution was made to the right person at the right time," Hynes said at a news conference. "What we're unveiling is a user-friendly Web site that gives everyone ... the ability to follow the money."

Hynes said he hopes the move

pressures Gov. Rod Blagojevich and state Senate President Emil Jones to support legislation restricting political donations by contractors. If not, perhaps it will at least make officials reluctant to award contracts that might embarrass them.

"There is a shame element here," he said.

The "Open Book" Web site works by linking the state's database of contract information to the Board of Elections' list of campaign donations. Visitors can type in a word or two and see any related contracts or donations, along with donations by company employees.

For instance, someone interested in the surveying industry could search the Open Book site and find

a long list of surveying companies that have won state contracts or have made campaign donations.

Further searching would show that one survey company often shows up on both lists, making contributions to politicians of both parties and landing plenty of contracts.

Government watchdog groups applauded the new site.

"It's a really terrific system that I think has the potential of unleashing thousands of ants all over the state to crawl over the problem of pay-to-play contracting," said David Morrison, assistant director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform.

Reform advocates are pushing

On the Internet:

• "Open Book" Web site:
www.openbook.ioc.state.il.us

• Illinois State legislative Web site:
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for a law barring campaign donations from people with large state contracts. The House approved the measure unanimously, and it has dozens of Senate supporters, but Jones refuse to call it for a vote.

He and Blagojevich say they want a broader new ethics law, but neither one is taking action to make that happen.

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A place for peace

Labyrinth Peace Garden teaches meditation methods

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

There is a garden behind the Interfaith Center where one can find peace.

The Labyrinth Peace Garden, which was donated as a gift to the community from the University Christian Ministries, has graced the Interfaith Center's garden since 2000 and has offered visitors a way to relax and find peace of mind.

Used as an orderly path to quiet the mind, a labyrinth is a walking meditative practice that has been around for thousands of years. An ancient tool of meditation, walking the labyrinth can help people to focus on problem solving, provide a place for prayer or simply a quiet meditation or reflection period.

The purpose of the Labyrinth Peace Garden is to provide a place for working meditation, said Hugh Muldoon, director of the University Christian Ministries. The labyrinth, he said, is for spiritual growth and is a place for people to think about the problems in their lives.

"Walking the labyrinth is a wonderful way to get to the heart of their issues," Muldoon said.

Muldoon, who has walked the labyrinth many times, said the twists and turns of the labyrinth represent the path of life.

"It reminds me of the possibility that if you take the necessary steps, you can get to the center of your life," Muldoon said.



JASON JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Carbondale labyrinth 2000 is located behind the Interfaith Center. Stage III of the project will include adding texture to the labyrinth to aid the visually impaired and the site will be made handicapped accessible, according to the Carbondale Labyrinth 2000 pamphlet.

Regardless of the meditative and spiritual benefits of the labyrinth, many people aren't aware of its existence. According to Muldoon, the garden is partially hidden from the street to ensure a quiet, peaceful setting.

Kevin McPartlin, a junior from Park Ridge studying architecture, said he had never known of the labyrinth until a class trip took him there.

"Nobody knows it's there," McPartlin said.

Robert Swenson, an associate professor in the architecture department and a licensed archi-

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director, University Christian Ministries

tect, helped plan and design the labyrinth as a public garden space.

Modeled after the labyrinth in the Chartres Cathedral in France, it creates a place for quiet meditation and thought, Swenson said.

"It's not hypnotic, it's not religious, but if you walk it, it's really a relaxing experience," Swenson said.

Muldoon said the labyrinth is something UCM can offer the community and its use is not limited to spiritual or religious intentions.

"It's different for everybody and that's part of the beauty of it," he said.

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Slip of the tongue: Osama, not Obama

Glen Johnson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREENWOOD, S.C. — In a slip of the tongue, Republican Mitt Romney accused Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama of urging terrorists to congregate in Iraq.

In the midst of criticizing Obama and other Democrats on foreign and economic policy Tuesday, the GOP presidential hopeful said:

"Actually, just look at what Osam — Barack Obama — said just yesterday. Barack Obama, calling on radicals, jihadists of all different types, to come together in Iraq. That is the battlefield. ... It's almost as if the Democratic contenders for president are living in fantasyland. Their idea for jihad is to retreat, and their idea for the economy is to also retreat. And in my view, both efforts are wrongheaded."

