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Ameren may raise rates again

Company proposes increase of just less than 10 percent

Danny Wenger
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Less than one month after Ameren announced it would disconnect customers with unpaid bills, the company is looking to raise rates again.

Ameren plans to file a request with the Illinois Commerce Commission to raise its rates, said Erica Abbett, a spokeswoman for the company. Although the request would be for less than 10 percent, the proposal has already been met with criticism.

Tenisha Miller, a single mother living in Carbondale, said she thought it was unfair Ameren would raise their rates again but can do so because of its prominent position in the area.

"I'm very upset because you're forced to pay. Who else are you going to pay?" she said. "They're monopolizing southern Illinois and it's not fair."

Miller's monthly utility bill increased from \$34 to \$81 during recent months and she is facing her power being shut off Monday. Miller said she used ComEd when she lived in Chicago and it was more accommodating to its customers.

Another increase of 10 percent would hurt Miller even more, she said.

"You can't pay people what you don't have," she said. "I wouldn't be able to pay it (a 10 percent



Tenisha Miller, a resident of Carbondale and single mother of two, waits in the office of the Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council in Murphysboro Wednesday afternoon. The power bill for Miller's studio apartment has increased 238 percent during recent months and she is facing the threat of having her power turned off on Monday.

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increase)."

Abbett said the increase would pay for the delivery of power to Ameren customers.

"It is truly for only the delivery service portion of a customer's bill," she said. "It has nothing to do with the power supply portion of the bills."

Ameren's bills consist of two portions, Abbett said. One is for the power used, and the other is for the distribution of electricity and natural gas.

Abbett said the company has not filed its request, and even if it did it would take the Illinois Commerce Commission 11 months to review

the proposal.

The proposal has also been criticized by the Citizens Utility Board, an Illinois-based advocacy group for residential utility customers.

Jim Chilsen, a spokesman for the group, said although the increase seems small it could still be unnecessary.

"The utility companies are in the business of nickel-and-diming people to death," he said. "Believe me, if we see a dollar figure it's going to be quite big. The question is not how big it is. The question is does the company deserve it."

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USG urges book accessibility

Devin Powers, a freshman from Carbondale studying political science, opens a new box of books

Wednesday at 710 Bookstore in Carbondale. Power said he supported a USG resolution that encourages teachers to keep their textbooks on reserve at the library for students who can't afford to purchase the books.

THOMAS BARKER
 DAILY EGYPTIAN



Resolution suggests instructors submit books to Morris Library

Allison Petty
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Despite countless warnings to the contrary, students are judging books by their covers — specifically, the price tag.

The Undergraduate Student Government passed a resolution Wednesday that strongly encourages instructors to place all required texts on reserve at Morris Library. The group's president said the resolution is a result of the rising cost of

textbooks.

Textbooks on reserve at the library can be checked out for a maximum of two hours but cannot be taken from the building,

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Police continue hunt for murder suspects

Two remain at large after body found

David Lopez
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Williamson County and Jackson County officials, along with the FBI, are still searching for two suspects connected to the murder of Benjamin Slaughter, whose body was found in the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge Oct. 17.

Michael Thompson and Terrance Vinson remained at large Wednesday after being charged Tuesday with three counts of first degree murder and three counts of aggravated kidnapping each.

A day before the body was discovered, the suspects, along with Trevis Thompson, were wanted on charges of unlawful restraint and battery after an incident occurred at the 300 block of North Wall Street.

Two others were reported missing after the Oct. 16 incident, but were found alive shortly after.

Trevis Thompson, 21, was apprehended Oct. 17 in connection to the abduction and charged with unlawful battery and unlawful restraint. He remained in cus-

Terrance Vinson



• 29, suspect in murder of Benjamin Slaughter
 • Cited for 40 different incidents in Jackson County

Michael Thompson



• 27, suspect in murder of Benjamin Slaughter
 • Cited for 20 different incidents in Jackson County

tody Wednesday in Jackson County Jail on a \$250,000 bond. The three suspects are all Carbondale residents.

According to the Jackson County Web site, Michael Thompson, 27, has been cited for 20 different incidents in Jackson County since 1998. Prior offenses include attempted murder and aggravated discharge of a weapon in an occupied building and cocaine possession.

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Do you think Saluki quarterback Nick Hill will win the Payton Award, which is given to the top player in the Football Championship Subdivision?
 A. Yes, he will receive the award because of the Salukis' strong performances. B. Yes, he's clearly the best player in the nation.
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CALENDAR

American Red Cross Blood Drive
 • 9:30-1:30 p.m. today at John A. Logan College

Power Generation: Concert of Climate Action
 • 5-8 p.m. Friday on the steps of Shryock Auditorium
 • Music, food, activities, education and fun surrounding climate change and sustainability
 • Free event

PRSSA Haunted Trail: Full Moon Massacre
 • Friday and Saturday at the Campus Lake, starting at boat house
 • 6-7 p.m. children's hour; 7-10 p.m. regular trail
 • \$5 per person, \$3 if you bring a canned good

Ullin Volunteer Fire Department's Haunted Depot
 • 6-10:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Tuesday in Ullin
 • Proceeds help buy weather sirens for the community
 • All ages welcome, concessions start at 5:30 p.m.

Book signing by Joseph H. Ficor
 • 3 p.m. Saturday at Carbondale Public Library in the Library Meeting Room
 • Ficor will read his short story published in the anthology, *Light at the Edge of Darkness*

Fall Fashion Show
 • 3 p.m. Saturday at the University Mall Grand Court, near JCPenney
 • Southern Illinois University Fashion Merchandising Department and Buckle are teaming up to host a fashion show
 • Students in the SIUC Fashion Merchandising Department have been working on this project throughout the semester

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

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



Editor's note: Due to frequent misuse, article comments have been temporarily suspended from siuDE.com. While once a place for informative debate, article comments have recently served as a place for Internet users to slam each other. We apologize to our readers for letting these comments get out of hand.

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



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NEWS BRIEFS

Murder charges added in Chicago immigration indictment

CHICAGO (AP) — Three men have been arrested in Mexico on charges of plotting to kill a rival in Chicago's flourishing trade in bogus immigration documents, federal prosecutors said Wednesday.

The arrests stem from raids in the city's Mexican-American community last April that led to immigration fraud charges against 23 defendants and rolled up what officials called a major fake document ring.

Julio Leija-Sanchez, 31, was among those arrested in April and later indicted on charges of plotting the slaying of Guillermo Jimenez Flores, a former ring member who had defected and set up his own shop.

In the latest arrests, Mexican authorities picked up Leija-Sanchez' two brothers, Manuel, 40, and Pedro, 35, as well as the alleged hit man, Gerardo Salazar-Rodriguez, 34, prosecutors said. Manuel Leija-Sanchez was arrested Friday; the others in August, officials said.

The three brothers as well as Salazar-Rodriguez were charged in a fresh indictment returned by a federal grand jury Tuesday with murder in aid of racketeering, murder for hire, murder outside the United States, racketeering conspiracy and immigration fraud. Murder in aid of racketeering and murder for hire carry a maximum sentence of death.

According to an indictment, Salazar-Rodriguez fatally shot Flores, also known as "Montes," at an unspecified place in Mexico. The indictment said the brothers paid him an unspecified amount for the job.

U.S. Attorney's office spokesman Randall Samborn said it was too early to tell when the three men might be returned to the United States to face the charges. He said they would be represented by Mexican attorneys at their extradition proceedings.

Julio Leija-Sanchez's attorney, Patrick W. Blegen, said he hadn't had a chance to read the indictment.

In swooping down on the ring April 24, agents arrested the father of a Chicago alderman and 22 other defendants. They seized computers, printers, scanners and hundreds of blank identification cards along with a cutting board and \$220,000 in cash.

Federal officials said members of the ring had been openly soliciting business on the streets of the Little Village neighborhood.

Two accused of giving beer to teen

EDWARDSVILLE (AP) — Two people are accused of supplying beer to an Edwardsville High School senior who later died in a car wreck.

Madison County prosecutors have charged 21-year-old Keith Lowenstein and 17-year-old Matthew Inman with felony charges of delivering alcohol to a minor.

Authorities say 17-year-old Christopher Dungan's vehicle hit two trees north of Edwardsville early last Thursday, and he died the next day at a hospital.

Dungan's blood-alcohol level was more than two and a half times the state's legal limit.

