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Men join fight against abuse of women

Men's group, clothesline project hope to stem domestic violence

Jenn Lofton
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

More than 1,200 women die from domestic violence every year.

These statistics from the American Institute on Domestic Violence have started a nationwide effort to highlight that number of victims has not diminished, but there is a fight to end it.

SIUC's Progressive Masculinity Mentor organization is taking part in this movement to stop the abuse and murder of women for "Men Against Violence" week. During the next few days, the organization will collaborate with the Women's Center to host events to educate men about the ongoing problem and encourage them not to commit these violent acts.

On Tuesday afternoon in the Faner breezeway, Derrick Williams, the organization's founder, and other members set up a table for male students to take a pledge against domestic violence for the "These Hands Don't Hurt" project.

Each student was given a paper hand to sign and display around the table. The students were also given a white gel bracelet that read "Stop Violence Against Women" to show their support for the cause.

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Jacob Hays, a freshman from Carbondale studying musical theater, and Lydia Dunmyer, a freshman from Du Quoin studying vocal performance, look at the T-shirts hanging in the Faner Hall breezeway Tuesday. The Clothesline Project intends to bring light to violence against women.

take the approach and do the work," Williams said.

Williams came to the university in 2004 as a doctoral student in speech

communication and had a goal of forming a group of men who had strong opinions and wanted to take action against domestic violence.

Usually this issue is kept underground, Williams said, and that is the reason it is important for those men who are not afraid to talk about it get an opportunity to speak out. It will also show their support for the victims

who have suffered from these crimes and work to prevent it, he said.

Christy Hamilton, coordinator for relationship violence and sexual assault at the Wellness Center, said projects like "These Hands Don't Hurt" and the Women's Center's "Clothesline" project are a way for people to become aware of the topic and come up with ways to help make society safer

for women.

Over the years, the Women's Center's project has become the eye-opener of the week with T-shirts hung in front of Faner. Each shirt has a victim's story of domestic violence written on it or memorials to those who have died from it.

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— Derrick Williams
 founder of SIUC's Progressive Masculinity Mentor organization

USG leader-to-be switches stance on funding reform

Vice president-elect 'misspoke' about finance committee changes

Allison Petty
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Undergraduate Government Vice President-elect Vincent Hardy dropped his call to reform the finance committee after a meeting with the committee and USG President Demetrious White Tuesday night.

The finance committee, which distributes more than \$400,000 a year, has faced scrutiny after allegations of favoritism surfaced during student elections last week. As a result of these allegations, Hardy initially

Student President-elect

said his first goal was to reform the committee.

"Given all the controversy that's surrounded the finance committee, that's going to be the first thing on my agenda — to take the process and re-evaluate, try to make it so it's more fair, not only have it so it's USG that makes the decisions but a more diverse collection of students," Hardy said Sunday.

At the time, Hardy also said he hoped to incorporate representatives of umbrella organizations such as Black Affairs Council and International Student Council,

which distribute money they receive to other registered student organizations.

Three days later after stepping out of a meeting with White and the finance committee, Hardy said he previously "misspoke" and stressed that his plan to include umbrella organizations was just an idea.

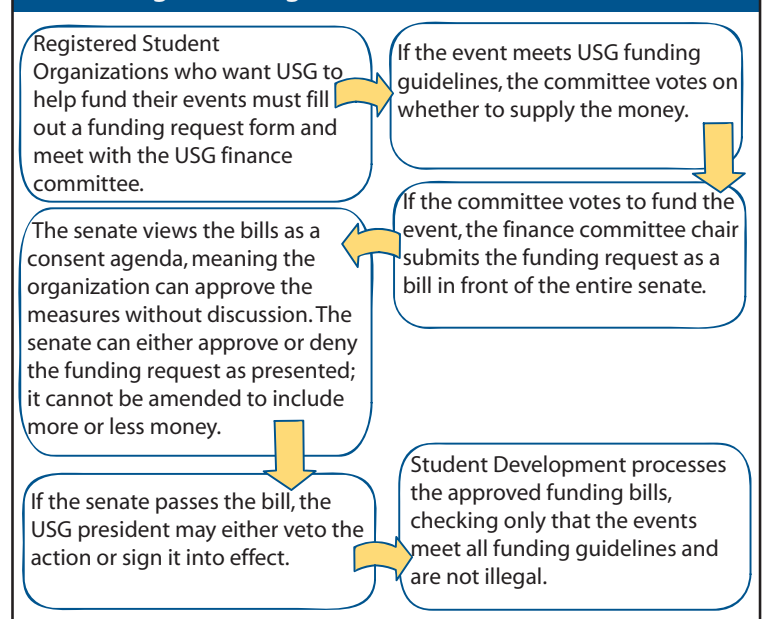
"Right now, not speaking as the vice president-elect but speaking as a current finance committee member, the way the system is set up is fail-proof," Hardy said. "A lot of the negative press and stuff that the finance committee has gotten these last few weeks is because people don't know how it works."

Hardy said he had not previously considered that including umbrella organizations could add bias to the funding process.

When asked about the discrepancies between his statements several hours later, Hardy said, "Right, they do kind of contradict each other."

He said he thinks the system is fair but wants the whole senate to agree.

How RSOs get funding from USG



Source: USG president Demetrious White

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Hardy added that he would come up with several ideas for the committee, but would ultimately leave the deci-

sion to the senate.

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There are no suspects in the theft of a Motorola cell phone from the Engineering Building between 6:40 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

NEWS BRIEFS

Boy clings to life four days after stroller was blown into lake
CHICAGO (AP) — A 2-year-old boy remains hospitalized in critical condition four days after being blown by a wind gust into Lake Michigan while strapped into his stroller.
Medical experts say children can survive after being underwater for long periods — if the water is very cold. That's because the body reflexively slows the heart and diverts blood to vital organs.
In Friday's rescue, the boy remained submerged for at least 15 minutes in 42-degree water. He was unconscious when members of the Chicago Fire Department's dive team pulled him out of the lake.
Children's Memorial Hospital spokeswoman Julie Pesch says the toddler's family has asked that no information, other than his condition, be released.

Nine people killed in 36 shootings over the weekend in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — Nine people were killed in 36 shootings over the weekend in Chicago, reflecting what some community leaders say is a deadly breakdown in discipline among gang members after a crackdown over the past few years put many of their leaders behind bars.
"The older guys in the past looked out for the little ones. Now they're all locked up," said Nick Stames, a social studies teacher at Crane Tech High School on the city's gang-ridden West Side. "There's no sense of discipline in the projects. Everybody's doing their own thing."
Now there is growing fear Chicago could be in for a long, bloody summer.
"If this happened on this weekend, what is ahead of us when it gets to be 85, 90 and when the schools close in June?" said the Rev. Michael Pfleger, an activist on the South Side. "A lot of kids out there are running their own game, trying to one-up each other for respect."
The shootings included drive-by attacks, and one case in which someone shot up a plumbing supply store with an AK-47. At least 14 of the shootings were gang-related, according to police. As for the rest, the only thing they can say for sure is that three had nothing to do with gangs.

