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Semester will not extend after storm

Classes will not continue into summer, but may meet more

Barton Lorimor
Daily Egyptian

Southern Illinois has a history of bizarre weather, but long-time residents say the last two weeks of winter storms will stand out in their memory.

SIUC students and faculty were told to stay home three times during the past two weeks as a series of winter storms dumped ice, snow and freezing rain on southern Illinois.

University spokesman Rod Sievers said winter 1981 was the last time SIUC closed for more than one day because of the weather. But the closure in 1981 was caused by a foot of snow, not ice.

“I can’t remember it ever being this bad,” Sievers said, who attended SIUC from 1973 to 1977.

Classes resumed today, but students will not have to worry about the school’s calendar extending to make up the lost days, Stevens said. However, he said professors in the past have pulled their classes to find the most convenient time for additional meetings.

The first of three university closures this month was Feb. 12 as heavy snow, sleet and rain, which froze overnight, consistently fell. Not even the 300 tons of rock salt applied to streets and sidewalks could prevent a cancellation of all classes and programs.

Mike Ruiz with university communications and lifelong resident of southern Illinois, said 1987 was the last time SIUC closed because of the weather. But even then, the university was not closed for a full day.

Jim Kramper, a spokesman for the National Weather Service in Carbondale, said the closure in 1981 was caused by a 1-foot snowfall. The 1987 closure was caused by a spring ice storm.

St. Patrick’s Day comes early to SIU

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Students turn Irish for unofficial St. Patrick’s Day

Tim McGovern and
Lydia Bargielski
Daily Egyptian

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Michealla Arras — Daily Egyptian

For everything you missed while classes were canceled, from potholes to Planned Parenthood, check out sindiy.com

Web

Greek shows passion for fashion.

Student Life

Reviewer: Mos Def knows mathematics, not movie-making.

Pulse

Men’s basketball busts Nevada, awaits work on bracket.

Sports
Tunnel of Oppression

- 5-9 p.m. Monday at Gwendell Hall, lower level
- Interactive Diversity tour exposing the various human senses to a variety of human oppression, tours begin every half hour

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High 53° Low 36°

PM Showers
30% chance of rain

AM Snow/ Wind
10% chance of rain

Cloudy

Partly Cloudy
10% chance of sun

Showers
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Mostly Cloudy
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High 37° Low 24°

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Mostly Cloudy
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Partly Cloudy
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Police reports

One man is dead and another injured after a crash northbound U.S. 51 Highway 51 Friday night. Timothy A. Barnes, a 21-year-old from Eldorado, for injuries at Carbondale Macoupin County to spend three years in prison federal and was later discharged. in the neck and hand outside a Coldwell Banker real estate office.

Man ordered imprisoned in bribery case

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — A judge says a 49-year-old St. Louis-area man should spend two years in prison federal and pay $5,000 in fines for trying to bribe an IRS agent was later discharged. sheriff’s department said Barnes lost control of his 1996 Volkswagen, which caused him to skid off the road, flip over and crash into a tree on the east side of the road. U.S. 51 was closed for one and a half hours, but troopers from the Illinois State Police directed traffic around the wreck.

Farrakhan praises Obama at Saviours’ Day event in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan says presidential candidate Barack Obama represents hope that the United States will change for the better. Farrakhan says he’s not telling anyone who to vote for. But he praised Obama and took small jabs at his Democratic rival Hillary Clinton in a speech Sunday. Farrakhan’s keynote address in Chicago wraps up three days of events geared at unifying Nation of Islam followers.

Farrakhan made what was called his final public address at a Saviours’ Day event in Detroit last year after he ceded leadership of the organization to an executive board. But the 74-year-old has slowly increased his public appearances over the past year as he recovers from complications from prostate cancer.

Man charged with stabbing employer

DESPER PREN (AP) — Authorities have lodged attempted first-degree murder and aggravated battery charges against a Naperville man who allegedly stabbed his employer late last year in Des Plaines and then almost died after being hit by a truck while fleeing the crime scene.

The Des Plaines Police Department said bond has been set at $150,000 for 41-year-old Douglas Volkman. Police arrested Volkman early on the morning of Dec. 26, after he allegedly stabbed his 48-year-old employer in the neck and hand outside a Coldwell Banker real estate office.

They said Volkman fled on foot and ran onto a nearby expressway, where he was struck by a semi-trailer truck. He remained hospitalized this weekend.
Standing room only at fifth annual Greek Fashion Show

Event not spoiled by campus closing

Jakina Hill
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The noise made by winter boots was muffled by the sounds of high heels frantically scurrying back and forth as the models of the fifth annual Greek Fashion Show prepared for the runway Friday night.