Lowenstein is accused of buying beer for a party Dungan attended at Inman's home in Worden. Inman also is charged with obstructing justice for allegedly lying about where the beer came from.

Search for attorney from Illinois ends with Florida arrest

JONESBORO (AP) — A Union County attorney who had not been seen publicly for months has been arrested in Florida on Illinois charges that he stole money from former clients.

Patrick Cox of Anna was arrested Monday in Pinellas County, Fla., five days after a Union County grand jury accused him of three felony theft counts alleging he stole money from clients at various times during the past three years, the Illinois Attorney General's office said.

Cox remains jailed in Florida on \$150,000 bond. He has waived extradition and is to be returned to Illinois after a Florida court appearance Friday, said Scott Mulford, a spokesman for the AG's office.

An attorney for Cox, who was a 2004 candidate for state's attorney and former Cairo city attorney, on Wednesday questioned the need for the criminal charges, arguing the dispute was a civil matter.

"If the object of the exercise is to satisfy the aggrieved party, you do that with money," making it a civil case, attorney Duane Verity of Marion said.

Verity rejected speculation that Cox had been on the run since May, saying he had been in frequent contact with his client since then and that Cox would have returned to Illinois voluntarily on any charges without having to be arrested.

"While nothing had been filed, Pat was still at liberty to go wherever he liked. This is America," Verity said.

Mulford declined to address Verity's complaints.

Messages left with Union County State's Attorney Allen James, whose office deferred the Cox case to the attorney general, were not immediately returned.

Cox also faces a two-count complaint the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission filed in August, accusing him of mishandling his clients' money by cashing their checks without their knowledge or consent.

In those cases, a panel consisting of a volunteer judge, two lawyers and one non-lawyer hear the case, then make a recommendation to the Illinois Supreme Court, which makes the final determination.

That case is pending, and no hearing date has been set, Cox's Springfield attorney in that matter, Charles Northrup, said Wednesday.

POLICE REPORTS

Robert M. Fricke, 19, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia at 5:04 p.m. Tuesday at University Hall. Fricke was released and issued a Carbondale City pay-by-mail citation.

A residential burglary occurred between 10:40 and 10:55 p.m. Tuesday at University Hall. A Dell Inspiron Laptop computer valued at \$900 was stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

A theft under \$300 occurred between 10 and 11 p.m. Monday at the Abbot Hall bicycle rack. A bicycle wheel and tire were stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

CORRECTIONS

In the Tuesday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the page 1 story "SIUC looks to revamp SOAR" should have stated Angie Royal became the director of new student programs in August. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

In the Tuesday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the page 3 story "Woman on fire" should have said Judith Ivey performed Tuesday night. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

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

Professor examines plight of Muslim women

Speech urges people to understand Muslim issues, gay rights

Christian Holt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Naida Zukic said she wants people to understand Muslim women are more than wives and mothers.

Zukic, assistant professor of speech communication, spoke Wednesday in the Mackinaw Room of the Student Center about Muslim women's struggles in honor of GLBT History Month.

The month-long series of events are designed to celebrate the history of people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

Instead of just teaching people about the troubles Muslim women face because of traditions, Zukic said she also wanted people to understand the sexuality of these women.

"I just wanted everyone who came here today, yes to celebrate GLBT History Month, but also to understand that Islam, Muslim and lesbian is not an oxymoron," she said.

Zukic showed a clip from a video called "Submission," which deals with oppression in some Muslim cultures.

Ayaan Hirsi Ali, the main voice in the film, audibly questions Allah for text in the Quran that states men should protect women because they have been given more strength.

"I feel, at least once a week, the strength of my husband's fist on my face," Ali said.

Because of the controversial video, Ali is now a refugee in the Netherlands and the film's director was shot to death, Zukic said.

Kylan de Vries, a graduate assistant in the sociology department, said he gave his students many opportunities during GLBT



Naida Zukic, an assistant professor of speech communication, speaks to students Wednesday at the Student Center about Muslim women's rights and the experiences they have in abusive relationships.
THOMAS BARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

history month and Latino Heritage month to earn extra credit by attending presentations.

He said it was helpful for students to attend the events so they could have examples of the things they were learning in class.

Vries said he chose Zukic's speech as one of his options because it dealt with multiple identities of an individual, such as sexuality, race and gender.

Zukic told members of the audience about the struggles of Muslim women, especially lesbian women.

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I feel, at least once a week, the strength of my husband's fist on my face.

— Ayaan Hirsi Ali
from the film "Submission"

She said there is a Web site dedicated to freeing women from the constraints of their culture. Although currently there is not an English version of the site, Zukic said one could search for French and a few other versions by searching for Sehakia, the Islamic word for lesbian.

On this Web site, women share stories and encourage each other.

Zukic said Americans need to realize there are lesbian Muslim women out there.

"It's just that we're still uncomfortable as a culture to see Muslim women as a sexual person and so this was one way to kind of defy those stereotypes," she said.

Christian Holt can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 268 or cholt@siu.edu.

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Water dropping helicopters were out in force in Oak Canyon, Wednesday.

Fire damage tops \$1 billion

Easing winds may help firefighters, authorities investigate possible arson

Gillian Flaccus
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — The devastating wildfires in Southern California have caused at least \$1 billion in damage in San Diego County alone, officials said Wednesday, as easing wind gave firefighters hope that they could begin to gain ground against the flames.

Authorities were investigating arson as a possible cause of at least one of the wildfires. Orange County sheriff's deputies and FBI agents searched a home Wednesday as part of the investigation, a law enforcement official said. Other blazes were believed to have been started by downed power lines and a car fire.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was continuing, would not say what was taken from the home.

The fires, in their fourth day, had destroyed 1,500 homes and caused at least a half-million people to flee — the largest evacuation in state history. At least 1,200 of the damaged homes were in San Diego County, and officials believe that number will rise.

"Clearly, this is going to be a \$1 billion or more disaster," Ron Lane, San Diego County's director of emergency services, told reporters during a news conference.

The announcement of San Diego's staggering losses came as President Bush signed a major disaster declaration for California in the wake of the wildfires that have charred about 426,000 acres, or about 665 square miles.

The declaration puts in motion long-term federal recovery programs to help state and local governments, families, individuals and certain nonprofit organizations recover. Bush plans to visit the state on Thursday.

"Americans all across this land care deeply about them," the president said after a Cabinet meeting convened to coordinate federal relief efforts. "We're concerned about their safety. We're concerned about their property."

The fierce Santa Ana wind that has stoked the explosive blazes had started to moderate Wednesday although stiff gusts continued to blow through some canyon areas. Forecasters said the wind eventually would be followed by cooling sea breezes.

Wall Street still scarred by home sales, credit crunch

Madlen Read
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Wall Street recovered from steep losses Wednesday amid hopes for an imminent interest rate cut, but stocks still closed down in response to Merrill Lynch & Co.'s credit-related losses and a sharp drop in existing home sales.

The Dow Jones industrials fell in morning trading by as many as 200 points after the market got one of its

most-feared scenarios: Not only is the housing implosion dampening corporate profits, it appears to be accelerating.

But the blue chip index reversed direction later in the day, briefly bobbing into positive territory as rumors circulated that the Federal Reserve — scheduled to meet next week — might be lowering the discount rate before then. The central bank has also been adding a substantial amount of liquidity to the financial system over the last three days.

"Once people hear about a rumor, they cover their shorts. Even though it's just a rumor that's out there," said Ryan Detrick, senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research. Short-covering is when traders undo bets that the market is going to fall. "There was a lot of bad news this morning. It's pretty clear Wall Street wants a rate cut and wants it soon."

Investors have been clamoring for a cut with fresh evidence that the housing slump and summer's credit crisis continues to drag on the

economy. Merrill Lynch said it wrote down \$7.9 billion from its exposure to mortgage-related securities, while a new housing report showed existing home sales plunged last month.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow was off just 0.98, or 0.01 percent, at 13,675.25.

Broader stock indicators also dipped, but were off earlier lows. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3.71, or 0.24 percent, to 1,515.88, while the technology-dominated

Nasdaq composite index lost 24.50, or 0.88 percent, to 2,774.76.

The increasing possibility of an interest rate cut sent Treasury bond prices sharply higher during the session. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note,

which moves inversely to the price, fell to 4.34 percent from 4.40 percent late Tuesday.