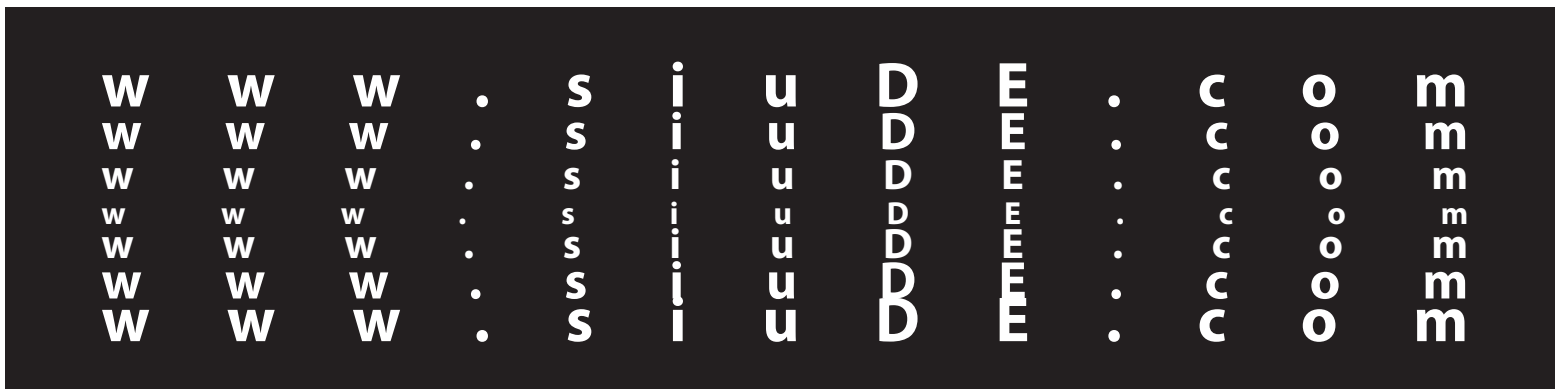
Romney apparently was referring to an audiotape aired Monday in which a speaker believed to be terrorist Osama bin Laden called for insurgents in Iraq to unite and avoid divisions.

The authenticity of the tape aired on Al-Jazeera television could not be immediately confirmed.

Romney was addressing a Chamber of Commerce meeting. Spokesman Kevin Madden said: "He misspoke. He was referring to the audiotape of Osama bin Laden and misspoke. It was just a mix-up."

Romney's campaign refused to make him available later at either of his final two stops to discuss the matter.

Obama spokesman Bill Burton said, "Apparently, Mitt Romney can switch names just as casually as he switches positions, but what's wrongheaded is continuing a misguided war in Iraq that has left America less safe."



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Jury awards \$2 million to acquitted Chicago man

Man claims he was framed by officers in abduction case

Mike Robinson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal court jury awarded more than \$2 million Tuesday to an iron worker who claims two Chicago detectives framed him six years ago on charges of attempting to abduct a pair of pre-teen girls.

"I'd like to let them know that they ruined my whole life and now hopefully I can get it back," Timothy Finwall, 40, said as he left court the winner in the latest of a series of cases to hand police a black eye.

The jury deliberated for five hours over a little more than four days of testimony before awarding Finwall nearly \$2.03 million in damages.

He was arrested in April 2001 and accused of proposing a "field trip" to an 8-year-old girl and grabbing the arm of another child and offering her candy. A jury acquitted him of the charges in July 2002.

Finwall's attorney, Mike Kanovitz, said the detectives may have been motivated by an earlier brush with the law in which Finwall, a former Marine and Persian Gulf War veteran, disarmed an off-duty police officer.

The off-duty officer was drunk and menacing Finwall's friend at the time, Kanovitz said. He portrayed his client as a hero for taking the officer's weapon. But Finwall was charged with a crime and got probation.

Kanovitz suggested that the earlier incident may have prompted the two detectives to blame Finwall for attempting to abduct the two girls.

"Hopefully, someone from the Chicago police department will read the transcript of this trial and they will see the lies these two officers told," Kanovitz said. He said that "the whole case was a pack of lies."