Among those running around was Lolita Mack, academic adviser for the College of Engineering and one of the coordinators for the show.

Mack said the event originated from a need for some type of structured program promoting unity among the greeks on campus as well as the registered student organizations.

“It started off with ideas from some of my sorority sisters,” Mack said, referring to the Zeta Phi Beta sorority. “It’s not a Zeta-sponsored event but it’s Zetas who are sponsoring the event.”

Icy conditions had little effect on the turnout but did make organization a little difficult. Meeting and practices had to be canceled or rescheduled and members of various groups arrived late, leading to a 40-minute delay of the show’s starting time.

“A lot of people were thinking that because of the weather and the school being closed, that it would be canceled, so it was a hassle with making sure we kept in contact with each of our performing groups to let them know that the show will go on,” Mack said.

The show consisted of themed scenes from a combination of modeling groups, dance groups and a makeup artist.

Kyle Wilson, a senior from Jacksonville studying psychology, said he has been dancing since high school. Wilson is a member of recently organized dance group Katastrophe.

“It’s my first show so I’m pretty excited,” Wilson said. “By the time the show started, there wasn’t an empty seat in the house.”

Hundreds of people packed the Carbondale Civic Center for the two-hour event. Dim lighting and a lack of visibility of the stage prompted some audience members to stand on their chairs.

However, the cramped conditions didn’t diminish the experience for some.

Kayla Battle, a junior from Aurora studying psychology, said she heard about the event through a Zeta.

“This is my first time hearing about it, but so far so good,” Battle said. “I know I’ll definitely come next year.”

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Kosovo celebrateszendes asSerbs protest across Europe

PRISTINA, Kosovo
Kosovo marked its first week of independence in quiet celebration Sunday, as angry Serbs protested in the fledgling nation's tense north and in capitals across Europe.

The Russian envoy to NATO, meanwhile, unleashed a broadside of criticism on countries that recognized Kosovo's split from ally Serbia, warning it would disrupt NATO and the United States.

Up to 1,000 protesters yelled peacefully in the ethnically divided north of Kosovo

The vast majority of Kosovo's population is ethnic Albanian. The Serbs represent just 10 percent of the region's 2.5 million people, but they view Kosovo as the cradle of their culture and of their Orthodox Christian faith.

The territory had a part of Serbia's territory, was administered by the United Nations and NATO since 1999, when NATO air strikes ended former Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic's crackdown on ethnic Albanian separatists, killing 10,000 people.

Thousands of Serbs held demonstrations in European capitals Sunday. In Vienna, Austria, more than 5,000 protesters waved pro-Serbia banners, and a few burned, spit on or steered American flags. Later, demonstrators across the city smashed bottles and the windows of a cafe. Two police officers were injured and four people were arrested, officials said.

In Geneva, up to 4,000 people gathered peacefully outside UN offices, and in Brussels, several hundred Serbs chanted "Kosovo is Serbia" outside EU offices.

Congress to consider bankruptcy reform, foreclosure assistance proposals to help homeowners

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is set to examine another round of possible mortgage relief proposals and legislation providing government assistance to home owners and investors threatened by widening crises in the housing and mortgage markets.

Proposals include banking industry rules to limit risky practices and providing government assistance to homeowners with adjustable-rate mortgages.

Lawmakers also plan to address a series of issues tied to the housing markets, including

The new president said the nation's sole legal party is "the direction and superior force of society and the state."

This conviction has particular urgency with NATO's planned and founding generation of the revolution is disappearing," Raul said.

The United States has said the change from one Castro to another would not be significant, calling it a "transfer of authority and power for斯ors to dictate change.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Sunday Cubans have a right "to choose their leaders in democratic elections" and urged the government "to begin a process of peaceful, democratic change by releasing all political prisoners, respecting human rights and creating a clear path towards free and fair elections.

Her statement, issued shortly before parliament met, called the developments a "significant moment in Cuban history."

Cuban parliament on Tuesday, Castro announced a new presidential candidacy after retiring two years earlier as president.

He said the succession was not likely to bring a major shift in the communist government policies that have put Cuba at odds with the United States, many Cubans "would hope that the open door to European economic reforms that might improve their daily lives."
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St. Louis, said on Thursday the ice is not so unusual for southern Illinois in February. The lack of an active winter for the past few decades may be the reason people have no “short-term memories” of this kind of weather he said.