The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

Meanwhile, investors kept a close watch on oil prices to gauge inflation. Oil resumed its climb after a surprise drop in inventories, with a barrel of light sweet crude up \$1.83 at \$87.10 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The financial sector was among the hardest hit on Wednesday after Merrill reported worse-than-expected loss of \$2.3 billion. Adding to worries, Merrill Chief Executive Stan O'Neal pointed to "renewed signs of volatility and weakness" in the market environment.

Reports: Turkey hits Kurdish rebels in Iraq

Volkan Sarisakal
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CIZRE, Turkey — Turkish warplanes and helicopter gunships reportedly pounded Kurdish rebel positions along the Turkey-Iraq border Wednesday, broadening military operations against insurgents amid persistent fears Turkey will launch a major offensive inside Iraq.

Turkish Cabinet members and military generals held a six-hour meeting in Ankara to discuss a possible operation in northern Iraq, but decided to recommend the government take economic measures first to force cooperation by Iraqis against Kurdish rebels.

The state-run Anatolia news agency reported that Turkish warplanes and attack helicopters bombed mountain paths used by rebels to cross the porous border from Iraq and stage hit-and-run attacks against soldiers in southeastern Turkey.

"Along with Sikorsky and Cobra helicopters providing air support, warplanes that took off from (the city of) Diyarbakir are reported to have bombed and destroyed bases of the terrorists," the agency reported.

Pentagon officials declined to confirm reports of airstrikes.

"I don't know of any Turkish airstrikes in that area today," Maj. Gen. Richard Sherlock, Joint Chiefs of Staff operational planning director, told a Defense Department press conference.

But residents in the Iraqi Kurdish village of Derishkit claimed that two Turkish jet

fighters struck a target on the banks of the Zey-Gowra River about four miles inside Iraq. They were unable to offer any more details about the apparent attack.

An AP Television News cameraman saw eight F-16s loaded with bombs and attack helicopters take off after nightfall from a base in the southeastern city of Diyarbakir. The cameraman also saw about a dozen transport helicopters fly along Mount Cudi near the border with Iraq and at least one warplane fly past Cizre, a town close to the border.

The reported airstrikes come after days of Turkish shelling in the region. On Sunday, Turkish helicopter gunships penetrated Iraqi territory after Kurdish rebels ambushed a Turkish military convoy near the border, killing 12 soldiers and leaving eight others missing.

U.S.-made Cobra and Super Cobra attack helicopters also chased Kurdish rebels three miles into Iraqi territory on Sunday before returning to their bases in Turkey, a government official said Wednesday on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Turkey, which has moved troops to the Iraq border, warned Iraq and Western allies on Tuesday that a large-scale incursion was imminent unless the U.S.-backed government in Baghdad takes action against the rebels. The Turkish government said there would be no cease-fire with the fighters, who seek autonomy in Turkey's heavily Kurdish southeast.

WIRE REPORTS

WAR

Analysis estimates cost for wars at \$2.4 trillion through next decade

WASHINGTON (AP) — The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan could cost as much as \$2.4 trillion through the next decade, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said Wednesday. The White House brushed off the analysis as "speculation."

The estimate was the most comprehensive and far-reaching one to date. It factored in costs previously not counted and assumed that large number of forces would remain in the regions.

According to analysis, the U.S. has spent about \$604 billion on the wars, including \$39 billion in diplomatic operations and foreign aid.

If the U.S. were to reduce the number of troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan to 75,000 six years from now, it would cost the U.S. \$1 trillion more for military and diplomatic operations and \$705 billion in interest payments to pay for the wars through 2017.

GOVERNMENT

Eugene McCarthy's anti-Hoover campaign caught FBI's attention

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Eugene McCarthy ran for president in 1968, he pledged to fire J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI director who had outlasted presidents from Calvin Coolidge to John F. Kennedy.

Before long, McCarthy's calls for new FBI leadership were cataloged and commented upon by FBI officials in a nearly 500-page file, obtained by The Associated Press through the Freedom of Information Act. The file became available after McCarthy's death in December 2005.

Much of McCarthy's file focuses on law enforcement duties surrounding the 1968 campaign, when McCarthy helped galvanize opposition to the Vietnam War by challenging President Lyndon B. Johnson for the 1968 Democratic nomination. The Minnesota senator's strong showing in the New Hampshire primary led to Johnson's withdrawal from the race.

MISSOURI

Jurors deciding fate of woman who killed expectant mother and stole her baby

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Jurors deciding whether to recommend the death penalty for a woman convicted of killing an expectant mother and cutting the baby from her womb listened Wednesday to a 911 call in which the victim's mother described the gruesome crime scene.

"It's like she exploded or something," a sobbing Becky Harper told the dispatcher in the recording. "There's blood everywhere."

The federal jury convicted Lisa Montgomery on Monday of killing Bobbie Jo Stinnett on Dec. 16, 2004, in the pregnant woman's home in the northwest Missouri town of Skidmore. The baby survived, and Montgomery was arrested the next day after showing the infant off as her own in her hometown of Melvern, Kan.

The penalty phase of the trial began Wednesday. Prosecutors say Montgomery, 39, deserves a death sentence for the kidnapping resulting in death conviction. Her attorneys argue that she should get life in prison without parole — the only other punishment the jury can choose — because physical and sexual abuse she suffered as a child left her mentally ill.

TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft invests \$240 million in Facebook, valuing startup at \$15 billion

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Rapidly rising Internet star Facebook Inc. has sold a 1.6 percent stake to Microsoft Corp. for \$240 million, spurning a competing offer from online search leader Google Inc.

The deal announced Wednesday after several weeks of negotiation values Palo Alto-based Facebook at \$15 billion — less than four years after Mark Zuckerberg started the online social networking site in his Harvard University dorm room.

Microsoft also will sell Internet ads for Facebook as the site expands outside the United States, broadening an existing marketing relationship that began last year.

Besides validating Zuckerberg's decision to rebuff a \$1 billion takeover offer from Yahoo Inc. last year, Microsoft's money should be more than enough to pay for Facebook's ambitious expansion plans until the privately held company goes public.

University groups team up for student safety

Task force would raise awareness about issues including driving, house parties

Brandy Oxford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Large, electronic speed monitors are not the only things urging student drivers to slow down on campus.

The Campus Life and Safety Team may soon begin an effort to promote seat belt usage, reduce speeding and prevent accidents among SIUC students.

The Campus Life and Safety Team is a partnership between various groups on campus. Although most of the relationships were already in place, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz said the team only became a formalized group this semester.

Dietz said some of the team's major accomplishments in its first official semester have been the "Party Safe" campaign, late night program-

Rosemary Simmons, the director of the Counseling Center, said she attends the group's meetings as a consultant.

She said the purpose of the team is to help students by pointing them to the resources already available to them on campus.

The team includes representatives from the Department of Public Safety, the Wellness Center, University Housing and Dietz, among others.

"The task force grew out of the need to do some crisis management, but some things that have come out of that have been proactive programming," Dietz said.

Part of the effort has been the late night program, which Dietz said came about when a group of students expressed the need to have greater access to venues on the campus for

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— Larry Dietz
vice chancellor for Student Affairs

a nation-wide campaign started by students to promote driver safety awareness at high schools.

He said Project Ignition is more effective at convincing students to slow down and buckle up because students are more likely to listen to other stu-

Jake Baggot, associate director of the Student Health Center, said the Campus Life and Safety Team is focused on preventable injuries, such as car accidents.

"There's a campaign that could be done to educate people and make them more aware of the consequences," Baggot said.

their own programming because they feel safer on campus.

Because these venues have different policies and security, the team is looking into student needs at these events if the university is not officiating them.

The team has

also taken an interest in house parties in Carbondale and recruited the assistance of the Saluki Volunteer Corps and the Arbor District to pass out information regarding safe partying practices and possible legal ramifications if something were to happen to a partygoer.

"Prohibition was an interesting social experiment that didn't work," Dietz said. "Students are going to



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Saluki Volunteer Corps, Arbor District and University staff worked together to distribute party safety pamphlets to roughly 900 homes Sept. 13. The pamphlets contained information about health risks and legal issues dealing with throwing house parties.