Norovirus outbreak reported in western Illinois

MONMOUTH (AP) — Health officials in western Illinois are investigating an outbreak of norovirus.
Warren County Health Department Administrator Jenna Link says the gastrointestinal illness has been confirmed in roughly 100 people who are either county residents or who have passed through the area.
Link says she's heard about people from Knox, Warren and Henderson counties who may be ill, along with Wisconsin residents who came to Illinois to watch a tennis tournament.
The virus causes nausea, vomiting and diarrhea and usually lasts 24 to 48 hours.
Link says the virus can be transmitted by eating food or drinking water contaminated with the virus, coming into contact with people who are infected or by touching contaminated items.
Link suggests frequent hand-washing as the easiest way to prevent infection, along with carefully preparing foods.

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Terrence J. Flowers, a 20-year-old resident of Chicago, was arrested for domestic battery at Evergreen Terrace at 1 p.m. Friday. Flowers was transported to Jackson County Jail, but the victim did not require medical attention.

The State's Attorney's Office is investigating a domestic violence call at Southern Hills at 1:19 p.m. Friday. The suspect is a 19-year-old non-SIUC student who had fled the scene before police arrived. The victim did not require medical attention.

There are no suspects in the theft of a Motorola Cell phone from Boomer I between 10:30 p.m. and 10:56 p.m. Monday.

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Construction begins in the Student Center

Lindsey Smith
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Convenience is taking priority at the Student Center.

Construction to make way for a convenience store at the Student Center began last week and is expected to be completed by the time students return for fall semester, said Lori Stettler, director of the Student Center.

The first floor lounge will be split in two, Stettler said. A bank will occupy two-thirds of the area while the other third will become the new Information Station. The old Information Station will be transformed into a convenience store.

"Students have been asking for a convenience store in the Student Center. The store will be designed to meet the grab and go needs of today's students," Stettler said.

Some students agree with having a convenience store on campus, but question the decision to remove the lounge.

"All the sitting is where food is. So if you want to study, it's full of people eating and being loud," said Katie Bunt, a junior from LaMoille studying fashion design.

The rest and study space will not be replaced. The area that will eventually become a bank will remain open as a TV lounge until the bidding process begins, Stettler said.

The TV and furniture will be dispersed throughout the building.

Some details on the plans are unclear. The name of the convenience store and which bank will move to the Student Center are unknown. Stettler said branch banks would bid on the remodeled space in the near future.

"We are considering a naming contest (for the convenience store) where students will have the opportunity to



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Once the boards come down in the fall around the Student Center lounge, a bank and a renovated Information Station will replace the television lounge. The current Information Station will become a convenience store in the fall.

submit names that represent the campus, the Student Center and the convenience store concept," Stettler said.

Matt Guenn, a junior from West Frankfort studying architecture, said the convenience store doesn't seem necessary, especially for students living in residence halls, but liked the idea of a bank in the Student Center.

"That'd be pretty cool. My bank is in my hometown, so I have to travel

to get to it, so that might be a little bit better for me," Guenn said. "But it depends on what bank it is."

Other students feel there are plenty of ways to access money on campus.

"There's ATMs everywhere. It seems a little superfluous," Bunt said.

Stettler said Plant and Services Operations, the organization that handles all campus projects, is doing construction. Costs for the con-

struction are estimated at roughly \$35,000, which will come from the Student Center operations and equipment account.

Past projects supported through the account include energy efficient window film on all exterior Student Center windows, ceiling tiles on the second floor and controllable air conditioning in the ballrooms, Stettler said.

In the fall, Main Street Marketplace will also be remodeled, but details on the project are still vague, Stettler said.

"We are close to entering contract negotiations with vendors and hope to release that information prior to the end of the spring semester," Stettler said.

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Clinton grinds out victory over Obama

David Espo and Beth Fouhy

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Hillary Rodham Clinton ground out a gritty victory in the Pennsylvania primary Tuesday night, defeating Barack Obama and staving off elimination in their historic race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"Some counted me out and said to drop out," the former first lady told supporters cheering her triumph in a state where she was outspent by more than two-to-one. "But the American people don't quit. And they deserve a president who doesn't quit, either."

"Because of you, the tide is turning."

Her victory, while comfortable, set

up another critical test in two weeks time in Indiana. North Carolina votes the same night, with Obama already the clear favorite in a state with a large black population.

In Pennsylvania, Clinton was winning 54 percent of the vote to 46 percent for her rival with 75 percent counted, and she hoped for significant inroads into Obama's overall lead in the competition for delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

An early tabulation showed her gaining at least 28 delegates in Pennsylvania, with 130 more still to be awarded.

Clinton scored her victory by winning the votes of blue-collar workers, women and white men in an election where the economy

was the dominant concern. Obama was favored by blacks, the affluent and voters who recently switched to the Democratic Party, a group that comprised about one in 10 Pennsylvania voters, according to the surveys conducted by The Associated Press and the TV networks.

More than 80 percent of voters surveyed as they left their polling places said the nation was already in a recession.

A six-week campaign allowed time for intense courtship of the voters.

Clinton showed her blue-collar bona fides one night by knocking down a shot of whiskey, then taking a mug of beer as a chaser. Obama went bowling in his attempt to win over working-class voters.

Clinton's win marked at least the third time she had triumphed when defeat might have sent her to the campaign sidelines.

She won in New Hampshire last winter after coming in third in the kickoff Iowa caucuses, and she won primaries in Ohio and Texas several weeks later after losing 11 straight contests.

Her victory also gave Clinton a strong record in the big states as she attempts to persuade convention superdelegates to look past Obama's delegate advantage and his lead in the popular vote in picking a nominee. She had previously won primaries in Texas, California, Ohio and her home state of New York, while Obama won his home state of Illinois.



Volunteer Helen V. Gonzales of San Antonio wears a Hillary Rodham Clinton mask as she gives thumbs up to motorists Tuesday in Philadelphia.

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LOUISIANA

Bush criticizes Democrats for delaying trade pacts, hits candidates on NAFTA

NEW ORLEANS — President Bush chastised lawmakers on Tuesday for letting international trade deals falter in Congress and criticized Democratic presidential contenders for wanting to scrap or amend the vast North American free-trade zone.

At the close of a two-day summit, Bush, along with Mexican President Felipe Calderon and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, stood solidly behind the North American Free Trade Agreement. Under NAFTA, trade between the U.S., Canada and Mexico has swelled from roughly \$290 billion in 1994 to an estimated \$1 trillion by the end of this year.

"Now is not the time to renegotiate NAFTA or walk away from NAFTA," Bush said. "Now is the time to make it work better for all our people. And now is the time to reduce trade barriers worldwide."

The summit was overshadowed by Tuesday's Pennsylvania Democratic presidential primary race between Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama, who have threatened to pull the U.S. out of NAFTA or renegotiate it to push for more protections for workers and the environment.

With fears about job security already being fanned by downturns in the economy, trade has become a key issue of the presidential election. Bush argued that NAFTA has fostered prosperity in all three countries and that Clinton and Obama are wrongly using anti-trade messages to lure working class voters. Free-trade opponents say expanded international trade helps businesses, but threatens U.S. jobs and keeps wages from growing.

UNITED NATIONS

UN says Darfur conflict is getting worse; perhaps 300,000 dead and no prospect of peace

UNITED NATIONS — The conflict in Darfur is getting worse, with full deployment of a new peacekeeping force delayed until 2009 and no prospect of a political settlement for a war that has killed perhaps 300,000 people in five years, U.N. officials said Tuesday.

In grim reports to the Security Council, the United Nations aid chief and the representative of the peacekeeping mission said suffering in the Sudanese region is deteriorating. Tens of thousands more have been uprooted from their homes and food rations to the needy are about to be cut in half, they said.