Kramer said the bizarre part of this year’s winter is the consistent change from warm to cold temperatures.

School resumed Feb. 13, which is where university administrators went wrong according to students such as Meredith Kelleher, a junior from Lindenhurst studying public relations. Kelleher was one of many students with injuries from slippery sidewalks. Phil Gatton, director of SIUC service operations, said crews spread sand and coal to increase traction and prevent ice from freezing to sidewalks.

Carbondale public schools and community events were also closed Feb. 14, but SIUC remained open. It was not until a warmer, light rain shower on Friday that the ice began to melt. Sievers said the ice is hard to deal with,” Sievers said. “It was not until a warmer, light rain kept on, university officials decided to cancel classes at 6 a.m. Thursday. As we learned from last time, ice is hard to deal with,” Sievers said Thursday morning.

Because the service operations crew had used nearly twice their usual amount of rock salt, Gatton said he had to make trips to a supplier in Waterloo, and borrow tons of the popular de-icing method from Jackson County. Gatton said he had less than 100 tons of salt on hand Wednesday instead of the recommended 200.

As the day progressed and the freezing rain kept on, university officials decided to cancel classes at 9 p.m. Thursday to give SIUC its second-consecutive class cancellation. Students and staff had been treated to a four-day weekend, but the cancellations would not continue today as warmer temperatures and a wet snow cleared sidewalks and streets Sunday morning.

The National Weather Service predicts warmer temperatures the next few days with a small chance of rain Monday and more snow Tuesday.

Though most of the city has been cleared, fallen trees and branches lay on the ground across the area. City Clerk Janet Vaught said city crews will pick up tree limbs left on the curb by residents this week. The limbs should be cut no longer or wider than 8 inches, she said. Residents should have the debris resting on curbs — not blocking sidewalks — the day before normal garbage pickup.

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SUNDERLAND presented this proposal to Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Alan Vaux asking to make sign language a major. Vaux is supportive of the idea, but budget problems have prevented it from happening.

Sign from her friend’s sister. She said she became so intrigued by it that she would only pay attention to the interpreter in church.

JASON JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Seniors studying automotive technology, from left, Bob Petrie, Mike Derzins and Dave Callahan stand with James Martirue, a senior at John A. Logan Community college studying HVAC in front of the snowman they built on Oakland Ave.

Though it is not so unusual for the city, it is important for the club because it has so many “short-term memories” of the area.

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A Nobel Prize Winning Political Prisoner Shares His Story

Wole Soyinka 1986 Nobel Prize Winner for Literature

Thursday, February 28 at 5 p.m. SIUC Student Center, Ballroom D

Accomplished playwright. Noted author. Beloved poet. Stirring dramatist. Political prisoner. Nobel Laureate. These are but a few of the titles Wole Soyinka is known by.

A native of Nigeria, Soyinka has been a student and teacher at universities in Africa, Europe and the United States. While gaining recognition as a performer at the Royal Court Theatre in London in the late 1950s, he was penning his first plays. In 1967, Soyinka became a political prisoner in Nigeria for nearly two years for advocating a cease-fire to the country’s civil war. After his release—and despite his wife’s pregnancy—he was charged with treason, and years spent in exile—he continued to make his mark in literature. Upon awarding him the 1966 Nobel Prize for literature, the Swedish Academy referred to his collective works as “the drama of existence.”


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McCain didn’t live up to his principles

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epublican presidential front-runner John McCain tried to snuff out the controversy over a New York Times story about his relationship with a female lobbyist, but he instead raised doubts about the central theme of his candidacy — his commitment to ethics.

The salacious suggestion that he had a romantic relationship with the lobbyist will be debated, no doubt, for days to come. But what isn’t in dispute is that he gave this lobbyist, whose clients sought his support on key issues and often got it, extraordinary access.

While McCain’s personal life is no doubt of interest to many voters, his commitment to his declared principles for governing is more important.

According to the Times, some of McCain’s advisers in his 2000 presidential campaign became so worried that he was having an affair with the lobbyist, Vicki Iseman, that they tried to keep the two apart. In a news conference, he flatly denied that any of his advisers had confronted him about Iseman, as the Times reported. He also denied granting her or any other lobbyists special access as former chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee.

Certainly in that case, that strains credibility. McCain attended a Miami fund-raiser with Iseman, for example, then flew with her back to Washington on a corporate jet owned by one of her clients. Most people outside Washington would view this arrangement as the very definition of special access.

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This editorial appeared in the Orlando Sentinel on Friday.

