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# Toyota maintains glitch not at fault

NICK JOHNSON  
Daily Egyptian

Chief executives of the Toyota Motor Corporation reaffirmed at a congressional hearing Wednesday that despite SIUC professor David Gilbert's testimony, they are "confident that the computer system" is not

at fault for the sudden unintended acceleration that has led to the recall of more than six million vehicles.

The remarks from company President Akio Toyoda and Yoshimi Inaba, the chief executive of Toyota North America, came on the second day of a hearing before the House Subcommittee on Oversight

and Investigation in Washington, D.C., and are contrary to those of Gilbert, an automotive technology professor.

Gilbert testified Tuesday, but did not take part in the hearing Wednesday. He told the committee he found a glitch in Toyota's computer system that allows for a

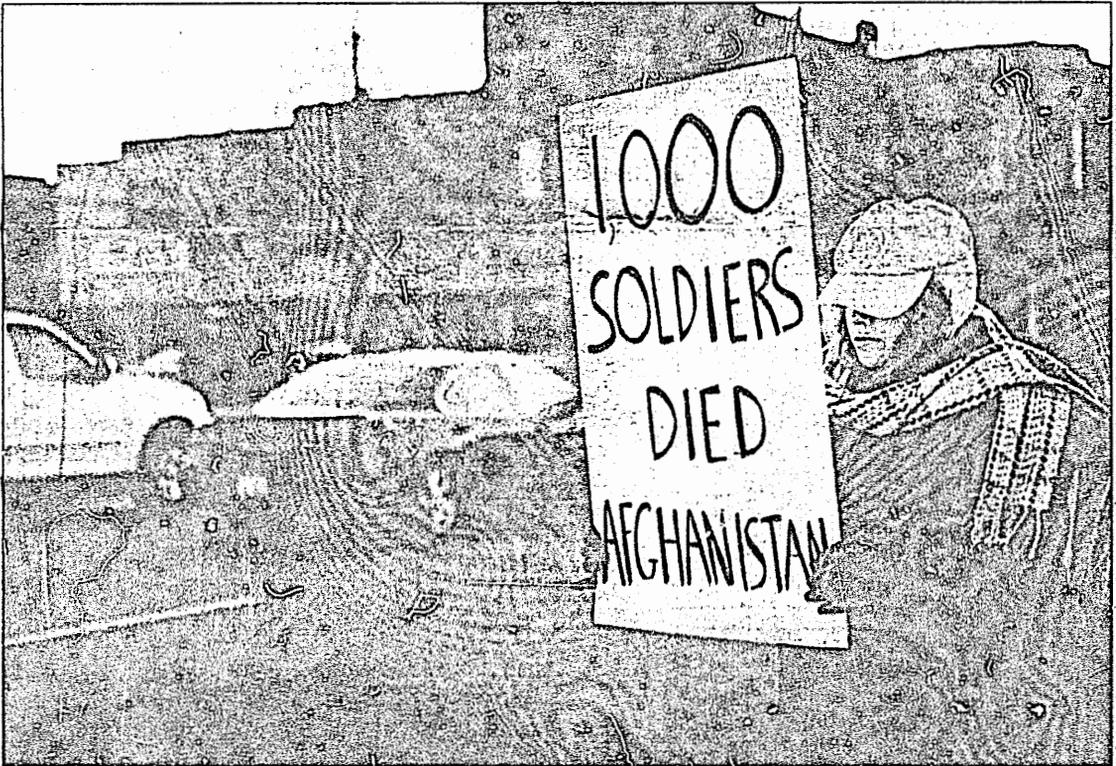
"fault," an instance of SUA, to be introduced to the vehicle's computer system without the computer recognizing it and submitting an error code. Without an error code, the vehicle would not enter its fail-safe mode and the SUA would be allowed to continue, Gilbert said.

So far, three top executives of

the motor company—Jim Lentz, COO of Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Toyoda and Inaba—have said they are confident that the computer system is not at fault.