"We continue to see the goal posts receding, to the point where peace in Darfur seems further away today than ever," said John Holmes, undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs.

The conflict began in early 2003 when ethnic African rebels took up arms against Sudan's Arab-dominated central government, accusing it of discrimination. Many of the worst atrocities in the war have been blamed on the janjaweed militia of Arab nomads allied with the government.

A joint U.N.-African Union peacekeeping force took over duties in Darfur in January from a beleaguered 7,000-man AU mission. But only about 9,000 soldiers and police officers of the authorized 26,000 have deployed.

"We are late and we are trying to speed up the deployment of this mission, and we facing many obstacles," said the U.N.-AU force's envoy, Rodolphe Adada. "But eventually, with the help of some donors, we could be in a position to achieve maybe 80 percent of the force by the end of this year."

The mission faces major problems in putting troops into a very hostile environment, Adada said. It still lacks five critical capabilities to become operational — attack helicopters, surveillance aircraft, transport helicopters, military engineers and logistical support.

NEW YORK

Mail carrier saves baby falling from window

ALBANY, N.Y. — A postal worker is credited with saving a 1-year-old girl by catching her after she fell out of a second-story window in Albany, N.Y.

Lisa Harrell was delivering mail to a home Monday morning when she noticed a baby in an open window above the front door. Harrell says the next thing she knew, the baby fell into her arms.

When the baby's mother realized what happened, she ran outside and grabbed the girl. The woman thanked Harrell and then ran to her mother's house.

Paramedics checked the baby and found no injuries.

Former Justice official pleads guilty in Abramoff probe

Erica Werner

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department lost one of its own to the Jack Abramoff lobbying scandal Tuesday as a former high-ranking department attorney pleaded guilty to conflict of interest.

Robert E. Coughlin II admitted in federal court in Washington that he accepted meals, concert tickets and luxury seats at sporting events from a lobbyist while helping the lobbyist's clients. He pleaded guilty to a single conflict-of-interest charge and faces up to 10 months in prison under a plea deal with the government.

The lobbyist is identified in court documents only as "Lobbyist A," but details of the relationship make clear that he is Kevin Ring, a former member of Abramoff's lobbying team and former Capitol Hill staffer who also is under investigation.

Ring was friends with Coughlin and lobbied him during the period in question on issues mentioned in the court papers, including money for a jail for the Choctaw tribe, The Associated Press has previously reported.

Abramoff, the disgraced GOP lobbyist, appears in court papers as "Lobbyist B," but plays mostly a bit part as Ring's demanding boss,

pressuring him for action on the Choctaw jail and other issues. The court papers state that Coughlin "never had a substantive conversation with Lobbyist B."

Coughlin, now 36 and living in Texas, accepted the gifts from 2001 to 2003 while working on legislative affairs for the Justice Department. He later became deputy chief of staff of the department's criminal division — the same division handling the Abramoff probe — before he resigned a year ago, citing personal reasons.

"Guilty, your honor," Coughlin said in a clear voice when Judge Ellen Segal Huvelle asked him how he would plead. He made no comment as he left court holding hands with his wife.

In a statement later, Coughlin's attorney Joshua Berman said: "Mr. Coughlin is deeply saddened by these events and looks forward to focusing his attention on his family and moving forward with his life."

Ring's attorney did not immediately return a call for comment.

Because of Coughlin's ties at Justice Department headquarters, prosecutors in Maryland investigated his conduct while reporting to the deputy attorney general's office in Washington.

As part of his plea, Coughlin

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— Joshua Berman
Robert E. Coughlin II's attorney

agreed to cooperate with prosecutors in their ongoing investigation. He has already offered substantial information about Ring's behavior, based on details in court papers.

The court papers detail Ring's attempts to get \$16.3 million for a jail for the Choctaw tribe, a major Abramoff client. Coughlin pulls strings to make it happen, including getting more sympathetic officials involved.

Ring e-mailed Coughlin in June 2002 after learning the grant would come through with competitive bidding waived. "Thanks is not strong enough. We need to celebrate this issue finally being over." Three days later he treated Coughlin and two other Justice Department officials to lunch at Signatures, the swanky Capitol Hill restaurant Abramoff once owned.

The government estimates the value of the gifts and meals Coughlin received at \$6,180; Coughlin puts it at \$4,800.

Coughlin failed to report the gifts on his financial disclosure forms. He also discussed with Ring the prospect of going to work at Greenberg Traurig, the law firm where Abramoff worked, while doing favors for the lobbyist.

The Justice Department probe of Abramoff and his team of lobbyists has led to convictions of a dozen people, including former Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, and former Deputy Interior Secretary Steven Griles. At least one current member of Congress, Rep. John Doolittle, R-Calif., remains under investigation.

Ring worked for Doolittle, who's retiring from Congress at the end of this year, before going to work for Abramoff.

Abramoff is serving prison time for a criminal case out of Florida and has not yet been sentenced on charges of mail fraud, conspiracy and tax evasion stemming from the influence-peddling scandal in Washington.

Faculty opposes four-year degrees at community colleges

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A resolution to oppose four-year degrees at community colleges was unanimously passed by the Faculty Senate Tuesday.

Gary Apgar, chair of the faculty status and welfare committee, presented a revised resolution to the Faculty Senate that is meant to oppose the movement of community colleges toward offering any degree above an associate. The resolution was in response to Mid-Continent University beginning to offer bachelor's degrees at John A. Logan Community College in Carterville.

The resolution states that Illinois community colleges were founded to prepare people for transfer to other colleges or universities. It also calls for a meeting between SIU President Glenn Poshard and the heads of John A. Logan.

Faculty Senate President Peggy Stockdale said the resolution would not stop universities such as Mid-Continent and SIU from offering degrees at community colleges, but instead focuses on the colleges granting bachelor's degrees by themselves.

Interim Chancellor Sam Goldman said community colleges are becoming more aggressive with ambitious presidents who are looking to build up the colleges to university levels.

"(Community colleges) have become a

major source of competition," Goldman said. "They are providing a real headache to us, a big-time headache."

Goldman said the Illinois Board of Higher Education should deal with the issue, but there is pending legislation to remove community colleges from the oversight of the IBHE. House Bill 5025 would have community colleges report solely to the Illinois Community College Board, which currently reports to the IBHE.

Goldman said the main problem would be getting the attention of the community colleges. Having all faculty senates in the state come together against the movement of community colleges might force them to listen, Goldman said, but the SIUC Faculty Senate opposing it alone probably wouldn't do much good.

"I don't think they really care one bit whether we like it."

— Sam Goldman
interim chancellor

"I don't think they really care one bit whether we like it," Goldman said.

Goldman said contacting Gov. Rod Blagojevich could help to have the IBHE stop the progressing movement of community colleges.

Stockdale said there is a council of Illinois university senates that might rally around this issue.

The resolution was originally presented at a meeting April 8, but the senate recommended revisions to the draft before voting.

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Interim Chancellor Sam Goldman fields questions during the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday. Goldman, who was a former Board of Trustees member, replaces Fernando Treviño while the university seeks out a new candidate.

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A civil request

“Stalled,” “negotiations” and “union” are three words nobody likely ever wants to hear together in a sentence.

Unfortunately for the university and its largest civil service employees union, this rhetoric is exactly what they must use to describe their 10-month deliberations that have carried on in the name of compromise.