A CASE OF THE MONDAYS

Thumbs up to snow days and 4-foot phenomenons

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Thumbs Up to SIU for giving in to Mother Nature and closing school last Thursday and Friday. When there is a thick layer of ice on the ground, closing school makes sense. But what isn’t in dispute is that he gave this lobbyist, whose clients sought his support on key issues and often got it, extraordinary access.

When every school in the region is closed, and even basketball games is canceled for no reason. I know it’s been down. I buy direct. The problem is so bad I even get spam mail from myself that I didn’t send. There has to be something the university can do about this.

Thumbs Up to the little kid who won the Giant City Lodge “Let’s Make a Deal Contest” Wednesday night at the men’s basketball game versus the University of Northern Iowa. That was probably one of the coolest things I’ve ever seen at the Arena in the last four years. Anyone who wasn’t there, I’ll recap.

During a timeout, little Jordan (all 4 feet of him) was picked for a contest that included the Northern Iowa fans, went nuts. In the end nobody was happier to win the $100 than the 4-foot-tall phenomenon named Jordan. Word on the street is that the Salukis are already looking at the little guy for their 2017 recruiting class.

Thumbs Down to anyone who gave up on the basketball Salukis. A few weeks ago many people, including some of the dedicated posters on SalukTalk, had already thrown in the towel on this season. Anyone who has been to any game lately has probably also noticed that others have given up on the team, as attendance in the Arena has been down.

ESPN.com writer Kyle Wellman even wrote in a recent column that “a rabid crowd of 5,700 Salukis fans serves as the metaphorical ‘sixth man’ on the court.” An attendance of 5,700 is pathetic when you consider the Arena can hold 9,345. Everyone who already gave up can redeem himself by getting to Senior Night next Saturday against Illinois State to honor Randal, Matt and Tyone for everything they’ve done for the program.

Thumbs Up to the baseball Salukis for scheduling a game this season at Rent One Park in Marion. For those of you who hadn’t heard yet, the April 1 baseball game against the University of Illinois will be played in Marion at the home of the Southern Illinois Miners baseball team.

I think this is a great idea and it’s something we need to continue year in and year out. Nothing’s better than Tuesday-night baseball under the lights, and it’s especially sweet to see same-faceted Salukis and our 1-57 rivals in front of a packed house at Rent One Park in Marion.

Thumbs Down to all the potholes that have popped up around Carbondale. Some of them are almost unavoidable and I even saw one that was almost a foot deep. Good news for the shovel shops for all the wheel alignments they’ll be fixing, bad news for all the drivers who have to shell out the cash because of one bad experience with a foot-deep pothole. Hopefully the city gets on that once all the ice is gone.

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There’s a hole in my road

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In northern Arizona there is a tourist attraction known as Barringer Meteor Crater. It is a giant hole, measuring some 4,000 feet in diameter and 570 feet deep. It was formed about 50,000 years ago when a nickel-iron meteorite slammed into the planet, spewing rocks and debris over 30,000 and 45,000 miles per hour. Projects through Carbondale recently would make you think the town has seen similar impacts. Carbondale’s potholes have recently grown in size and depth. A large part of this is the erratic weather and fluctuating temperatures. However, regardless of nature’s involvement, the quality of street maintenance has never been very high. The expansion of potholes in the past few weeks from regular size to gaping chasms illustrates the problem.

Potholes represent a twofold threat to drivers. The first is the damage that driving over or through one pothole can cause. The Daily Egyptian recently reported that damages from potholes could include breaking the vehicle control arms, throwing off its alignment or even knocking off a tire.

As most car owners know, repairs are rarely cheap, and these are no exception. Bob Finster, a local mechanic quoted in the article, said repairs for damage caused by potholes could reach up to $2,000.

Due to the expensive and damaging effects of potholes, the second danger they present involves their avoidance.

Several of the potholes are at least a foot in diameter, if not more. They resemble World War I infantry trenches stretching across the lanes. Drivers wanting to avoid these holes must swerve drastically, many times into the lanes beside them. If drivers are unaware of the other cars around them when they try to avoid potholes, they could potentially cause an accident.

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Because the city treats potholes as normal road hazards, they cannot be held responsible for the damage.

Residents are strongly encouraged, especially by this columnist, to report potholes as frequently as possible. People can see the next best thing is to poster. Multiple calls daily to Carbondale’s Maintenance and Environmental Services department will hopefully get the repair trucks moving faster. The modern convenience of cell phones would allow drivers to do so from inside their cars. They could even capture the fantastic clunk noise the tires make going through the hole as part of the message. Although I’m certain there are more out there, I thought I would list a few areas I found to be particularly bad.