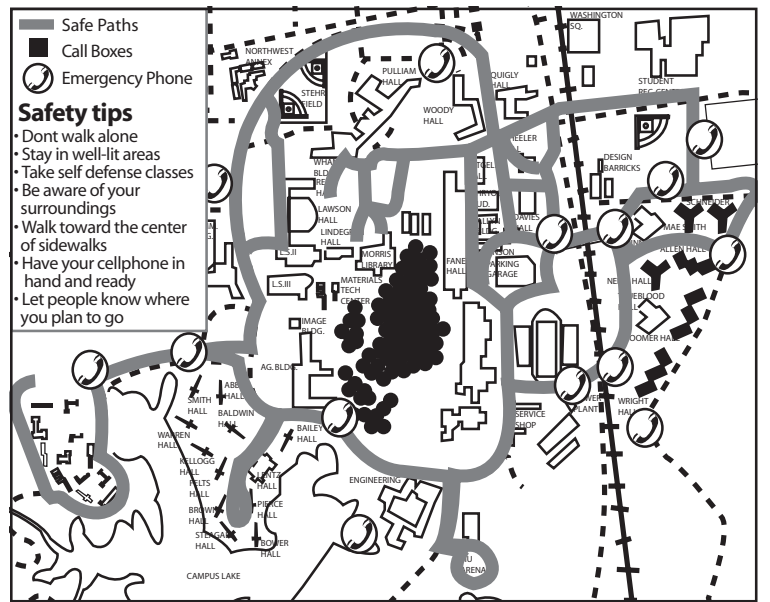
want to socialize and have big parties."

He said their goal is not to keep students from partying but to educate party hosts and attendees about safer practices. These include providing alternative beverages and avoiding decisions to walk alone.

Baggot said the group wants to figure out what affects students' well-being. The team involves itself in a constant review of university policies and procedures and is currently working on a review of the Student Conduct Code.

"I think we've done quite a bit in a considerably short period of time," Dietz said.

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STUDENT COLUMNS

A moral dilemma

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In my ethics class, we encountered a hypothetical dilemma shared by a classmate. The class was divided over whether the action taken was ethical or unethical.

In a recent episode of "Law and Order," a 13-year-old boy, who had been molested by a man, came forward to authorities with his story. The prosecuting attorney took up this story and urged the boy to testify against his molester. A trial date was set and everything was in place for the boy to present his case. He was the only witness against this man, although there were thoughts that he was not the only victim. The day before the trial, the boy encountered his molester. Later on that day, the boy killed himself.

The prosecuting attorney was left with a dilemma. She had a limited amount of time to find evidence against the molester or he would be set free again. He could no longer be tried for his past crimes because of double jeopardy. So, he would have to hurt other boys before ever being prosecuted again.

The attorney looked into the cases of other children he had hurt in the past. She was finally able to track one down. But, there was a problem with him — he had been arrested for molesting children as well. This inmate told the attorney that the man had sent the children he had molested tapes of his actions. This was a power thing for him, but it could be evidence for the attorney.

Unfortunately, the inmate had destroyed all of his tapes, but he thought that the 13-year-old boy might still have his.

At this point, the attorney tries, and fails, to get a proper warrant to search the 13-year-old's house. Because she is going on evidence from an unreliable source, and since she has no evidence that the tapes exist she cannot be issued a warrant. Then, she confronts the mother, who refuses to let the attorney into the house to search. The

attorney then hints that she has a warrant, without directly lying, and ends up calling in detectives under this false pretense.

As it turned out in this hypothetical case, the tapes were there, and the man was put behind bars. However, our class discussed this ethical dilemma — Did the attorney have a right to search the home, even without a warrant? How far could she go beyond the law? If the defense attorney had been watching the proceedings carefully, he could have asked how the prosecutor got the evidence, and the evidence would have been worthless.

There were arguments on both sides. Against the attorney was the argument that the evidence might not have even been there. The mother did not want the attorney to search her house, and she had the right to say what happened in her house. After all, that's part of the freedoms allotted to Americans. Also, the attorney was potentially sacrificing the evidence and that, even if she found the tapes, she was risking the evidence by obtaining it illegally.

On the other hand, what about the potential future victims? This man was a serial molester with no suggestion that he would stop. So, by acting as she did, the attorney potentially helped save more boys from being hurt. There was also the example, used frequently in class, of the man with a knife chasing the little girl. If she ran to you for refuge, you would not go and tell the man with the knife where she was. Therefore, the attorney acted on this logic by trying to protect more children and helping those who were already hurt from more pain.

This case is very complicated, and took us more than an hour to work through. She had an option of taking one of two roads. She could have violated the law to accomplish the greater good, or let the case play its course and see what would happen.

As for now, the dilemma still stands until an ethical, supported decision is made.

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To the haters

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According to the Urban Dictionary, a hater is defined as someone who simply cannot be happy for another person's success. So rather than be happy, they make a point of exposing a flaw in that person.

This is not to be mistaken with jealousy; true haters hate just to hate. This campus is rife with haters, so this column is for you.

To those who hate on SIU as a school: SIU throughout history has always carried with it a reputation. While some see it as a giant keg party, I feel that isn't even half the truth. This place is absolutely unique and special and personally, I couldn't go anywhere else.

We have intelligent and down-to-earth faculty, and alumni from astronauts to movie producers (and of course Dennis Franz). This school is as inclusive as possible and this brings great economic, political and social diversity. Where else can you have coal-miners, Iraq-war veterans, sorority girls and anarchists all in the same class? This school is great — quit hating.

To those who hate that there is nothing to do in "nasty garbage dump" Carbondale (except maybe drink): SIU is right in the middle of the Shawnee National Forest. We are surrounded by miles and miles of gorgeous land. We are now in the middle of fall, and the foliage (yes, foliage) is breathtaking.

Stand out on the little Grand Canyon, look out, and you will see an amazing array of colors on a brisk fall day. Winter is coming up and I'm from Chicago, so trust me, it is much better down here. Our spring comes quicker, and most students never have to be down here for the only nasty time of year, the hottest days of summer. To those hating on SIU because "there's nothing to do here" — quit hating and go outside.

Finally, there is some hating so bad that it can only be described as living in the Haterix

(pronounced hate-trix) which is defined by the Urban Dictionary as "the reality of a lot of people all hating on someone at the same time, similar to the Matrix (the movie)." Many on this campus have been plugged into the Haterix.

To those who hate on Glenn Poshard: While it finally seems to have somewhat died down, the entire "outrage" over this incident was the most clear display of hating I have ever seen. Poshard was working, raising a family and running for office during the 20-some years ago he wrote his dissertation.

I personally can believe that in one draft to the next, Poshard could have easily forgotten to cite something. People didn't have Turnitin.com or any dot.com for that matter. We all make mistakes, and sometimes we make more than one.

But hey, maybe Poshard, regardless of all these factors, did intentionally plagiarize. I don't think he did, but hey, who knows? In truth, I don't care, and it doesn't change my opinion of him or the job he has done.

Martin Luther King Jr., along with a slew of other famous leaders and writers throughout history, committed plagiarism. If we are going to condemn Poshard to this extent then fine, but we must fight plagiarism throughout history with the same vigor. I suggest perhaps changing Martin Luther King Day to "Don't Plagiarize Day."

The DE editorial board put forth an editorial and smarmy cartoon calling our university a joke. Someone must have spiked their water cooler with a heroic dose of hater-aid.

Poshard knows the ins and outs of Illinois politics and has and will continue to use his former career and connections to better the university. He understands and really cares about this school; he is born and bred SIU and he bleeds maroon. This university, his university and mine is no joke — quit hating because all you need is love.

Whoops, I think I just plagiarized.

O'Connor is a junior studying political science.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Disqualification sends mixed signal

DEAR EDITOR:

The recent decision to disqualify the Latino Alliance soccer team truly disheartens me. As a long time proponent for cheating and activist for the continued fair treatment of alleged "cheaters," I am somewhat at a loss for words. Fortunately I am able to muster up a few hundred to

articulate my point.

First, I would like to say the decision to disqualify the Latino team is a step backward from all the progress we had recently achieved. It comes too soon after Poshard-Gate, a huge win for cheaters everywhere. If the "Poshard Model" teaches us nothing else it should teach us that once accused, an "alleged" cheater reserves the right: to be reviewed by a review committee, and then a review committee to review the first review committee, ultimately ending with positive decision based on some sort of exception to the rule — at which time the cheater should

continue to go on with everyday life as if nothing has happened.