Conversely, members of the Association of Civil Service Employees have been working that long without a contract.

It reminds the DAILY EGYPTIAN of similar headlines from 2003 when the Faculty Association and the university were up in arms about the faculty contract. After nearly a year of negotiations, the situation became that of such deep-seeded division and downright absurdity (a song from a rally with the lyrics “Go back to Texas, Mr. Wendler” comes to mind), that the group eventually threatened a strike Feb. 3, 2003.

Four days later, a contract agreement was reached.

What’s important to remember about this event is for a moment in time, students faced something not yet written in the pages of Illinois’ history: SIUC almost became the first

university in the state to not offer classes because of a strike.

Considering the purpose of a university is to educate, such a thing would have wreaked havoc on so many levels we’re glad we never had to go there.

Luckily, both sides of the current contract dispute are still willing to talk. The last thing anyone wants — at the DAILY EGYPTIAN at least — is another version of the 2003 debacle. But as Association President Cathy Lilley said, many civil servants feel underappreciated.

It’s no secret civil servants operate under a different tier in the academic hierarchy. Among other things, they are our secretaries, custodians and computer specialists. They are paid less. Their benefits are surely incomparable to that of an administrator.

But the DAILY EGYPTIAN wants to stress that this does not make them any less important.

“... We are the permanent residents here and we do have the institutional knowledge — we’re kind of the behind-the-scenes people that keep things going,” Lilley said.

Exactly. The ACSE hasn’t rejected an offer from the university in 30 years, which is also how



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long it has been instated. It’s clear the group is not in the business of being unreasonable. Simply put, the university’s offer of a 15- to 50-cent ante accompanied by a meager 3 percent across-the-board raise falls short of today’s economy.

We understand a tight state budget and a list of price-tagged campus grievances don’t

make things any easier on the university either. We need new roofs. Pipes need patching. And everyone probably thinks they deserve a raise.

But as long as we’re setting money aside for less needy projects, such as one ill-fated Saluki Way, we think the university can stand to make paying its employees fairly a higher

priority.

A graduate student with a decent fellowship who is just passing through stands to make nearly double what someone who has served the university for more than 20 years would collect.

C’mon, SIUC. We can be a little more civil than that.

WHAT THE HEALTH IS GOING ON?

Students rate stress as No. 1 problem

THE WELLNESS CENTER

Recent National College Health Assessment surveys show that stress is the top health factor negatively impacting academic performance.

This is not news to the SIUC Student Health Center, where physicians and counselors regularly see the negative impact of stress and sleep problems on students here on our campus. Excessive stress negatively affects not only learning and concentration, but also health, the immune system, physical appearance, mood and social interactions. Responding to these needs, the Wellness Center provides a stress management program with individual therapies, biofeedback training, relaxation skills and other services to intervene and deal with stress.

These services provide confidential assistance for many stress-related health issues, including sleep issues, for hundreds of students each semester.

More than 30 percent of students sur-

veyed by the NCHA rated stress as the No. 1 reason for poor academic performances such as missing classes and doing poorly on tests or projects. Surprisingly, traditional health issues such as chronic illness, chronic pain, mononucleosis and injuries, along with sexually transmitted infections, drug use and allergies were rated by less than 5 percent of students as factors having a negative impact on academic performance.

Twenty-one percent of students rated sleep difficulties as a factor in poor academic performance. Students also rated anxiety, depression and relationship difficulties in the five top health factors negatively impacting academic success.

Students can improve test anxiety, time management, relationship problems or any area of life that is causing stress overload. Students who have felt ready to quit school

because of emotional or other pressures have been able to finish their semesters successfully with support from counseling, skills training or learning new information.

One method recommended by experts is to learn a stress management strategy to reduce the stress response of the body. The body’s stress response raises heart rate, blood pressure, blood sugar and over activates the nervous system with stress chemicals such as cortisol, adrenaline and noradrenalin released in the body. By slowing down respiration rates

with deep breathing, the heart rhythm is calmed and the entire nervous system is more stabilized.

Current research published by the SIUC School of Medicine demonstrates that simply breathing more slowly and deeply for two minutes at a time, several times daily, can

enhance overall positive performance (found in “Teaching and Learning in Medicine: An International Journal” and “Depression and Anxiety Journal”). Students really can learn to clear their minds and concentrate despite personal, financial or family pressures.

Self-regulatory techniques such as progressive muscle relaxation, imagery and other behavioral tools are also taught at the Wellness Center. If these simple skills are practiced regularly, students may be better able to control physiological functions, thoughts and feelings. Listening to relaxation training tapes may help students to relieve worries, get some rest and not feel exhausted every day.

The stress management program will refer students as needed for medication, physician care, nutritional consultations, substance abuse assessments and other help.

For more information or to make an appointment for stress management, or other health information, contact the Wellness Center at 536-4441.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“It was great fun having skin cancer. It was great. I really enjoyed it.”

Ewan McGregor
actor

when asked if getting a mole removed was disturbing

INSIGHT



Standing like statues

Photo column by
Ryan Rendleman ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

The San Damiano Retreat Center is located on the Ohio River about nine miles east of Golconda.

I was there over the weekend with my church for a Christian retreat. The beautiful scenery and isolated location makes concentration on God easy.

The above image was taken in a light-hearted manner as friends played spoons. The center is chock-full of similar statues and paintings. Most of them represent Jesus as a blue-eyed, blonde haired Westerner.

Apparently, we've all forgotten that he was not a product of the 1960s Haight-Ashbury district, the old hippie-laden area of San Francisco.

The statues, however, are symbolic of an even larger problem for Western Christianity than the misrepresentation of Jesus Christ. Too often, Christians who face no persecution or trials such as those living in most democratic, Western nations remain as sterile and lifeless as these statues.

Their relationship with God is a matter of

attending Sunday service and then living their own lives the rest of the week. Their hearts are far from God.

The Pharisees were similar in this regard, and Jesus called them hypocrites. He wants a lifetime of whole-hearted devotion to Himself.

The church grows through leaps and bounds when faced with hardship as a result of its faith. An early Christian, Justin Martyr, said, "Though beheaded, and crucified, and thrown to wild beasts, and chains, and fire and all other kinds of torture, we do not give up our confession; but, the more such things happen, the more do others in larger numbers become faithful."

This type of persecution exists in the world today. Christians face real persecution in such places as Egypt, China, Cuba, Saudi Arabia and Iran. Western Christians, however, are shielded from this.

Would there be as many people in the West claiming Christ if they knew their lives were at stake? Would they stand?

I pray I would.

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USG

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The allegations

Days before the elections, Dylan Burns, a senator representing the College of Liberal Arts, accused White of favoritism in connection with a 600 percent increase in funding for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Though White is not a member of the fraternity, Burns said he believed White had political ties to the group.

Though current finance committee chairman Stephon Albert is a member of the fraternity, he said he leaves the room during funding votes concerning the fraternity. Albert said as long as he has belonged to the committee, Alpha Phi Alpha members have never voted on funding for their own group.

Some senators accused Burns of bringing the information forward for political reasons because he and White were both candidates for student trustee. White was declared the winner Wednesday night.

According to USG records provided by White, Alpha Phi Alpha received \$6,435 from USG in 2006-07. That number increased to \$38,420 in 2007-08. All of the money allocated by the organization comes from the student activity fee, which costs each student roughly \$36 per semester.