South Wall Street: The south side of the intersection with East Grand Avenue is littered with holes you could roast a pig in.

West Main Avenue: There is a hole in my road.

West Main Street: The road looks like it was shelled by artillery. This street is probably the most dangerous place it has the most traffic.

West Grand Avenue: I am mainly talking about the small inlet street that goes to the student parking lot north of the Communications Building. There is a hole that, if filled with water, warrants its own lifeguard.

Best of luck to all the city’s drivers. For those wanting to report potholes, the maintenance department number is 618-457-3275.

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Sustainability at SIUC

Dear Editor:

I attended the University Student Government meeting Wednesday night, and I wanted students to be aware that our student government made an excellent decision in passing a resolution in support of the formation of a university council.

The council will develop plans for energy efficiency, conservation and sustainability to reduce SIUC’s contribution to global warming and ecological decline.

SIUC has made several commitments to different organizations to make it a more sustainable campus. However, these promises have been mostly empty. I am very excited to see the USG making progress in the interest of making our campus more environmentally friendly.

I would also like to invite students to participate in the opportunities available in taking action to make progressive changes at SIUC. The Student Environmental Center meets at 8 p.m. on Thursdays in the Interfaith Center and Eco-Dwgs, the group that presented the resolution, meets in the International Lounge at 4 p.m. on Friday afternoons.

Thanks again to the students who pledged their support for the Sustainability Council.

Katlie Thomas
junior studying political science

Cheerleaders forgotten again

Dear Editor:

SIU administration has done it again. Our cheerleaders have been forgotten.

I am a cheerleader here at SIU, and was recently informed that we were overlooked for the MVC Tournament, and our hotel rooms that were reserved have been given away.

They opposed us by telling us we do not have to sleep on the street, or find our own places to stay, but that someone has found some rooms for us. There is a small catch though. The rooms are in a different (likely cheaper) hotel, and we will not be allotted the luxury of having two persons per room. I am not clear of all of the rooms, but I know for sure there is only one room for the males, and there are five of us who must use this one room.

This is not the first time and probably not the last time this has happened to our cheerleaders. I had the luxury of being a cheerleader here in the 2001-2002 school year. We enjoyed the privilege of accompanying the basketball team all the way to the Sweet Sixteen in New York. Then, the cheerleaders were also overlooked and we ended up in some low budget motel a few blocks away from all of the other cheerleaders and athletes.

Luckily, we only had to spend a few minutes in this nearly abandoned building before someone stepped up and demanded we at least receive comparable accommodations.

While I am not sure who was given the rooms that were reserved for the cheerleaders, I am sure they will be put to good use. Our cheerleaders are used to piling on top of each other like a game of twister gone wrong. It really is a lot of fun. We just never tried to sleep that way.

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On some level, all we want is to be film directors. After all, we know what we like, and we're all seen enough movies to know how they're made. Writer-director Michel Gondry's latest, "Be Kind Rewind," is a homage to this inclination. Not only do we have our favorites, but we can also accept that they're probably not all that good. Every once in a while, we hope for a film that will change our view of the world. On rare occasions, we even hope for a film to change our lives.

Mike (Mos Def) is a clerk at a VHSt rental store. One day, he finds a camcorder (Danny Glover), all of the tapes get accidentally erased by Mike's friend Jerry (Jack Black). In an attempt to satisfy customer demands, Mike and Jerry begin making their own versions of the movies they erased and, in the process, become local celebrities.

In "Human Nature," "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" and "The Science of Sleep," Gondry exhibited a very distinct and personal style. In "Be Kind Rewind," however, most segments seem as though they could have been directed by an average Hollywood journeyman. Only when the characters recreate movies with the help of a VHSt recorder does Gondry's unique personality truly shine, as the French director's unabashed love for cinematic arts and crafts takes over.

In fact, the cheery no-budget remakes of famous movies are more entertaining to watch than the original movies. Gondry's "Flying" so often that he'd make the audience wonder if he would like to accompany two peculiar men to an undisclosed location to be filmed making lips with a stranger. Most girls in this situation would feel humiliated but not in this movie — the girls still deliver and offer her sister, Alma, as a substitute. Alma happens to become Mike and Jerry's filmmaking accomplice.

In parts, "Be Kind Rewind" succeeds at being warm and amusing, but in most scenes its efforts to do so are all too evident. Had the film focused more on the in-joke movie remakes, it would have been better off. Most of the time, unfortunately, it tries too hard to pull at your heartstrings and only manages to pull at your patience.