He pointed to notes one of the officers had allegedly taken on a statement given by one of the girls, noting that the writing was "in perfect paragraph form."

"His testimony was that he took it down just as she told it to him," Kanovitz said. "He had to sit there for 30 minutes defending to a jury of eight people just how it is that a 9-year-old girl goes about speaking in perfect paragraph form."

Kanovitz said police prompted witnesses in their testimony, including the mother of one girl.

A spokeswoman for the Chicago corporation counsel's office, Jennifer Hoyle, said that the city was "very disappointed in the verdict."

"Witnesses testified at both the criminal trial and this civil trial that Finwall was the one responsible," Hoyle said. "To this day, (the mother of one girl) maintains that Finwall was the one who tried to abduct her daughter."

The Chicago Police Department has been beset by an array of nasty public relations setbacks in recent weeks. Seven members of a now disbanded elite unit, the special operations division, face charges that they beat and shook down civilians.

One member of the unit, which was formed to crack down on drug-dealing street gangs, is charged with plotting the murder of a fellow officer to prevent him from becoming a prosecution witness.

Videotapes introduced in two other court cases show police apparently beating a group of businessmen in one barroom altercation and a husky off-duty officer beating a 115-pound female bartender in another instance.

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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 Tuesday's puzzle

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- Talk incessantly
- Passover feast
- "— Britannia"
- Costa —
- Wipe out
- Baby powder additive
- Inarticulate grunts
- Tries out
- Entry in Washington's day-planner?
- Have dinner
- Badminton barrier
- Feudal farmer
- Unmannerly
- Amusement
- Localities
- Window section
- Moon goddess
- Entry in Churchill's day-planner?
- Latin 101 word
- QED word
- Soap substitute
- Observe
- Stage direction
- Gaped
- Simian
- Grant's foe
- Entry in Roosevelt's day-planner?
- Geese in a group
- Music of India
- Composer
- Spicy sauce
- Robert of "The Sopranos"
- Hindu deity
- Kingsley film
- Rendered fat
- Biographer of Henry James

DOWN

- Historic period
- Tulip, e.g.
- Baseball family name
- do-well
- Inhumanly cruel
- Fire up
- Belly problem
- Shindig
- Small sofa
- Upright
- Sprint
- Noble family of Ferrara
- Take a breather
- Leavening agent
- Peruvian range
- Flower holders
- Crop up
- Have a feeling
- Rice liquor
- Morocco's capital
- Individual entity
- Violent anger
- "— Tom's Cabin"
- Nude
- Actress Gilpin
- Tibetan monk
- One casting spells
- Paired
- Word from a name
- Alaska buyer
- In flames
- Cubist Fernand
- Author of "The Nazarene"
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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — You're excited, but it's important to maintain control. Name, rank and serial number. That's it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — No need to share your research with anyone, yet. Keep collecting data. Do ask for help in other areas of your life. Make time to study.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Friends pester you for more attention, but you have work to do. Get them to help, and you'll soon be way ahead in the game.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — A controversy erupts, which you'd just as soon avoid. Let the others argue it out, and don't let them step on you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're starting to get lots of new ideas. Don't race off quite yet. This is just the beginning of a very imaginative phase. Make lists, postpone action.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — The possibility of getting a loan seems like a fruitful prospect. Don't fall for the sales pitch, though. Don't pay more than you earn to the sharks.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — You've been holding back a lot of what you've been thinking. Do that a while longer, if you want to avoid controversy. If you don't care, let 'er rip.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Work's required, but you should be well paid for your efforts. Do it quickly and you might even get a bonus.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Heed an old friend's advice when it comes to romantic matters. You don't have to learn everything from your own experience

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Don't go racing to the mall to get something you don't need. Just because it's on sale isn't a good enough excuse.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — It just got a little bit easier for you to achieve your goals. This applies especially to those you've had for a while. Check off a few before you start on the new stuff.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — More money's coming your way, without your doing much more work. It looks like you're getting a raise or a better job. If that's not happening in your life, apply for something quick.

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Shades of beauty 'In Rainbows'

Alicia Wade
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"In Rainbows"
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Release date: Oct. 10, 2007

Record label: self-released

www.inrainbows.com, www.radiohead.com/deadairspace

Radiohead had the entire music industry buzzing when they revealed their latest album "In Rainbows" was complete just 10 days before it was set to be released.