"We fund events, not organizations," White said emphatically. "That's been clear. It's in the (funding) guidelines."

White said USG does not take into account how much any group has received.

The history

The finance committee's history is mostly one of bickering and bitterness. White, who served as the committee's chairman in 2006-07, was the first chairman in years to serve a complete term.

"For the most part, everybody can agree. Last year, things went so much better (than previous years)," White said, knocking his hands on a table to emphasize his point. "That goes for students and administration alike."

In February 2001, the finance committee attempted to streamline the process for registered student organizations by reducing the funding request documents from 20 pages to two. DAILY EGYPTIAN articles during the following years show USG made several attempts to reform the committee, with varying degrees of success.

In the past, Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs, suggested taking control of the money from USG and giving it to a separate committee that could allocate the funds. But White said he fought to keep the students' money in the

hands of USG.

In March 2006, nine members of Digital Dog Records planned to sell plasma to pay for a trip to an extracurricular conference after USG denied the group's funding request. The group was one of many organizations disappointed and troubled by the process. Senators during that year said finance committee meetings occasionally escalated to the point of physical threats and shouting.

"We do admit that we have had a past that has been shaky with regards to consistency and efficiency but we have done our very best to iron out those discrepancies and smoothen things out," said Ken Suzuki, a finance committee member who also served on the committee two years ago.

Albert, Suzuki and Hardy agreed that this year was productive for the most part. They said the biggest problem occurred during a mid-year leadership transition from former chairman Joe Yancey to Albert.

Dietz has fiduciary responsibility for the student activity fee but said he preferred to leave its allocation up to the students. He said his office would watch for improprieties, but ultimately the decision to change the system rests with USG.

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VIOLENCE

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Hamilton said fortunately this year Williams stepped up to the plate to get men involved to show they care about the problem too.

"It's about making a difference and if we stand united and work together we will see a change," Hamilton said.

Devron Valliant, a sophomore

from Carbondale studying theater, made a pledge against domestic violence. Valliant said the project is an effective way to get those who care about the situation to show their support and for those who have never been involved to learn about the problem.

Valliant said he has witnessed acts of domestic violence in public places, which included an incident in the middle of a store where a man hit a

woman during a verbal dispute. He said he was disgusted by what he saw and encourages his friends and other men on campus to band together and work against sexual assaults and other violent acts.

"It's disgraceful to see a man hit a woman," Valliant said. "It is time for men to make a change."

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'The Black Swan': sink or swim?

Audra Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Story of the Year

'The Black Swan'

Release date: April 22

Record label: Epitaph Records

<http://storyoftheyear.net>

"The Black Swan" is less ugly duckling and more phoenix rising.

The third full-length album from Story of the Year takes the band in a slightly new direction in which it blends styles from the previous albums. It combines the alt-rock ballads a la "Page Avenue" with the scream-o proclamations from "In the Wake of Determination."

The result is a blend of music to please myriad listeners, from fans of "Page Avenue" to post-hardcore and metal lovers.

The album opens with "Choose Your Fate," an unexpected metal anthem that makes listeners wonder what happened to the group that debuted with "Page Avenue." This

opener serves to psyche listeners up for a well-balanced rock album.

Most of the lyrical content is what can be expected from any alt-rock-metal band: apathy, anarchy and unrequited love.

However, "We're not Gonna Make It" is an exception to this rule. The song goes beyond the superficial surface of "she doesn't love me" rock tunes, addressing the deeper issue of interracial dating.

"With a whisper she mumbles through, I guess they just won't accept me and you.' They see a difference in skin, but I thought that love was always true," Dan

Marsala sings.

"The Black Swan" ends on an exclamation point, closing with "Welcome to our new War," a metal anthem in which vocalist Marsala proclaims, "Welcome to our new war, where the rich sell their lies to the poor. We're dying but we don't know what for."

Though the album does feature a few stand out, driving tracks in "Choose Your Fate," "Tell Me



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(P.A.C.)" and "Welcome to our new War," the rest of the album falls flat for relying on recycled riffs and repetitive choruses.

Listeners can expect a few rock-out moments while playing through the album, but for the most part, "The Black Swan" serves as a great background soundtrack to a hyped-up study session. It's a great listen, but it definitely won't distract you from your research paper or chemistry notes.

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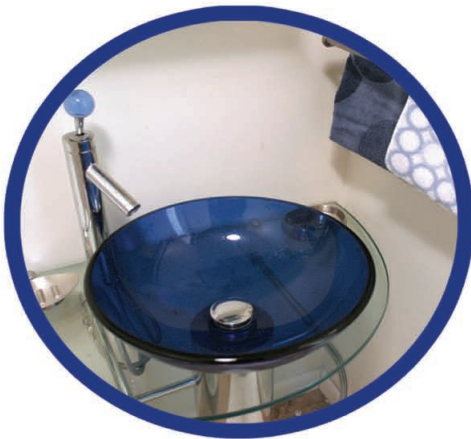




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'Rabbit Habits'

Release date: April 8

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Somewhere between a late night cabaret and an insane asylum exists Man Man.

"Rabbit Habits," the group's third full-length album, is a refreshingly weird vision of rock 'n' roll as seen through a fun house mirror, filled with bizarre characters, eldritch arrangements and a unique mingling of musical styles.

Spearheading the eccentric character of the group is lead singer Honus Honus, who does not sing so much as growl like some kind of monster out of a dark-humored bedtime story, and just as indelible is his carnivalesque and oddly mellifluous backing.

Each track is layered with a uniquely diverse collection of instruments, incorporating a patchwork of xylophones, synthesizers, pianos, electronic keyboards, varying guitars,

percussion, bass, as well as a mixed bag of horns and strings. At first, it's easy to find oneself trying to identify each of the individual instruments in hopes of better understanding the strange arrangements but as the album progresses the sounds seem to become less and less recognizable until each track rips out of the speakers in a creative fervor like some kind of discombobulating musical blitzkrieg.

It feels like rock 'n' roll is being broken down and rebuilt, all in less than an hour.

Stylistically, "Rabbit Habits" is a cluster bomb. The broadest umbrella it can be placed under is experimental rock, but several tracks owe much of their sound to specific styles.



4.5 out of 5 stars

"Big Trouble" pays homage to hot New Orleans jazz with the sultry wailings of its horn

section, while doo-wop music makes a strong appearance in the smooth harmonies of "Doo Right"

Meanwhile, "Poor Jackie," an epic eight-minute track, moves in a demented, waltz-like rhythm adorned with baroque keyboards before inte-



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grating with a hot jazz horn section and a darkly soulful chorus, "There ain't no god here, as far as I can see. Your god of hope and light never did nothing straight by me."

Like them or not, one is unlikely to describe Man Man as anything related to boring, and with this latest work they have outdone themselves. "Rabbit Habits" is a testament to creativity that, in its own idiosyncratic way, reaches both to the past and future while spiraling headlong through some strange extra-dimensional rift.