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Vantage Point

Starring: Dennis Quaid, Matthew Fox, Forest Whitaker, Sigourney Weaver, William Hurt
Directed by Pete Travis
Runtime: 2 hours

"Vantage Point" shows sometimes a straightforward thriller can be just the spoon-fed story a thinking-movie-weary audience needs. But if viewers are heading to theaters for a deeper film, steer clear of this flick.

"Vantage Point" tells the story of an anti-terrorism summit held in Spain from eight points of view. When the U.S. president (William Hurt) takes the podium for his speech, two shots ring out and kill who the public believes is actually the president, followed by two bomb blasts mainining parts of the crowd. The film then revolves about 20 minutes or so every few scenes about false times, viewing the attack from the eight points of view.

Audiences see the terrorist attack from the points of views of fictionally news network GNN, an American tourist (Forest Whitaker), secret service agents (Dennis Quaid and Matthew Fox), cops, the president and the terrorists. For a film that channels its form of narrative from Kurosawa's "Rashomon," it does little to make character sympathetic with motives for their actions or be anything other than a déjà vu, "Groundhog Day"-esque movie.

The film's weaknesses lie more in the story than in anything else. Because of the constant rewind, thriller's plot are put on hold and momentum is constantly interrupted. The film becomes more about piecing together the obvious plot twist and disregarding false clues than being wrapped up in the story. The narrative may seem more like a child playing with the scan button on a DVD player than an actual storytelling tool, and by the final reels, audiences may begin to roll their eyes.

The terrorists never have a clear motivation for what they do, and come to think of it, rarely does anyone else. The audience just has to accept that people do what they do, and what ever the scriptwriter decided to be included in the film is just the way it goes. Viewers will find more joy in this movie if they go in expecting to not always know why something happened, just that it did. Thankfully, "Vantage Point" is fast-paced and doesn't try to draw out the story. At a mercilous 90 minutes, the shorter runtime leaves little time for audience doubts and more time to just revel in the action. The movie's chase scenes are pretty neat to look at and if viewers don't think too much, the film is more than passable.

"Vantage Point" is a pretty straightforward thriller with a few un-thrilling bumps in the road. If audience members are willing to suspend a lot of disbelief and deal with constant rewinds, it could be a pretty OK movie among other dismal February releases.

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Pulse

Chatterbox

At this year's Razzies, the award ceremony that recognizes the worst in moviemaking, Lindsay Lohan and Eddie Murphy took home the awards for worst actor (Lohan for "Flikken Who Killed Me") and Murphy for "Norbit.") What are some of the worst performances you've ever seen?

Julie Engler

The Cable Guy is 'Witless'

-Julie Engler

"Witless Protection"

Rated PG-13

Starring: Larry The Cable Guy, Ivana Milicevic

Directed by Charles Robert Carner

Runtime: 87 min.

In his latest film, "Witless Protection," Larry The Cable Guy is one of those characters who is so dumb he's charming — until he's body-cavity searched. While the acting is surprisingly good all around, it doesn't save the movie from tanking. "Witless Protection" was surprisingly good all around, but not enough to win over a male audience, while it would have been this sore since the first episode of Baywatch," the film is good for a few chuckles.

With enough poop mishaps for a whole lifetime, "Witless" might have been fun to make, but it wasn't fun to watch.

Devlin Vaughn

George W. Bush's second inaugural address.

Alicia Wade

Proving there is anything other than someone famous for being an harsch who gets into trouble every now and then.

Julie Engler

I feel like forgetting a little of my dignity by saying this, but seeing Larry the Cable Guy naked isn't enjoyable.
By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday: Travel and starting new projects are not going to be easy this year. Stick close to home and use up what you have. Recycle, reuse, and be economical. You'll do fine.

To get the advantage, check the day for 10. It is the easiest if you do not have to go far.

Ansa (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — By now, you and your partner should have come up with some items you want. The next question is, course, how will you manage to afford them? Study that issue now.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Your work is interesting, and you are good at it. It’s OK to train somebody else to help you out, however. This is not cheating. It makes good sense.