In closing, if it were not for cheating, the Major League Baseball homerun record would still be 61, Bill Belichick wouldn't know which play the opposing defense is running and Al Gore might be our president, and that's no inconvenient truth.

Cheat! Keep America strong. If cheating were wrong, then why does Microsoft Word have a "copy and paste" feature?

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Loretta Cooley
manager of Wedgewood Hills
on the \$35 rental inspection fee to fund mandatory safety inspections

GUEST COLUMN

The secondary meaning of plagiarism

Patrick Kelley
GUEST COLUMNIST

Plagiarism is an ugly word.

In its primary or core meaning, it refers to deliberately passing off, as your own, words that you know were written by someone else. In this primary meaning, plagiarism is an act of gross dishonesty, and a plagiarist is akin to a thief and a fraud. No wonder we condemn in the strongest terms anyone labeled a "plagiarist."

But plagiarism also has a secondary, peripheral meaning, in which it refers to writing that quotes the words of another without using the appropriate attribution conventions, when the writer did not intend to pass off the words of another as his own. In this case, the attribution error may have come about through innocent ignorance of the appropriate convention, a faulty memory, or inadequate note taking. In this secondary meaning of plagiarism, the moral character of the act may be completely innocent or, at most, careless.

A dissertation adviser who discovers that his doctoral candidate

has been guilty of plagiarism in the primary sense would no doubt take steps to kick that candidate out of the doctoral program, as there is no place for fraud and deceit in the ranks of scholars committed to the truth. A dissertation adviser who discovers that his doctoral candidate has made innocent or careless attribution errors would no doubt take that occasion to teach the candidate the appropriate attribution conventions and have the candidate correct those errors.

The faculty review committee was asked to review Glenn Poshard's 1984 dissertation as if they were his instructor – the dissertation adviser, now deceased. When, after careful review of the evidence, they concluded that any attribution errors in that dissertation were unintentional and inadvertent, they did exactly what any dissertation adviser would have done under those circumstances. They pointed out to the graduate student, Glenn Poshard, the unintended attribution errors and asked him to fix them. Given their conclusion that the plagiarism was unintended and

inadvertent, their treatment of Glenn Poshard is precisely the treatment any similarly situated graduate student would receive from his dissertation adviser.

Dr. Gerald Nelms, an associate professor of rhetoric and composition in the Department of English at SIUC and a recognized expert on the subject of plagiarism, discusses the proper role of the dissertation adviser in cases like this. His careful review of the Poshard dissertation, available on the Web at <http://news.siu.edu/PoshardDissertationReviewfinal.pdf>, concluded:

"I have found no evidence of any intentional effort to cheat in this dissertation.... [A]ll of the citation infractions... appear to be the kinds of minor citation errors that graduate students often make during the process of writing dissertations and theses and that are typically corrected during the process of revising these documents, with the help of dissertation and thesis directors and committees..."

Dr. Nelms also pointed out what is apparent on the face of the Poshard dissertation: The vast

majority of the citation errors are attributable to the repeated good-faith application of an attribution convention that we no longer find acceptable, but which identified clearly the source for every quotation by putting a footnote at the end of the quoted material, without enclosing that material in quotation marks.

The distinction between the two meanings of plagiarism becomes critically important in evaluating the SIU Board of Trustees' decision to retain Glenn Poshard as president after he had been found guilty of inadvertent, unintended plagiarism. Of course, if plagiarism has only one meaning, the decision of the Board would mean that it retained as president a man guilty of dishonesty and fraud. But if, besides its primary meaning, plagiarism has a secondary meaning that refers to unintended, unknowing attribution errors often made by graduate students, the decision of the Board just means that it retained as president a human being.

Kelley is a professor teaching law.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A suggestion for an asterisk

DEAR EDITOR:

I want to use something from the popular TV show *The Colbert Report*, "Tip of the Hat, Wag of the Finger" on the current BOT/Poshard imbroglio.

First, a tip of the hat to Glenn Poshard. He truly showed he is the smartest guy in the room at the Board of Trustees meeting. Only a genius could possibly convince a room full of university administrators and Ph.D.s that his outright lifting of material from other sources and claiming it as his own, not once but twice, was "inadvertent plagiarism."

He must have read his T.S. Elliot: "Immature writers imitate, mature writers steal."

Bravo, "Dr." Poshard. My suggestion: An asterisk by his Ph.D., which reads "Pending Changes for Plagiarism."

Second, a wag of the finger goes to the BOT for not alerting myself and other graduate students that plagiarism is OK when it is not "on purpose." Apparently all those seminars on the evil of plagiarism were just a gag, not to be taken seriously. They have seriously failed the school and the students in letting Poshard slide.

A wag of the finger also goes out to graduate student Mark Carlos, for his inept Monty Python

reference and poorly written editorial. For Carlos, BOT's recent decision must be a God-send, for now he has a legitimate chance to finish his dissertation; just lift what he needs and all will be well.

Last but not least, a wag of the finger goes out to resident Scott Wright for his equally inept call for the major source of Carbondale's income (and his own) to simply pick up and leave if they dislike how this school is run by Poshard and Co. Even if the students leave, the stink of Poshard will follow them wherever they go.

Jack Millar
graduate student studying
geography and environmental resources

DE should respect privacy

DEAR EDITOR:

I think it unbelievable that a university newspaper would lower itself to the standards that you have this semester. The fact that you put a picture of a student on a stretcher on the front page while he was dying (regardless of the cause) infuriates me.

Does the DE even care about that student's family? Or their privacy? I can't imagine going

through losing a family member one day, to opening up the school newspaper the next day to see him sprawled on a stretcher in the last hours of his life. I know you guys at the DE think you're some sort of crack reporting team for investigating Dr. Poshard's dissertation, but you've gone too far with all of it. Did the DE ever consider that all this negative publicity might have an impact on SIU's students?

In the near future, I will be sweating through an interview, wondering whether my potential employer is looking at me skeptically because

SIU's president was found guilty of plagiarism, instead of remembering that I graduated from SIU's renowned aviation program. Because of that, those sorts of things will be on the minds of all potential employers when they see Southern Illinois University on applications for a long time to come. DE, I am ashamed of your reporting and lack of respect. Clean it up.

Joseph Duckett
senior studying aviation flight

Retraction of comment forums online

DEAR EDITOR:

I am a little confused here. I just read that you are no longer allowing comments about letters to the editor in a forum manner. This is because people

are "slamming" each other. Yet you can "slam" this university ... that's OK ... double standards here?

I am pretty disappointed in this year's DE staff. It seems that every issue has something that is controversial. This is all well and good if it is kept in an objective manner. When a single opinion is being expressed there is no objectivity in it.

And, although I know there are a majority of

students from the Chicago area, I always cringe when I look at the sports section and find the Sports Banter section with another question about Chicago sports teams. Enough already, this is southern Illinois, not little Chicago!

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THE SCIENCE OF SWING

Story by Jeff Engelhardt, Photos by DuVale Riley

There are no mathematical equations to learn, but hitting a golf ball properly is a science that is nearly impossible to master.

Hitting a small, white ball with a lengthy club may seem easy, but in order to hit the ball for distance and accuracy, golfers must have full awareness of their entire bodies. Arm, leg, hip and head movements are all vital to executing the perfect golf swing.

Golf requires the ability to master different shots through as many as 12 clubs including drives, putts, chips and a variety of iron shots. The SIU men's golf

team has proved it could master the different shots with its four top 5 finishes in six tournaments this season.

Senior captain Matt Ellis, along with juniors Todd Obergoenner and John Danielson, broke down the key aspects to each swing they use when they play.

Local Pro-Am golfer Jim West also offered his insight on different swings. West has been playing alongside local professional Michael Day for almost 10 years.

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THE DRIVE

The drive is the first shot of every hole and determines how the rest of the hole will be played. The driver is the biggest club and supplies the most distance but also the least amount of accuracy. Ellis offered his step-by-step approach to the drive.

First, he said to set the ball on the tee so half the ball is visible over the top of the striking surface of the golf club. Then approach the ball with feet a little more than shoulder-

width apart with the ball lined up just behind the front foot.

Ellis said he keeps his head down and eyes on the ball as he starts his backstroke. He keeps his left arm straight and rotates his hips and upper body until his back faces his target. He accelerates through the ball, making sure his arms and hips are in sync on impact while his lower body is completely still.

Ellis said during the follow-through his right arm is straight and his back foot pivots on to his toes so all of his weight is on his front foot.