Even more appalling to the industry was the method by which the new album would be sold. Initially, "In Rainbows" is only available on the band's Web site in MP3 form, and buyers are allowed to name their own price

in pounds and pence. Fans can also order a box set later this year that has such goodies as vinyls, photographs, other recordings and the digital download of "In Rainbows."

Radiohead has always been known for pushing the boundaries of music and now they're pushing the limits of music, caving to the obvious — peer to peer downloads and other forms of file sharing that happen no matter how the album is released.

With the triumph of beauty and sheer musical greatness "In Rainbows" is, it's hard to feel cheated by this album.

Every track flows in perfect succession on the recording, building emotional intensity and releasing it in glorious moments where vocals and instruments lean on each other in perfect balance.

It should be said that "In Rainbows" is probably the easiest listen for non-fans of the group, as it features a stripped down Radiohead devoid of electronic sounds, though they still have their trademark electronics here and there.

Thom Yorke's unique, warbling vocals are equally balanced with gorgeous instrumentals throughout the recording, and the strength of the emotionally driven lyrics are matched by none.

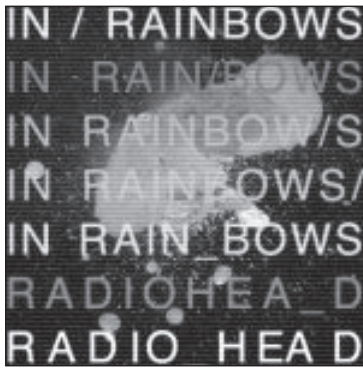
The 10-track album kicks off with the drum-led "15 Step," a song that feels as though the band is sitting on the concrete steps of a city neighborhood creating a melancholy sound through experimentation.

Yorke sings over the top of the bouncing beat emotionally straightforward lyrics about feeling stuck where you are no matter what you do.

"How come I end up where I started, how come I end up where I went wrong, won't take my eyes off the ball again, you reel me out when and you cut the string," he sings in his high-pitched voice.

The album flows into the song "Bodysnatchers," an upbeat guitar-fest with distorted vocals that sounds closer to previous Radiohead albums than any other song on the record.

"Weird Fishes Arpeggi" features a gorgeous guitar line built from eternal arpeggios, circling over and over again with each other as though somehow Radiohead managed to give a voice to sunlight dancing on water. Backed by a light, but urgent drumbeat, the song becomes a gorgeous arena for Yorke to



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emote his heartfelt tune of "Your eyes they turn me. Why should I stay here? Why should I stay? I'd be crazy not to follow, follow where you lead."

With each recording flowing into the next more beautifully than the one before, the album ends in a glorious crescendo with the bare ballad "Videotape."

A skeletal piano intro quietly introduces the contemplative song, and reflective, heartbreaking vocals chime in over it "When I'm at the pearly gates this will be on my videotape, my videotape."

Much was said about the quality of the album being sold only as a download, but it's difficult to detect even a hint of detriment to the sound in MP3 form.

"In Rainbows" is a wonderful breath of fresh air, something to which the most casual Radiohead listeners have become accustomed. With the gorgeous recordings of beautiful lyrics and sounds, "In Rainbows" is the greatness fans deserve.

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Coheed concludes strong

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Coheed and Cambria

"No World For Tomorrow"

Release date: Oct. 23, 2007

Record Label: Columbia Records

www.coheedandcambria.com

The end has finally come.

With "No World For Tomorrow," Coheed and Cambria writes the final chapter of the "Armory Wars" saga,

a storyline that has been developed through their previous albums — and what a conclusion it is.

While it is impossible to pigeon-hole Coheed and Cambria into a specific genre, "No World For Tomorrow" is a successful blend of the pop-rock sound for which the band has been striving.

Some of the pop sound is a result of vocalist and guitarist Claudio Sanchez's incredibly unique voice, an indescribable high-pitch sound that may drive some listeners up the wall, especially when Sanchez hits his little-girl-sounding falsetto.

Thankfully, though, the vocalist has a wide range, and most of the album is a testament to his vocal ability.

For true Coheed fans, Sanchez's voice is just one more thing that sets Coheed and Cambria apart from the rest of mainstream pop rock.