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## A THOUSAND WORDS UNREQUITED



GENNA ORD | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kattie Lenza, of Carbondale, holds a sign Wednesday at the City Pavilion in Carbondale to recognize the death of the 1000th U.S. soldier killed in Afghanistan. While the death toll marked a grim milestone in U.S. soldier casualties, the deaths of more than 50 Afghan civilians have been attributed to U.S. and NATO operations in the last two weeks, according to CNN. Lenza said she has helped the

Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois, which put on the event, since she attended SIUC several years ago. She said the coalition has held a vigil every Saturday since the war in Afghanistan began. "I don't think they'll ever stop," she said. A study by the Pew Research due Wednesday will reportedly show that the war has caused President Obama to lose some youth support.

# Saluki Way workers rip into SIU Arena

RYAN VOYLES  
Daily Egyptian

Less than 12 hours after the final buzzer rang through the halls of the SIU Arena, another sound started to echo in the 46-year-old arena—the sound of bleachers being dismantled.

"I went in there first thing in the morning and they were starting to

do some demo work on the bleachers on the south end," said Mario Moccia, the SIUC athletic director. "They were already removing seats."

After Southern's 83-78 loss to Creighton Tuesday, construction crews came in Wednesday morning around 7 a.m. to begin tearing down upper-level seats and bleachers on the south end of the arena, said As-

sociate Athletic Director Jason King. "This was the first step toward the renovation of the SIU Arena," he said. "We first have to remove all of the seating and bleachers."

The renovation to the SIU Arena is one part of the Saluki Way project, which is the massive overhaul on the east side of campus. The first phase carries a price tag of \$83

million, with \$20 million coming from a tax imposed by the city of Carbondale, \$41.5 million coming from student fees and the remaining \$21.5 million coming through private donations.

The arena renovations will cost the most, with an expected price of \$29.9 million, Moccia said. He said changes to the arena would include brand new

seating, a refurbished court, a new video scoreboard and a VIP club.

Phil Gatton, director of the Physical Plant, said the renovations were planned to start March 1, but was pleased they could start on the project early.

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# Wine industry could benefit from tax

Illinois winemakers could get some financial security if a recently proposed House bill passes. The bill contains provisions for two cents of the \$1.39 tax imposed on wine less than 7 percent alcohol by volume to be diverted into the Grape and Wine Resource Fund. State Rep. Mike Bost (R-Murphysboro) submitted

the bill Jan. 29, which would take effect Jan. 1, 2011, if passed. Estimates project the fund could generate over \$500,000 annually, while helping to create jobs in the wine industry, Bost said. There are 91 wineries in Illinois, according to a report by the Illinois Grape Growers and Vint-

ners Association. However, annual production fell from 500,000 gallons to 367,000 since 2005, according to the report. Bost has previously sponsored bills related to the wine industry, as in 1999 when he supported allocating \$500,000 of the state's tourism fund to the Grape and Wine Resource Council.

## Police Blotter

Campus police reported the theft of a wallet containing a credit card and driver's license from McLeod Theater Friday. There are currently no suspects.

Victor T. Wiley, 19, of Harvey, received citations for driving while license suspended and disobeying a stop sign. He posted \$100 cash bond and was released, according to a campus police report.

Campus police reported the theft of a book bag and its contents from either the Student Center or Morris Library Monday. There are currently no suspects.

Campus police reported the theft of a purse containing an iPhone, credit cards and cash from the Student Center corner lounge Friday. There are currently no suspects.

Campus police reported the burglary of a Garmin GPS unit from a motor vehicle in Lot 106 Feb. 18. There are currently no suspects.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office and Jackson County Ambulance Service responded to the Murphysboro Township Garage on Springdale Road for a traumatic injury. Upon arrival, Donald Hubbs, 71, of Murphysboro, was found pinned to the building by a motor vehicle that was discovered to still be in drive. Hubbs, an employee of Murphysboro Township, had been pinned for an undetermined amount of time. Hubbs suffered serious injuries and was transported to a local hospital by the Jackson County Ambulance Service. He was later airlifted to a St. Louis hospital for further treatment.

Kevin D. Moore, 18, of Galesburg, received city pay-by-mail citations for possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia and was released, according to a campus police report.