West said the most important part of the approach is before the swing. He said he likes to find the area on the fairway that will maximize the efficiency of his second shot. He also said it is important to hit the ball and not guide it.



THE IRON

The second shot is played from the fairway or rough where an iron is usually used. Irons can give loft or distance depending on the number of the club. A higher numbered iron, like a 9-iron, has more lofts, while a club like the 3-iron will give distance.

Obergoenner said he keeps his feet shoulder-width apart and lines the ball up in the middle of his stance. He rotates his hips and upper body on his backstroke, making sure his lower body is still. His weight is centered on impact and his chest is pointed toward his target during the follow-through.

Ellis said a key difference between the swing and the drive is the swing is a "digging" motion as opposed to a "sweeping" motion on the drive.

"You will see when we take shots from the fairway that we are making divots because we dig into the shot," Ellis said. "We look about an inch behind the ball when we swing to get a good divot."

West said trusting his swing with his irons is what he has to remember. He said he swings down on the ball, making sure he hits the ball before he hits the ground and makes his divot.



THE CHIP

The chip shot is used to get on the putting surface from a close distance and is done with a pitching or sand wedge. It's one of the more difficult shots because accuracy is the key to a good approach.

Obergoenner said he keeps his feet inside shoulder-width and lines the ball up with his back foot. Ellis said he keeps his left wrist firm and puts all of his weight on his front foot. His backstroke is slower than other strokes and is done with his shoulders only before he accelerates through the ball.

Danielson said he doesn't use the wedges and prefers an iron when he chips because it has more roll time.

"When you get a lot of air on a chip the wind can do funny things to it," Danielson said. "I use an iron because the ball gets down quick and can roll to where I want it to go."

West said he also prefers more roll time and uses an 8-iron to chip. He said he finds an area on the green where he can hit the ball so it will roll to the hole, but he does not aim at the flag.



THE PUTT

The putt is done by lightly hitting the ball with a putter so it rolls into the hole. The ball rolls over varying degrees of the slope so the shot is difficult to make.

Ellis said he "reads the green" by studying the amount of slope in every direction. Then he approaches the ball keeping his feet close together with the ball in the center of his stance. Obergoenner said he uses a light grip and his backstroke and follow-through is like a pendulum with an even amount of backstroke and follow-through.

Obergoenner, who Ellis called a "putting guru," uses a unique grip with his index finger fully extended down the grip of the club to prevent his wrist from bending and add control to his stroke.

West said he picks a mark between himself and the hole but does not aim at the hole. He said aiming where the break is reduces the chance for error and the ball will roll on the desired line.





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said Mark Liberta, who handles electronic reserves at the library. He said the library will not purchase new textbooks, but instructors can bring in their own copies to be placed on reserve.

USG President Demetrous White said he hoped instructors would submit texts to the library whenever possible, especially if they had extra copies.

He said students who could not afford to buy textbooks would benefit if they could access them at the library.

"Students are struggling with the cost of tuition and the cost of fees going up," White said. "They're struggling to afford the textbooks that they need to pass many of these classes."

Randy Johnson, manager of 710 Bookstore, said he knows many students have a difficult time affording textbooks. The bookstore would support any measure that would create more accessibility to textbooks, he said.

"It doesn't do any of us good to deny people access and to say, 'You

can't come because you don't make enough money or your parents aren't rich or you're not connected enough,'" Johnson said.

Devin Powers said he thought the resolution was a good idea.

Powers, a freshman from Carbondale studying political science, said he knew several students who had trouble paying for their textbooks.

He said he thought making books available through the library would help.

"You do have people that can't afford to buy textbooks and that's a problem because people have to get their studies," Powers said. "If they can't buy their textbooks, they can't get their studies."

A second part of the resolution requests instructors finish the list of required texts for their classes as soon as possible.

White said he spoke to staff at the University Bookstore, who told him early submission by instructors cuts down on costs for students.

"I know for a fact that if the instructors have not adopted the books, we

cannot turn in our books to be sold back," White said. "That cuts away from the used books that students can buy, meaning that the bookstore has to go out and order more textbooks, which means students have to pay full price."

A guest speaker also appeared at the meeting.

Derrick Williams, a doctoral student from Alabama studying speech communication and also a Wellness Center graduate assistant, informed the group about the local branch of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Williams said the region, including Marion and Carbondale, has a waiting list of roughly 30 children between the ages of 8 and 12.

The children need mentors who can devote at least four hours a month to the program, Williams said. Those interested in becoming mentors can call 457-6703 ext. 266 for more information.

Allison Petty can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 259 or allison.petty@siude.com.

SUSPECTS

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Vinson, 29, has been cited 40 times in the county, with charges ranging from burglary and battery to cocaine possession.

Travis Thompson was arrested in 2003 for shooting an assistant football coach in the leg during an altercation outside the Carbondale

Community High School. He was 17 at the time.

Slaughter, the 26-year-old victim, had a criminal record of more than 30 incidents. Though most were traffic related, Slaughter had also been convicted of theft, aggravated battery with a firearm and possession of cocaine.

Williamson County and Carbondale Police would not com-

ment and said the investigation continues.

Those with information in either incident are encouraged to contact the Carbondale Police Department at 457-3200 or Carbondale Crime Stoppers at 549-2677.

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AMEREN

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Another Illinois utility company, ComEd, plans to increase its rates by 8 percent, according to recent news reports. Although the number seems small, Chilsen said the increase would give the company \$361 million in the first

year.


John Stewardson, an outreach coordinator at Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council, said Ameren is looking to increase rates for something they don't even produce.

"The way a utility company works now, it's like they're delivering pizza," he said. "All CIPS does

is deliver the fuel, or deliver the electricity. That's all they do. They don't make the pizza, they don't bake it, they don't do anything. They just deliver it, and that's what the increase is — the delivery charge."

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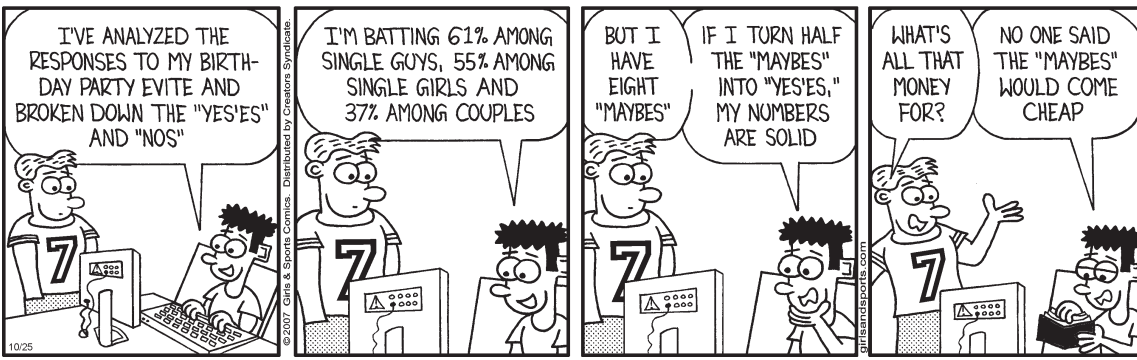
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 5 Urgent letters
 9 Painter's base
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 15 "Fiesque" composer
 16 Lead to seats
 17 Start of Tom Smothers quip
 19 Home or bed follower
 20 Try hard
 21 NYC subway line
 23 Goddess of folly
 24 "Die Lorelei" poet
 25 Part 2 of quip
 28 Taking all into account
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 33 Classify
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 38 Part 3 of quip
 43 Transition point
 44 Actress Menken
 45 Mel of the Giants
 46 Brought to you (by)