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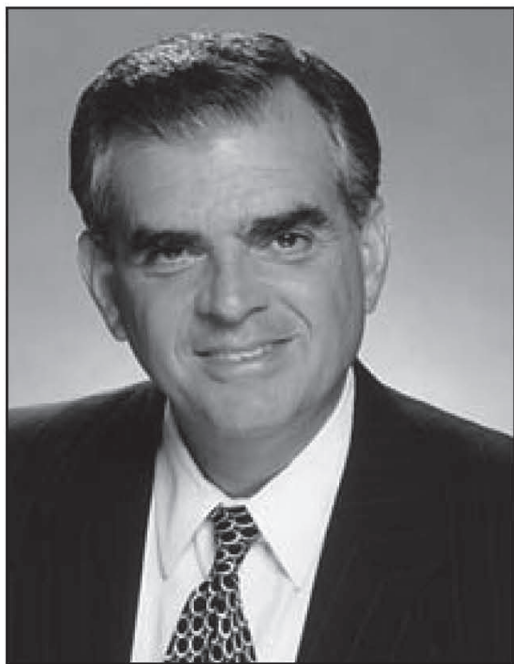
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Alicia Wade
I'm going with a simulated George W. Bush. I'm sure that repressor is great to vacation with. Just don't say anything incriminating when you're calling home.

Audra Ord
Ooh, how about a guillotine from the French Revolution, complete with rolling heads? Now that would be something to share with the whole family.

Devin Vaughn
That's tough. There are so many to choose from! I'm thinking a three-dimensional representation of the Mason-Dixon Line would be nice. People could use it as a dividing line for tug-of-war at family picnics.

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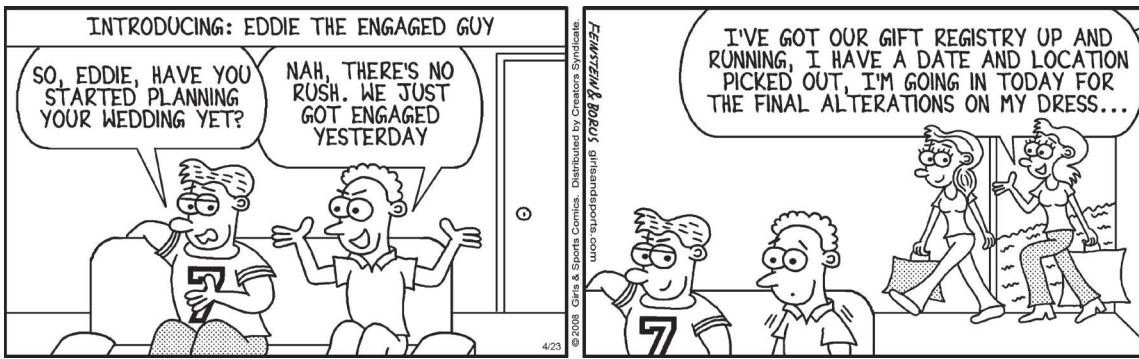
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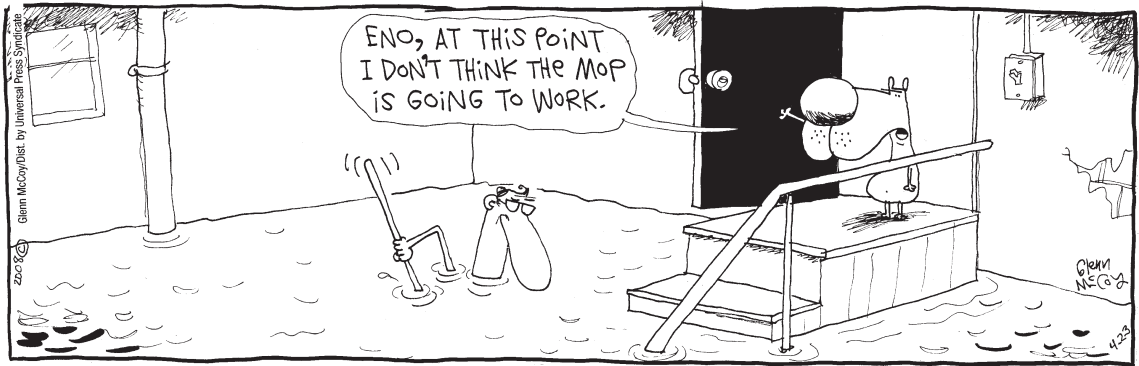
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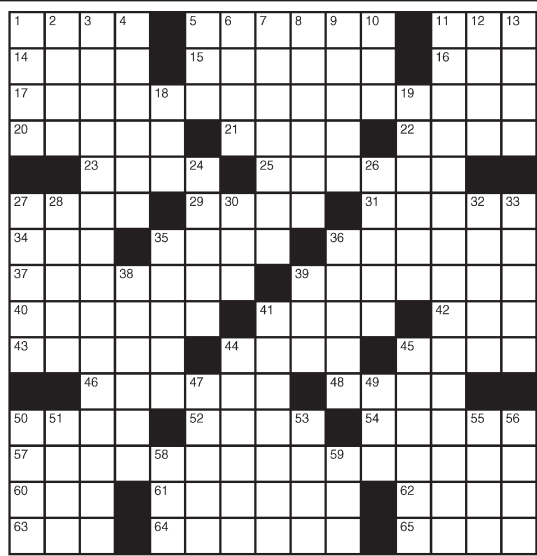
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 - 5 ___ in (intruded)
 - 11 Tight spot
 - 14 Massage target
 - 15 Former San Francisco mayor
 - 16 QB Manning
 - 17 Three blue things
 - 20 Old photo color
 - 21 Harrow rival
 - 22 Son of Seth
 - 23 ___ the Explorer
 - 25 Weds on the fly
 - 27 Romanov ruler
 - 29 Unhip one
 - 31 Jackson Five dos
 - 34 Philip of "Kung Fu"
 - 35 Velvety flora
 - 36 Lake near Syracuse
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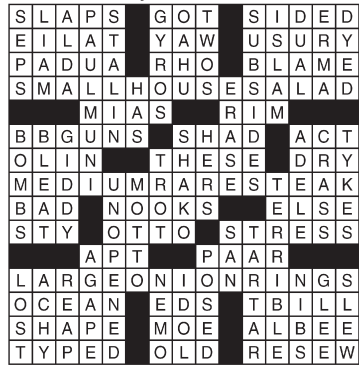


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- 44 Take off
- 45 Refuses to
- 46 Borneo sultanate
- 48 Graceful fowl
- 50 On the waves
- 52 Prefix for wine
- 54 Scrapbook
- 57 Three blue things
- 60 Mpg part
- 61 Luxury watch maker
- 62 Narrow opening
- 63 Snoop
- 64 Hounds, sometimes
- 65 Cry of dismay