"No World For Tomorrow" is evidence of Sanchez and Travis Sever's

development of their guitar prowess. Many tracks on the album, such as "Radio Bye Bye," feature power solos with a classic rock sound.

Foo Fighters drummer Taylor Hawkins lends his talents to the album, adding background beats and riffs.

The album opens with an acoustic introduction in "The Reaping," but immediately switches to heavy rock with the second and title track.



4 out of 5 stars

"The End Complete," the five-track, 25-minute conclusion to the album and the

"Armory Wars" saga, is arguably the meat of the album.

This epic combines Claudio's skill as a narrative lyricist with his unique vocal qualities and the instrumental prowess of the band to bring a powerful conclusion to the end of Coheed and Cambria's four-album narrative.

Fans who follow the "Armory Wars" storyline may be dismayed that the lyrics are not included with the CD but otherwise won't be disappointed with the final installment of the saga.

Those who haven't religiously purchased the previous Coheed and Cambria albums on their release dates can still find pleasure in this latest album for its strong blend of storytelling and powerful instrumentation.

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"Three fewer hours of sitting on the coach anxiously awaiting the 'Current Pick' jingle? Three fewer hours of senseless Boomerisms? Three fewer hours of awkward Keyshawn Johnson interviews? Three fewer hours of cautiously optimistic Raider fans? Three fewer hours of fun."

"I'm in favor of anything that shortens the length of the NFL Draft, especially after the round that never ended. But I don't like changing the start time, or concluding Day 1 with the second round. Nobody was complaining about that. So why change it?"

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"Really? Does it make a difference? Six hours is way too long for two rounds of a draft, and the league needed to do something about it. If teams can't figure out how to trade or make offers to other players in 10 minutes ... well, they're just going to be out of luck."

GUEST COMMENTATOR: TYRONE GREEN

"I think that making each round shorter, owners of the team's won't have as much time to make a pick."

- SIU men's basketball senior guard Tyrone Green



QUOTE OF THE DAY

Jerry Kill



"I think I was on one of them three-year deals and get evaluated after the third year, and we were fortunate to go 10-2. So I'm just glad I got a job, and I'm glad I'm at Southern Illinois, and I'm glad and very fortunate to work with great kids and administration."

— Head coach Jerry Kill on earning his 50th win with the Salukis



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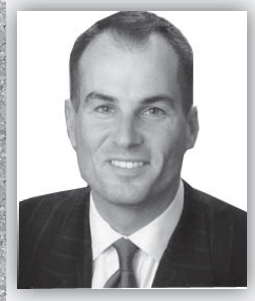
What others are saying about the Salukis

"I can't imagine that you are going to find any team across the country that gets after it defensively like Lowery's Salukis. In a one-on-one blockout drill, Bryan Mullins and (Tyrone) Green chased a loose ball past halfcourt and both dove on the floor well out of bounds. You just don't see this type of effort in every practice." -Jeff Goodman, FOXSports.com.



"Saint Louis over Southern Illinois, Dec. 15: The Salukis never play well in St. Louis. They have won the Missouri Valley regular-season title five of the past six years but have won Arch Madness -- the conference tournament -- in the STL only once during those years. In addition, new St. Louis coach Rick Majerus will have a game plan that breaks down the immense pressure of SIU and expose their youth without (Jamaal) Tatum." - Doug Gottlieb, ESPN.com, on one of his upset picks this season.

"Indiana at Southern Illinois, Dec. 1: Who scheduled this one? This is like agreeing to fight an angry snake in the depth of its favorite hole. Indiana newcomer Eric Gordon will get an eye-opener in Carbondale, and if Indiana isn't ready for a fight, Southern Illinois will win. No team in America closes out better than Southern Illinois. It's like a clinic." -Jay Bilas, ESPN.com, on one of the 10 games he'd pay to see.



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**Freshman
linebacker
Stephen
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Cody Kirby**
before
bringing him
down for a
nine-yard
sack. The
SIU defense
recorded five
sacks and 12
tackles for
a loss in the
45-10 win
Saturday.

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BACKFIELD HIT

Saluki defense drives Missouri State backwards

Sean McGahan
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

As the Missouri State Bears attempted to move the ball down the field Saturday, the Saluki defense was busy moving them in the opposite direction.