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- By Michael T. Williams Clearwater, FL 10/25/07
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 2 Craggy crest
 3 Arboreal lemur
 4 Zodiac sign
 5 Winglike parts
 6 Plopped down
 7 Mr. Baba
 8 Presumes
 9 Composer Mahler
 10 Approx.
 11 Wheat bundle
 12 Pac. pact
 13 Arrangement
 18 Nevertheless
 22 Slugger's stat
 25 Workers' rights grp.
 26 Endure longer then
 27 Sweetie
 29 Bovine
 30 Sight organ
 31 Director Browning
 32 Calendar abbr.
 35 Delibes or Buscaglia
 36 Came across
 37 Colony critter
 39 Viper collective
 40 Japanese vegetables
 41 Corn cob
 42 Presley hit, "In the ___"
 47 Lt. Kennedy's vessel
 48 Now I see!
 49 Collared
 50 Gloomier
 51 Muslim holy city
 52 Architect Saarinen
 53 Market channel
 55 Perhaps
 56 Kind of daylight?
 57 Takes aback
 60 Tunisian port
 62 360-deg. curve
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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — It's getting a little bit easier to gather information. It's easier to spill the beans, too, so watch out. Loose lips sink ships.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Luckily, working under pressure is one of your specialties. You'll pop through the difficult phase into the fun part, soon.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Don't gossip, even if pressed. The odds are too high you'll be misunderstood. Or, even worse, what you say will go straight to the person you're talking about, who'll understand quite well.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — You don't always say what you really think in an argument. Speak up, even if it's difficult. Don't assume they know what you want. Make it obvious.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — A far-reaching scheme needs a little more work. For example, if you're planning a trip, get the very latest map. Also, have an alternative route already worked out.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Hidden costs are the name of this game. Finding them is your assignment. Some are buried pretty deeply, so digging is definitely required.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — Should you tell a person with very strong opinions where and how you disagree? Could be fun. It's up to you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — The prize definitely goes to the one who's most efficient now. You'll get extra points and respect for making a tough job look easy.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Passions are strong. Make sure there's not something important you're overlooking. Don't ignore your friends this time. Consider their considerations.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — You feel pushed to take action, but it's hard to make up your mind. Let the others race off in all directions. Maintain your cool and you'll win the race.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — The more you go through the material, the more trouble you'll save yourself. A big project has a lot of room for mistakes. Avoid as many as possible with intensive planning.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Don't agree to anything that's going to cost you. If the agency wants a fee, make sure it's affordable. You can earn more money without going into debt.

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FASHIONABLY LATE

Can style be taught?

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Architecture is engineering with taste and style.

This was written on the stall walls of a rest room in the Engineering Building. The usual fashionista would automatically switch that around so the graffiti reads fashion design is architecture with ... well, you can say any number of words to express the similarities and differences.

I opt to fill in the black with needle and fabric. Either way, the similarities between the two fields is what you're left to ponder. One pressing question students of both disciplines are sure to pose at some point during long hours in lab days is: Can style be taught?

We have all seen those incredibly dressed people a million times at clubs, restaurants and on our routes to class and catch ourselves looking them over, filled with thoughts of how naturally put together they look.

But what we don't realize is

that the ability alone to recognize a well-put-together look (and the not-so-put-together looks) means you have an eye.

Whether you think you need fashion tips or should be giving the tips, fashion is about recycling what's been done — and it's all been done — and making it you.

With a steadily increasing influx in fashion reality television shows, such as "Tim Gunn's Guide to Style" and "What Not to Wear," the impression that style can be taught is prevalent and dominating. These shows tell us that yes, style can be taught, but what they leave out is that not only can it be taught, it already is.

Most of the self-professed fashionistas of the world can be caught with the latest issue of Bazaar in front of their sunglasses-covered faces and an issue of Vogue in their knock-off Dior bags.

Joyce Wadler posed and answered the question best in her recent "Can Taste Be Taught?" article. The theme of interior designer Bunny Williams' new book, "Bunny Williams' Point of View," is that one can always learn from people, and, as Williams puts it, "people of great taste."

Monologues in McLeod

Audra Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Eleven characters will take audiences through a journey of life milestones in a play at McLeod Theatre this weekend.

"Talking With..." directed by Susan Patrick Benson, is a presentation of 11 monologues by eccentric female characters who each share part of their life experience with the audience in an intimate way.

"Each one is like a 10-minute mini-play," Benson said.

This production is unique in that the actresses speak directly to the audience, rather than at them, as in a traditional play.

The characters have their own time on stage, providing insight into their lives and offering the audience a new paradigm through which to view the world.

The eclectic group of female characters, such as a homeless woman who wants to live in McDonalds and a snake charmer, all represent a different stage in life everyone experiences.

Audience members will be able to identify with each of the characters in some small way, no matter their sex, background or age, Benson said.

"A lot of these women are outsiders in their world, and you start to empathize and identify with the feeling of being an outsider, realizing that we're all kind of outsiders," Benson said.

Ultimately, "Talking With..." is a story about life and the milestones and



Mary Warren practices her monologue as a housewife who dresses up as her favorite book characters during the final rehearsal for the play "Talking With..." Monday at McLeod Theatre. The show opens tonight and runs through the weekend.
THOMAS BARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

issues everyone faces while living it, such as failing marriages, giving birth, being fired and dying.

"It's their personal journey through life and how it affects them at the moment we meet them," Benson said. "Some of them very positive, and some a little skewed."

While all audience members will be impacted in some way, Benson said college students in particular will be affected by the play.

"You can't see 11 monologues and

not be affected by it," Benson said.

"Talking With..." opens in McLeod Theatre at 7:30 p.m. today. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$6 for students, and can be purchased by phone by calling 453-3001 or at the box office an hour before the performance.

The play also runs at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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"I tell my friends I don't even feel like I am going into work," Gowen said. "This is a great experience for me and I want to keep coaching. I never thought this is what I would be doing while I was a swimmer, but I love it."

Gowen has already made a positive impact on the team.

Sophomore Jameson Kuper said he finds it helpful that the coaches switch off and work with a different group of swimmers every week because it keeps things fresh. As a medium-distance swimmer, Kuper said Gowen is able to give him guidance on how to approach different sets.

Junior Isabel Madeira said she enjoys having a woman coach because she can relate to her easily. Madeira said road trips have also become easier with Gowen getting her in the right mindset for the race.

Gowen's aspiration to become a head coach is something Walker said he sees her accomplishing in the future.

"Right now she has the chance to get experience and get prepared," Walker said. "She knows what she is talking about because she has been there. I think she will be a great head coach one day."

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BRANDON CHAPPEL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU swim team assistant coach Tiffany Gowen watches over swimmers Wednesday in the Recreation Center. A two-time NCAA all-American swimmer, this is Gowen's first year coaching for the Salukis.

FOOTBALL

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sharp and we stay clicking, but at the same time we don't want to have this as something that's wearing them down," Limegrover said.

SIU coach Jerry Kill said the coaching staff is using the extra week to prepare for the Leathernecks, the only ranked team remaining on the Salukis' schedule.

The bye will be important, because before SIU beat Missouri State 45-10 Saturday, the Salukis played the previous two games against No. 20 Youngstown State and No. 1 Northern Iowa.

The Penguins were ranked at

No. 10 when SIU beat them 24-17 on Oct. 6, and Northern Iowa was ranked third when it beat the Salukis 30-24.

Kill said SIU showed speed against Missouri State, but the Salukis are still faster than they've been.

"We have played tremendously physical football games, and we got to be careful with them this week," Kill said. "We got to get them healed up and get the speed back in them, and that's our job going down the stretch run."

Some players have battled and played through injuries this season, such as sophomore middle linebacker Brandin Jordan and senior right tackle Andrew Kernes.

Hill said the bye week would be of great benefit to them and others nursing injuries.

"Some people that are injured or banged up a little bit can get healthy and we can make this late run," Hill said.

After Saturday's win against Missouri State, SIU was given Sunday, Monday and Tuesday off before returning to practice Wednesday.

The team practiced for 90 minutes Wednesday, and the younger players stayed later for an extended session.

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Invitation To Faculty Forum/Panel Discussion

The SIUC Faculty Senate invites SIU faculty to attend and participate in an open forum/panel discussion as part of the 2007 Fall Faculty Meeting. The issue of plagiarism will be discussed, rather than the topic of "The Faculty's Role in Retention", as previously announced.

This open forum has been arranged to enable an open dialogue among University faculty on this important issue. Panel members will include some members of the Faculty Senate and other faculty representatives. Members of the SIUC Faculty Senate have also been invited to attend.


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Saluki Insider

New York Jets coach Eric Mangini announced Wednesday that Chad Pennington would continue to start at quarterback, amid speculation that he would go with second-year backup Kellen Clemens. Did Mangini make the right move sticking with Pennington?



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"Pennington has shown flashes of greatness, but the name simply conjures up the words inconsistency and injury. Sometimes the best thing to do with a team that seems to be already out of the hunt is to shake things up. A Clemens start might finally light a fire under the low-flying Jets' offense."