William T. Wilson, 18, of South Holland, received a city pay-by-mail citation for pos-

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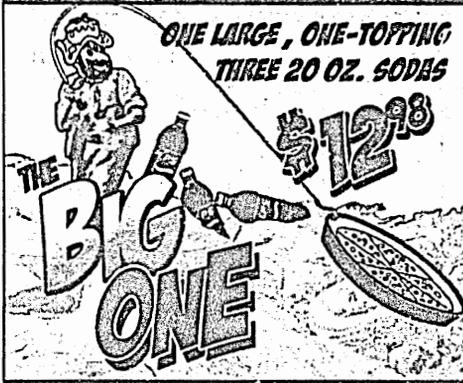
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# Belgian tennis player reflects on American experience

## De Beenhouwer focused on finishing first full year at Southern

**DEREK ROBBINS**  
Daily Egyptian

It's his third year in America, but junior Falk De Beenhouwer said he is still adjusting to the American way of life.

De Beenhouwer, a transfer student studying economics from Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Ky., is a player for the SIU men's tennis team. Adjusting from life in Kentucky to Illinois was not difficult for De Beenhouwer. The transition from life in Belgium to life in America was.

De Beenhouwer said he made the decision to come to America to help himself improve in tennis.

"I wanted to come to America so I could continue getting better in tennis and also get an education," De Beenhouwer said. "In Europe, I did not get that same opportunity."

The first thing De Beenhouwer noticed about life in America was that Americans get around using vehicles more than what he is accustomed to, he said.

"In Belgium, I was able to walk around a lot more, I walked everywhere I needed to go," De Beenhouwer said. "We did not have malls, all of the stores were outside. When I first came here, all of the stores being inside was weird to me."

The food was also different. In Belgium, people tried to eat as healthy as possible, but in America, the diet consisted primarily of fast food, he said.

The changes that America presented him were daunting at first,

but at his first college he was able to adjust with a little help.

"My roommate there would always take me out and help me learn about American culture," De Beenhouwer said. "I get that here too. Brandon (Florez) and Bobby (Chikara Kidera) are always trying to help me out and show me around."

Even though he said he has adjusted well, De Beenhouwer said he gets homesick at times. He went back to Belgium during the winter break to visit his family.

"For the first month or so, it's really difficult," De Beenhouwer said. "I miss home and it's sad. I start getting used to being here after that point though and I can just focus on playing."

De Beenhouwer said when he feels homesick he relies on his roommate freshman Orhan Spahic to help him out.

"He will tell me about his home country and I will tell him about mine," De Beenhouwer said. "It really helps me out knowing that I am not the only one who feels that way."

De Beenhouwer said he also watches a lot of soccer to remind him of home. He said he and Spahic would sometimes watch it together.

Spahic is from Sarajevo, Bosnia. SIU men's tennis coach Dann Nelson said it is difficult for a lot of his players to have to return to school after going home for winter break.

"It's not a very long period of time and I can't blame them for getting homesick," Nelson said. "They always come back ready to play, but it must be difficult for them."



ISAAC SMITH | DAILY EGYPTIAN  
Junior tennis player Falk De Beenhouwer practices Wednesday with the SIU tennis team at Sports Blast. De Beenhouwer came to the United States from Kapellen, Belgium, in 2007 to attend Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Ky. He transferred to SIU in 2009 to play Division I tennis and study economics.

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— Falk De Beenhouwer  
Junior tennis player

De Beenhouwer's teammate Florez, a freshman, said De Beenhouwer is a fun guy to be around, regardless of his home country.

"Whenever we go out on the town he is just such a blast to be around," Florez said. "He will joke about how different Americans are compared to Belgians. He is just a fun guy."

De Beenhouwer said he is able

to get along so well with his teammates because they respect his culture and he respects theirs.

On the court, De Beenhouwer said he wishes he could perform better. He is 2-2 as a Saluki but has been battling an arm injury, which prevents him from playing at his best.

"Sometimes I will have to let balls get by me because it hurts too much to hit them at that angle," De

Beenhouwer said.

If he is at his full capacity, Nelson said De Beenhouwer has the potential to be one of the best players on the team.

"I am proud of him for continuing to try hard and play even when he is hurt," Nelson said. "I tell you what, I can't wait until he is healthy. If he is 100 percent, I think he has the potential to beat anybody."