Give yourself a break.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Make plans with a person who shares your passion for adventure. You can travel the world, but first, there’s work to be done. It’s easier with a juicy goal.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — You’re feeling good enough pretty soon to have company. Choose a person who doesn’t require much chatter to be entertained. Mellow is best for now.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Get paperwork done early, so you’ll have plenty of time for listening to the family later on tonight. They need your wise advice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — It’s good to further your education, but it isn’t always easy. Finding the time, you’ll also work out your challenge now. Hang in there.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Travel and make your plans as early as possible. You’ll get right through it later and tomorrow, there will be more complications. Don’t hesitate.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — You’re becoming more confident, because you’re doing what you said you’d do. In case you hadn’t noticed, promise to yourself count double.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — The pile is stacking up again. There’s “Must Do Now,” “Duties Yet,” and “Will Probably Never Get Done.” Take that last batch to the dump.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Don’t do anything until you determine the cost. Watch out for fees. In the fine print, deals made now look expensive, and difficult to dissolve.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Today is a 7 — It’s time to get back to work, and do what you know is required. Don’t ask for any favors now; you’re unlikely to be granted.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Find what you need. You may not even have to pay for everything. You could work the times and get stuff for free. Believe it and make it happen.

Jumble

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

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An: “PICKED” TO

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

Friday’s Puzzler: Fished

Two ways to work to be done. It’s easier with a juicy goal.

An: “FISHER”
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Falker, who is usually surrounded by swarms of double teams, said he encouraged guards to shoot the long ball.

"The biggest thing is to take them. That's why I always tell them to make them guard you," Falker said. "I think we've got great shooters on our team and I think if they keep shooting they're going to make them."

The Wolf Pack (17-10, 9-4 WAC) was led by sophomore forward JaVale McGee, senior guard Marcelus Kemp and freshman guard Armon Johnson who all scored 12 points apiece.

Coach Mark Fox said the SIU defense created problems for the Wolf Pack who shot just 38 percent from the floor.

"We didn't play well offensively and certainly SIU's defense deserves credit for that," Fox said. The win puts the Salukis at 5-3 all-time in BracketBuster games.

The Salukis will begin their last week of regular season play as they travel to Portland to take on Bradley Tuesday night. Tip off is set for 6 p.m.

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let him really get going," Lowery said. "We never let him get in his comfort zones where he likes to score so it was good for us to see our kids come out and play like that hard."

The Wolf Pack (17-10, 9-4 WAC) went to Kemp early as he hit Nevada's second shot from behind the arc to give them a 6-3 lead. Nevada tried the same play next possession as Green got caught on a screen but Bryan Mullins and Randal Falkner made the switch and trapped Kemp forcing an early timeout.

After that timeout Green put together a defensive highlight reel on Kemp. Green cut off the passing lane to Kemp forcing a double team on the ball handler, which led to Green releasing down the court and receiving a pass for a go-ahead dunk.

Later in the half Green forced Kemp to the baseline, but after getting knocked down by a screen Carlton Fay made the switch and trapped Kemp turnover.

Green went on to finish the half with a blocked dunk on a fastbreak, tipped pass out of bounds by Kemp. He even missed the wide-open layup at the end of the half because Green was closing in behind him.

Green said the team came together and played with the type of energy that it expects to bring to every game.

"I just want to win and I think these two guys sitting next to me want to win too," Green said. "I thought our defense was very good. We helped each other out as a collective team and we rebounded today."

The action off the ball in the second half was just as vital as in the first. Nevada looked to get Kemp the ball early in the second but the effort was just as futile. Kemp ran from sideline to sideline three times on one possession and every time he received the ball Green was in his face.

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"It was as physical a game as we have seen all year," Fox said. "We almost needed a football helmet today."

The tough defensive effort from SIU led to efficient offense as the Salukis scored 22 points off turnovers.

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Sweere was efficient offensively, shooting 8-of-15 from the field. She was able to get more kickout shots rather than having to force shots in the paint in coverage.

She said there was more balance to the offense than usual.

"In the first half we were definitely getting penetration kicks and we got away from that in the second," Sweere said.

Though Gibson missed her first shot from the field in more than a month and a half, she settled down later in the game. She finished 5-of-13 from the floor, but was able to shake off some of the rust by driving for loose balls and grabbing a pair of offensive rebounds.

Gibson said she was slow. "I'll need to have a couple of games, a couple of practices before I get to full speed."

— Jasmine Gibson senior forward

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“I think it’s smart to sign a quarterback that was on an NFC Championship team two seasons ago. He isn’t the best in the league, but he is good enough to be the Bears’ starter. It would be a good move for the Bears to give Brady Williams and seven other agents and NFL-ready quarterbacks in the draft to try to get their first round pick back. I hope they can get a deal with the Bears.”

Larry Hughes

Hughes enjoys fresh start on Bulls’ roster

CHICAGO — Larry Hughes isn’t going to miss being one of the Kings’ own in Cleveland.