"No. The Jets are 1-6 and seemingly not going anywhere. I actually think Clemens, who has the stronger arm, fits better with their offense, especially the burner Laveranues Coles. I think Pennington's a good quarterback, but his lack of arm strength keeps him from utilizing someone like Coles. And Clemens did play OK against Baltimore."

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"I would say he did make the right move by staying with Pennington because Pennington hasn't really played all that bad, and you're pretty much throwing your season away if you go to the backup quarterback."

GUEST COMMENTATOR: SHAWN SMITH

"I guess we'll find out on Sunday. But he's been around the league for a long time, so he knows the system. I guess it just depends week-to-week. Everybody's good in the NFL."

— SIU sophomore guard Shawn Smith



STAT OF THE DAY

Saluki Football



The SIU football team has not lost the game after a bye week during the regular season since 2001, coach Jerry Kill's first season with the Salukis. SIU beat St. Joseph's 75-0 after a bye in 2003, had a bye then defeated Missouri State 30-23 in overtime in 2005, then had a bye last season before winning 35-28 against Indiana. In 2001, the Salukis lost 24-20 to Murray State after a bye week.

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

BASKETBALL

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"It's their turn. I think that's the biggest thing with anything you do with a program or business, guys that have been through the wars and now expect things — they understand what it takes," Lowery said.

Junior guard Bryan Mullins said intensity has picked up in practice as the games draw closer.

"In the first couple days of prac-

tice, people were unsure of their roles and it was just a different atmosphere," Mullins said. "These last couple of days we have really picked up things."

Mullins said he has seen improvements in everyone's game, and it shows that everyone — from seniors to freshmen — worked hard to get in shape during the offseason.

The Salukis will face a tough non-conference schedule this season, including a game at home against

Indiana, an ESPN BracketBuster game with an opponent yet to be determined and the Anaheim Classic from Nov. 23 to Nov. 25, where they may match up against opponents from USC to Mississippi State.

The Salukis will start the season at home with a Nov. 3 contest against King scheduled for 2:05 p.m.

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Chargers work out in Arizona, await word on game site

Bob Baum

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEMPE, Ariz. — The San Diego Chargers, some of them forced from their homes by the threat of wildfires, worked out at the Arizona Cardinals' training facility Wednesday and awaited word on where and when their next game will be played.

San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders planned to decide Thursday whether the Chargers will be able to play Houston as scheduled Sunday at their Qualcomm Stadium home.

"We're waiting as long as we can to assess the need for a shelter as large as Qualcomm," the mayor's spokesman Fred Sainz said Wednesday.

"The mayor, when he spoke yesterday, said the concern is really not a football game, the concern was to assure people evacuated from their homes that they have a safe place

to go," Sainz said. "That remains our priority."

After the workout in Tempe, running back LaDainian Tomlinson — the NFL's reigning MVP — said that, wherever the game is played, he hopes it's a pleasant diversion to people who have been through so much.

"Even for three or four hours, if you can entertain them, they're going to take their mind off whatever's going on in their world," he said. "That's what we want to do."

Chargers president Dean Spanos said about 40 people in the organization had to evacuate their homes, including "17 or 18 players," because of the fires rampaging in the San Diego area. They included coach Norv Turner, quarterback Philip Rivers and linebacker Shawne Merriman.

"So far, I've heard that there haven't been any homes that have

burned," Spanos said, "but I haven't heard that officially."

Other sites being considered were Dallas and Houston.

"I want to play back home, no doubt about it," Merriman said, "but we're going to have to deal with what we're going to have to deal with. A touchdown is still a touchdown, a tackle is still a tackle, no matter where we play at."

An estimated 10,000 people were at the Qualcomm evacuation center Wednesday.

"Obviously we'd like to play there, but it's totally up to the mayor," Spanos said. "I'm hoping this thing clears up by the weekend and we can play."

The team canceled its Monday practice in San Diego because of the smoky conditions, then decided to hold Wednesday, Thursday and Friday workouts in Arizona. The Cardinals have a bye this week.

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FOOTBALL

Perfect timing on bye week

Salukis rest, coaches prepare for Western Illinois

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Senior quarterback Nick Hill said the SIU football team's bye week could not have come at a better time.

The No. 7 Salukis (7-1, 3-1 Gateway) won't play a game this Saturday, returning to action Nov. 3 at No. 24 Western Illinois (5-3, 2-1).

Last season, SIU got its bye in the second week, after trouncing Lock Haven 49-0 and before heading to play Indiana.

The Salukis beat the Hoosiers 35-28, but Hill said SIU didn't hold back while practicing during the bye week.

"We didn't really use it as resting or anything like that because we were fresh and hadn't really played," Hill said.

Hill added the offensive line needs rest, but offensive line coach Matt Limegrover said the line will be ready for the next game.

"We want to make sure we stay sharp and we stay clicking, but at the



SIU senior quarterback Nick Hill runs a keeper during the Salukis 45-10 win against Missouri State Saturday. The Salukis have a bye this week as they prepare to take on No. 24 Western Illinois, on Nov. 3.

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SWIMMING

Right-hand woman

Gowen is first female assistant coach for SIU swimming

Jeff Engelhardt
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Though Tiffany Gowen is 800 miles away from where she grew up, she is right at home when she is near a swimming pool.

Gowen was hired during the summer as an assistant coach for the Saluki swimming and diving team. Gowen is the first woman to hold the position of assistant coach in the SIU swimming and diving team's history.

Head coach Rick Walker said Gowen has already earned the team's respect.

"She brings everything that we need as a team," Walker said. "She is beginning to get more comfortable in her role, and both the men and women are accepting her as a coach of authority."

Gowen began her swimming career at the age of 5 in Georgia. She started to swim with a summer league, and the competition and friends she made kept her coming back for more, she said.

At 13, Gowen decided to put all her focus and energy into swimming, and she gave up dancing and softball. Gowen and her family moved to Jacksonville, Fla., where she went to the college preparatory Bolles School.

Gowen said her swimming instructor in Georgia suggested the

school to her family. "My instructor told me Bolles would be a great opportunity, especially if I wanted to swim at the college level," Gowen said. "Bolles had won plenty of state and national championships and produced some Olympians. It was a great opportunity for me."

Gowen continued her career at Texas A&M where she was an NCAA All-American. Gowen won two Big 12 championships and broke a school record in the 400-meter freestyle.

Bolles School offered Gowen her first coaching job out of college. Gowen instructed 8- to 10-year-olds, what she said was a great experience.

"The kids found all my results from college after my first day coaching," Gowen said with a laugh. "It meant a lot to me because it showed me they cared and looked up to me."

Gowen left Bolles and put her kinesiology degree to work when she served as a coordinator at Velocity Sports Performance Institute, also located in Jacksonville, Fla. She handled day-to-day operations at the complex, which offers exercises to improve speed, power and agility for athletes.

Gowen decided to apply for the assistant coach position at SIU after her husband started working as an equipment manager at nearby Murray State. Gowen said she has developed a passion for coaching she did not expect.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ready for the return

Salukis prepare for tough schedule

Megan Kramper
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

With the SIU men's basketball home opener a little more than a week away, the Salukis are fighting to get back into game day form.

The team, which has not been seen in meaningful action since its March 22 loss to Kansas in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, has been practicing daily in preparation for a season that coach Chris Lowery called one of the toughest schedules he's ever seen.

Senior forward Matt Shaw said the team is really coming together since last season ended on the down note of the last-second, 61-58 loss.

"It's been going really good so far," Shaw said. "Obviously with new guys it's going to be a little slow, but as we practice more and more things are going a lot more smooth."

This season, the Salukis are looking to defend their Missouri Valley Conference regular season crown and repeated success in the NCAA Tournament.

The Salukis have made it to the Big Dance every year since 2001, putting them in company with national powerhouses, such as Duke, Kentucky and Kansas.

Shaw said with this program, seniors are expected to be leaders and will do everything possible to fill the void left by departed starters



DuVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior forward, Randal Falker goes up for a dunk during practice Tuesday afternoon at the SIU Arena. The Salukis will take the floor for the first time on Nov. 3 against King's University College.

Jamaal Tatum and Tony Young, who accounted for nearly 40 percent of the team's scoring last season.

Lowery said Shaw, along with senior forward Randal Falker, will

have to embrace the leadership role and provide consistency for the team.

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