- DOWN**
- 1 Atlas artwork
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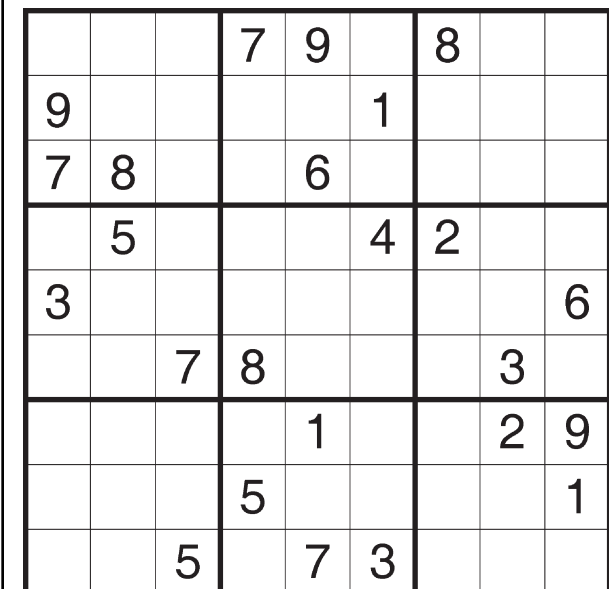
- 7 Unruly mob
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- 11 Three blue things
- 12 As well
- 13 Not hit
- 18 Black gunk
- 19 Shortened, as sails
- 24 Actress Aimee
- 26 French door parts
- 27 Sri Lankan language
- 28 Pillory purpose
- 30 Tee preceder
- 32 Classic theater
- 33 Anwar of Egypt
- 35 ___ Picchu
- 36 French eggs
- 38 Gordon of "Oklahoma"
- 39 Tanning lotion letters
- 41 Mint function
- 44 Record player?
- 45 Polish Peace Nobelist
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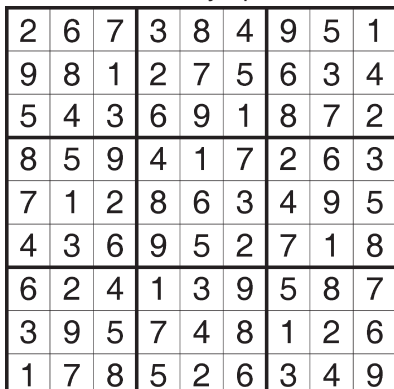
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Solution to Tuesday's puzzle



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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday — Learn how to get the most from your investments this year. It should be easier to understand all the small print. Move things around in a special way, to achieve an even higher place on the pinnacle of success.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — A friend who's sometimes flaky has a good suggestion now. Follow it to find another outlet for your talents. But don't give up your day job yet.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Shake off a grumpy mood by reviewing your assets. Think of something you have, rather than what you must do without. You will discover you're in a better position than you thought.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Working with others can be a real hassle sometimes. Power struggles are overcome by staking out territories. Make that top priority or you won't get anything done.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — It's not a good time to gamble, or take any kind of risk. Hide out in a safe place and watch to see what happens next. Wait until the dust clears.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — There's quite a bit of confusion, and unexpected changes. It's not safe to bet, even on a sure thing, yet you could get a lucky break. Take care.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Tempers are liable to flare, about practical matters. You're resisting the restraints you've put there for your own good. Relax. All will end well.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're getting bored with the routine and want to try something new. It's not easy to accomplish this, but it should turn out pretty well. Come up with something fun.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — You finally can afford to get something you've wanted for a while. That's always a delicious feeling. Enjoy it to the max.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Use the experience you've recently gained to revise your thinking. Finding out what doesn't work helps you narrow down your choices.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — For the next four weeks you'll have new advantages. You'll be luckier than usual and find it easier to focus. Add those to your other talents and you're unbeatable.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — Try not to worry about things you can't change. Get together with friends instead, for a favorite activity. Doing something physical is a healthy distraction.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Lessons you learned the hard way help you make a better choice. Meanwhile, continue to do what you have to do to bring in the paycheck.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: **SMASH** IN THE **HIT**

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BASIN CHESS MARLIN HIATUS
Answer: One might say that the movie stars turned the demolition derby into a — "SMASH" HIT

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Still Living in the Past?

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Junior pitcher Katie McNamara pitches during the second game of a doubleheader Tuesday. The Salukis lost both games to the University of Tennessee-Martin.

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She said she felt comfortable on the mound and will try to let the losses roll off her back. "I guess the only thing you can try to do is forget it," McNamara said.

The Salukis will travel to Springfield, Mo., Saturday to take on the Missouri State Bears in an MVC series beginning with a doubleheader at noon and 2 p.m. They will close the weekend with a single game at noon Sunday.

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Sophomore Blake Driskell finished tied for ninth place overall with Shockers' junior Zach Potter. Both players shot a final round total 72 to finish with a three-round total

score of 219. Sophomore Jordan Cox finished in 11th after shooting a three-round total of 223. Juniors Phillip Collier and Todd Obergoenner rounded out the Saluki scoring, finishing tied for 13th and 20th place, respectively. Danielson, who will be one of the

Salukis' five returning players next year, said the team's performance in the tournament will give everyone confidence going into next season.

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Coopwood wanted to walk on to the team but Lowery said he blew Coopwood off time and again before he worked just as hard as the scholarship players during the summer and convinced him through his work ethic.

Green was a surprise because Lowery said he discovered Green was left-handed after he joined the team.

Shaw said he knows this senior class meant a lot to Lowery, but Lowery is the type of person who cares about all his players on and off the court.

"I know he is appreciative of what we've done for him and what we've done for the university," Shaw said. "Being around his first group for four years is special."

While Lowery said he is appreciative of everything the seniors have done on the court, he is also thankful for the memories off of it. He said Falker's antics were especially memorable, whether it was raiding

his refrigerator constantly or eating so much on his official visit that his mother had to keep apologizing.

Lowery said his children would miss Falker the most as he would often be at Lowery's house as often as them — to the point where there are pictures of Falker with the family on their walls.

Though SIU said goodbye to four seniors, it also honored players who will be back next season. The team voted Bryan Mullins as the most valuable player and he also won the Seymour L. Bryson scholarship.

Mullins said he was grateful for both honors, but will miss the players who helped mold him into the competitor he is today.

"It's going to be different not telling Randal to post up or Matt to set a ball screen for me," Mullins said. "But that's what the summer is for. I will

get adjusted to the new guys coming in and I'm excited for that too."

Mullins isn't the only Saluki excited for next season. Assistant coach Brad Korn and associate head coach Rodney Watson said players such as Tony Boyle and Christian Cornelius have their fate and the team's future in their hands.

The banquet ended with a high-light package of the season. Lowery said he would miss the highlights the seniors performed but is also excited for their futures.

"I really value the relationships I have with the players," Lowery said. "They came up with me and grew as men and I know they're ready to move on."

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Former University of Michigan offensive lineman Jake Long signed a \$57.75 million contract with the Miami Dolphins Tuesday, securing his status as the No. 1 overall pick in this year's NFL Draft. Was Long the right choice and was he worth the money?

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"No and no. The Miami Dolphins should have gone with Glenn Dorsey, even if they do run a 3-4 defense. A Dorsey-Jason Taylor duo would have been intense. And an offensive lineman is not worth \$57 million, but not many athletes are worth that much."

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"I think Darren McFadden could end up being the best player in this draft, but Long was the best pick. He's a safe pick who has the potential to be an All-Pro for 10 or more years. Signing him avoids any chance of a hold out, which is a good thing."

SALUKI TRACKER

Rodney Watson



Longtime SIU men's basketball assistant coach Rodney Watson was promoted to associate head coach Tuesday. Watson also serves as the dean of Missouri Valley Conference assistant coaches and has been on SIU's staff for 20 seasons.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered? E-mail: editor@siude.com

BASEBALL

Wood bat game on tap in Missouri

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Salukis hope wood bats will get their offense in gear against a Mississippi River rival.

After dropping two of three against No. 6 Wichita State in its last series when it scored six runs, the SIU baseball team will take on Missouri at 6:30 p.m. today at T.R. Hughes Ballpark in O'Fallon, Mo.

Saluki coach Dan Callahan said the wood bat game offers a change of pace from using aluminum bats.

"It's more of a nostalgic thing than anything else because I don't recall a ton of scouts being there last time," Callahan said. "In past games when we've played Mizzou and (Saint Louis), we've done the same thing and I think the guys look forward to it."