The SIU defense made its living in

the Missouri State backfield in its 45-10 victory, with 12 players recording at least one assisted tackle for a loss. Five sacks and 12 total tackles for losses led to 43 negative yards for the Bears.

Coach Jerry Kill said the difference in the game was that the Saluki defenders played the role of the aggressor early and set the tone for the entire

contest — something they didn't do in the 30-24 loss against Northern Iowa.

"Sometimes football's no different than a boxing match, so to speak. You've got to beat the guy to the punch," Kill said. "We took the punch in that game at Northern Iowa, and we didn't want to do that (Saturday)."

The target for that early Saluki

punch was Missouri State quarterback Cody Kirby.

Kirby, a freshman, took some hard hits in the Oct. 13 loss to Western Illinois. Senior linebacker Trevor Moe said the Salukis wanted to get after Kirby in a similar way.

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VOLLEYBALL

Berwanger bounces back

Megan Kramper
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Getting off the pine and back on the court has been an uphill battle for redshirt freshman Jennifer Berwanger.

Despite an ACL injury that ended her season last year, Berwanger has returned to a lead role in the SIU volleyball team's starting lineup. She has recorded 1.94 kills and 2.85 digs per game this season as outside hitter for the Salukis.

"I definitely knew I was going work my butt off to get that position," Berwanger said.

Berwanger went through five months of rehabilitation with the team training staff, which she called the hardest struggle she's ever endured.

Coach Brenda Winkeler said she was pleased with the way Berwanger dealt with her injury both physically and mentally.

"It's very difficult mentally and

I was surprised with her," Winkeler said. "She wasn't afraid to participate."

Winkeler said Berwanger's determination to come back to the court quickly is what she calls the "Berwanger characteristic."

Berwanger's older sister, Kristie, has also seen her share of time on the bench as a Saluki. She sat out her freshman year with a redshirt and has been inactive for nearly a month this season with an illness.

Kristie Berwanger said her sister worked hard to be back in the starting lineup, and the team is excited to be healthy again.

"She's one of our biggest ball control people on the court," Kristie Berwanger said. "She provides a lot of consistency and steadiness."

After her season was cut short, Jennifer Berwanger found it hard to sit on the bench and watch her team play but contributed by yelling out plays and giving tips off the bench.

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Sophomore outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger has made an impressive comeback from her ACL injury last season. Berwanger averages 1.94 kills per game and 2.85 digs per game.

“She’s one of our biggest ball control people on the court. She provides a lot of consistency and steadiness.”

— Kristie Berwanger
 Jennifer Berwanger's sister and teammate

FANTASY

The swap meet

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The trading deadline passed with two deals being made, and now it's time to decide what they mean.

Despite the fact that the deadline passed after Week 7 and the NFL is heading into Week 8, the deals won't begin to make an impact until now.

The San Diego Chargers had their bye in Week 7, and the bigger of the two moves was San Diego's trade for receiver Chris Chambers.

(The other move was the Tampa Bay Buccaneers trading with the Chiefs for halfback Michael Bennett. But that will have about as much bearing as the 49ers activating running back Zak Keasey from the practice squad. In other words, don't worry about it.)

Now Chambers won't be a free agent, and if he is you somehow joined a league entirely of monkeys. As if the team names "Coco's Crew" and "Feces Tossers" weren't enough of a giveaway ... uh, let's move on.

Chambers' value automatically goes up because Miami stinks. That's a given. But this trade will also help some other players on San Diego's offense.

Philip Rivers actually has a threat on the outside, for starters. Of Rivers' 116 completions this season, 68 have went to either Antonio Gates or LaDainian Tomlinson.

The trade of Chambers could also be good news for Vincent Jackson, who has done little in fantasy all season. Now opposing defenses will need to assign their best cornerback to Chambers, which could leave Jackson open more than he has been. (Hint: it hasn't been much.)

With that settled, it's time for another edition of "Who's Burning Detroit?"

Last week's answer was Ike Hilliard, who totaled 92 yards and a touchdown against the Lions' secondary.

Detroit heads to Chicago this week, and Muhsin Muhammad is available as a free agent in about half of the NFL.com fantasy leagues.

If you can get him or Bernard Berrian, do it — because when you can get 15 points from the likes of Ike Hilliard, you know this segment is for real.

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