A day after being shipped to the Chicago Bulls as part of a three-team blockbuster, Hughes said he was relieved to join a new team.

“Tired for a fresh start,” he said. “It was fun being on a lot of games, we made it to the finals. I just wasn’t able to be myself. I think here they understand what I do — that’s nooting without the ball, slashing, penetrating, making plays.”

Hughes, Drew Gooden, Shawn Bradley and Cavello Sarrason all joined the Bulls on Friday, but didn’t suit up. Interim coach Jim Boylan said he hoped Hughes would be able to play at some point this season.

Tyus Thomas, Joshak Noah and Thabo Sefolosha were all inserted into Chicago’s lineup against Denver on Friday while Boylan waited for each of the 11 players involved in the trade to pass their physicals for it to become official.

After averaging a career-high 22.3 points per game with the Washington Wizards in 2004-05, Hughes signed with Cleveland in 2005. He was supposed to be the Cavaliers second option but never quite meshed with LeBron James.

“Everyone knew that my style of play didn’t really fit the system in which (they) were playing,” Hughes said. “I didn’t think I could or be productive. I wanted to build on the last two seasons I had in Washington, and I didn’t feel like I was doing that when I left.”

Hughes battled injuries in his 2 1/2 years in Cleveland, playing only 36 games in 2005-06 and 70 games last year. And when he made it to the floor, his production dropped significantly from his time in Washington.

Hughes is averaging 12.3 points per game this year.

“There wasn’t as much ball movement or player movement as I’m used to,” he said. “There was a lot of spacing. It was pretty coach call, and that’s just not how I like to play basketball.”

While Hughes is excited for a change of pace, Gooden had mixed emotions. He said he was supposed to be part of the deal, but ended up to once again team up with Kirk Hinrich.

“Goodman and Hinrich were teammates at Kansas, leading the Jayhawks to the Final Four in 2002.”

“Having a point guard you’ve played basketball with since you were 17 — that’s a plus for any team,” Gooden said. “We’ll call all day today just about basketball but old stories from school.”

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL: SIU DEFEATS NEVADA, 74-49**

**SIU records biggest win of season**

Twenty-five point victory the biggest of the season  
Megan Kramper  
**DAILY EDITION**

After struggling for the first half of the season, the SIU mens basketball team is ready to prove it deserves its seventh-straight NCAA tournament appearance.

Senior forward Randal Falker poured in 17 points while senior forward Matt Shaw added 13 points and eight rebounds to lead the Salukis past Nevada 74-49, as part of ESPNU’s O’Reilly BrakerBuster Saturday afternoon.

Falker said the Salukis came together to make the win a team effort.

“Everyone just guarded their own man and played smash-mouth basketball and helped when they needed to,” Falker said.

The Salukis (16-12, 10-6 MVC) attacked the Wolf Pack in all aspects of the game, forcing 21 turnovers and grabbing 14 steals while shooting 48 percent from the floor and 37 percent from the charity stripe.

Opening up the first half with a stretch of threes, the Salukis took control of the game on a trey by junior guard Wesley Clemmons and used a 14-3 run to make the score 37-22 at the half.

Senior guard Tyrone Green added 11 points and sophomore guard Joshua Bone chipped in nine for the Salukis fourth-consecutive victory.

Green has been in the Salukis starting lineup since the Feb. 13 game against Drake replacing Bone. Lowery said he likes Bone’s confidence,” Lowery said.

However, Green said for him it doesn’t really matter whether he comes off the bench or is in the starting five. He just wants to get the win.

The 3-point line has also been a friend to the Salukis in the past four games as the team is 49 percent from the arc.

Lowery said the team isn’t focusing on one if its best scorers in recent history wasn’t enough to get the Salukis back in the win column.

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Senior forward Jayme Sweere, left, and freshman guard Tanaeya Worden help junior forward Jasmine Gibson get back on her feet after a foul during the Salukis game against Evansville Friday night. Gibson scored 10 points in her first game back from a leg injury.

**Purple Aces upend Salukis 71-61 on home turf**

Evansville wins battle at free-throw line, 27-6  
Matt Hartwig  
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Fouls piled up early in the second half and Evansville took the lead at the 10:37 mark with a pair of free throws by freshman guard Ashlie Barrett.

With 5:04 remaining, freshman forward Katrina Swinger cut the Purple Aces lead to four with a pair of free throws but the Salukis wouldn’t get any closer.

Senior guard Jayme Sweere led the offensive attack for SIU, recording a double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

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