The Tigers (28-10) are ranked No. 10 in the USA Today college baseball poll and took two out of three from Oklahoma this past weekend.

SIU (20-17) defeated Missouri 7-0 in the previous meeting between the teams in 2006, but the Tigers still hold the all-time advantage 14-13.

Callahan is going to tinker with the rotation for today's game by moving in junior reliever Adam Curynski for a spot start.

The move comes in the wake of junior Andrew Dunn picking up the start in Sunday's 8-3 loss to the Shockers.

The other option could have been junior David Kington, but he was



STEPHEN RICKERL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior shortstop Owen Mackedon attempts to turn a double play April 15 against Southeast Missouri State. The Salukis will face the University of Missouri today at T.R. Hughes Ballpark in O'Fallon, Mo.

roughed up in the loss — Kington gave up three runs in two-thirds of an inning.

Curynski registered an out in the game but did so using one pitch. He carries a 2-1 record with a 4.5 ERA in 11 appearances this season.

"We thought we'd try something different, but that's not because this is some kind of theme game or something," Callahan said. "We just think going in with his changeup and slider that it could be a pretty good matchup."

Junior starting pitcher Ian Berger will take the mound for Missouri with a 3-3 record and a 3.2 ERA.

Berger should look familiar to most of the Saluki lineup because he pitched for Illinois State in 2006.

Junior outfielder Bret Maugeri leads the SIU offense with a .364 batting average. Maugeri also has 17 runs scored in 22 starts.

Senior outfielder Jacob Priday is the Tigers' top hitter with a .364 average. Priday also has a team-high 13 home runs.

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GOLF

SIU finishes second at MVC Tournament



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Sophomore Jordan Cox drives a ball out of a sand trap and onto the green during practice Thursday at the Stone Creek Golf Club and Resort in Makanda.

Golf gives best showing since 2006

Luis C. Medina
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The SIU men's golf team's best finish under coach Leroy Newton wasn't enough to land the team its first conference title.

The Salukis shot a two-day total of 874 to finish second at the Missouri Valley Conference

Tournament, which was the best showing since finishing third in 2006.

At one point, SIU was within four strokes of eventual champion Wichita State but was never able to overtake the Shockers. Wichita State won its seventh title in the last 12 seasons with a total score of 850.

Illinois State, Drake and Evansville rounded out the top five.

Newton said he was proud of

how his team performed in the tournament, especially against a team with a winning tradition.

"The kids did a great job and they played their hearts out," Newton said. "They all contributed and that's why we finished in second place."

Wichita State also had the top two individual finishers in sophomores Connor McHenry, who shot a 5-under-par, and Ryan Garza, who finished in second with a three-round total of 212.

The Salukis had four top-15 golfers in the 45-player field. Junior John Danielson shot a 216 to finish in sixth place.

"Going into the tournament we thought we could challenge for second or first place and we kept that all in mind," Danielson said. "I realize they (Wichita State) are a good team, but when we play our A-game, we can definitely hang with them."

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SOFTBALL

Salukis drop final two home games

Five-game losing streak matches longest of season

Megan Kramper
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

A step out of the Missouri Valley Conference proved costly for the SIU softball team Tuesday.

The Salukis dropped both games to Tennessee-Martin in their final regular home series of the season with a 2-1 loss in game one and a 4-3 loss in game two. The Skyhawks (23-23) avenged a 14-1 loss at the Middle Tennessee Classic Feb. 23.

Coach Kerri Blaylock said she was disappointed with the way her team played, specifically the offense.

In game one, Tennessee-Martin scored two quick runs on a single and triple to give it an early 2-0 lead.

SIU (24-21, 10-7 MVC) quickly responded as junior third baseman Katie Wagner hit a two out double.

Senior first baseman Lauren Haas kept the inning going with a walk and sophomore right fielder Katie Wilson singled to score Wagner from third, but it would be the only run the Salukis would push across as they dropped the game 2-1.

Wagner said the Skyhawks came focused while the Salukis did not.

"They were attacking the ball, which is something we really weren't doing," Wagner said.

Freshman pitcher Nikki Waters was taken out of the game in the fourth inning as junior pitcher Katie McNamara picked up three innings of relief for the Salukis.

Waters earned the loss in game one as she gave up eight hits and two runs while tossing one strikeout.

The Salukis struggled in game two as freshman pitcher Danielle Glossoon gave up four runs in four innings of work.

SIU would make a late seventh inning rally, scoring two runs but it wouldn't be enough as the Salukis dropped their fifth straight game.

"It was too little too late," Blaylock said of the late scoring surge. "We've got to be doing that in the third, fourth or fifth inning."

The Salukis also had three errors in the game, two of them coming in the top of the sixth inning.

McNamara would come in as relief again in game two, tossing 3.1 scoreless innings, putting her total for the day at 6.1.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Banquet brings an end to seniors' careers

Jeff Engelhardt
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Randal Falker stood underneath a light pole on a cold, snowy night his freshman year, contemplating whether he should leave the basketball team.

Coach Chris Lowery was not ready to say goodbye to Falker and asked him to come back inside, but Falker continued to think. The next day, he told Lowery he was ready to be a player.

Four years later, Falker stood on the SIU Arena floor as one of the most memorable players to don the maroon.

Lowery said he was still not ready to say goodbye to Falker, but that's what he had to do Tuesday night at the men's basketball year-end banquet at the SIU Arena. Even though

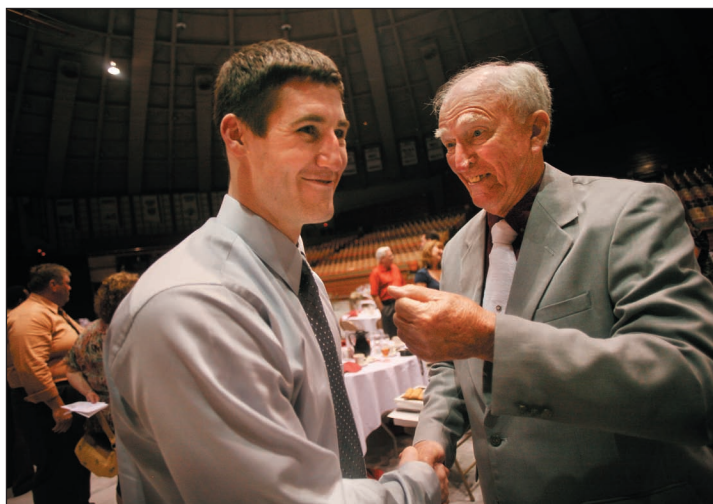
Falker won't be on the court, Lowery said he would always be a part of his family, as would the rest of the senior class.

"This is a special team here at Southern Illinois," Lowery said. "This is a family that is hard to get in to and very hard to get out of."

The banquet recognized departing seniors and honored players from every class for their contribution to the team. Seniors Matt Shaw, Dion Coopwood and Tyrone Green were all honored with Falker one last time before they leave the Salukis.

Lowery said this was a special class for him since Shaw and Falker were freshmen when Lowery first took over the team. He said Coopwood and Green were just as memorable when they joined.

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JAKE LOCKARD ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Junior guard Bryan Mullins, left, shakes hands with Saluki basketball fan John Steele after the year-end banquet Tuesday night. Mullins was named MVP by his teammates and received the Seymour Bryson Scholarship.