The SIU men's tennis team's next match is against the University of Illinois-Chicago at 6 p.m. in Hinsdale.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'Healthiest Loser' program impacts lifestyles, self-image

Dear Editor:

In response to Tuesday's guest column titled, "Anti-obesity campaign adds to SIUC's shame culture":

I was the winner of the Saluki's Healthiest Loser program last year and I feel that Virginia Dicken's opinion of the program was expressed with little research and knowledge of the true intentions of the program. The program was designed for participants to work with a trainer, learn nutrition information and attend counseling seminars.

We also competed in weekly challenges based on pure physical ability. Unlike the TV series "The Biggest Loser," we were weighed twice, initially and during the final week. Nobody was kicked out of the program and it was purely voluntary.

The program was designed to teach us how to lead a healthy lifestyle. We were given a rare opportunity to work closely with people educated on exercise, food intake and the variety of vices everyone has with food.

To say the program "most heavily rewards losing inches and fat" is wrong and said with

ignorance. The winner of the program earned first place based on a variety of factors, none of which were based on weight loss. If that was the case I would have been the biggest loser literally because I only lost about 15 pounds during the program; others lost more.

The program did measure body mass index, however, which does take into account a person's weight, among a variety of factors. Body mass index is a measure of a person's fitness and can be used as an indicator of overall health. Studies have linked BMI with heart disease, stroke and other illnesses.

The program changed my life. Since it ended I have continued my healthy journey and undergone amazing life changes. My self-esteem and self-image has changed in a positive way. I have also participated in a variety of physical activities that I would have never thought would be possible.

**Bridget Harrison**  
graduate student in forestry

### Stop complaining, start accepting

Dear Editor:

I find it disappointing and appalling that Tuesday's guest columnist, Virginia Dicken, would condemn a positive, health behavior-promoting program such as the Saluki's Healthiest Loser competition. The participants of this program are making lifestyle changes for the better, and although these changes often do not come easy, their hard work and participation should be commended rather than ridiculed.

Ms. Dicken mentions "no program has proven to work long term," but evidence-based research (done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and American Diabetes Association, just to name a few) supports that consistent aerobic exercise and a well-balanced diet really does work.

Please tell me what is wrong with initiating and maintaining a healthy lifestyle that includes physical fitness and a well-balanced diet?

Rather than for physical reasons, re-

search has shown time and time again, healthy diet and exercise leads to a better psychological, social and spiritual well-being. Ms. Dicken remarks the "Healthiest Loser" program is ignorant in several areas. However, Ms. Dicken ignores the fact that by not participating in a program like the "Healthiest Loser," the participants may be susceptible to conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke or heart attack.

SIUC does not have a "fat-phobia" problem. The problem at SIUC is that there are people like Ms. Dicken who do not support others who are trying to initiate positive health behaviors.

Rather than complaining about how SIUC needs to become more accepting of size diversity, why not become more accepting of those who choose to be healthy and take charge of their bodies?

**Lisa Jaquez**  
senior studying health education

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## GUEST COLUMN

# Human sexual orientation has deep biological roots

DEAN HAMER  
MICHAEL ROSBASH  
McClatchy Tribune

There was an elephant in the San Francisco courtroom where lawyers contested the constitutionality of Proposition 8, the California law that prohibits the marriage of same-sex couples. One key issue should influence every aspect of the Perry v. Schwarzenegger proceedings yet remained unspoken: What makes people gay? Is it a choice or is it innate?

Most geneticists consider sexual orientation a phenotype — namely, an observable set of properties that varies among individuals. Although physical phenotypes like height and weight are easier to quantify, behavioral phenotypes are intensely studied in animals and humans. Research from many directions leads to a strong conclusion: Human sexual orientation has deep biological roots.

Moreover, the empirical evidence for the role of genetics in human sexual orientation has been quietly but steadily mounting over the past 15 years. Studies of twins — the mainstay of quantitative human genetics — have been conducted on large populations in three countries. The results unambiguously demonstrate that heritability plays a major role in sexual orientation and far outweighs shared environmental factors such as education or parenting.

During the early 1990s, there was an unfortunate flurry of less-than-convincing findings on specific genes and sometimes over-hyped media announcements. Indeed,

critics of sexual orientation inheritance are fond of pointing out that there is no single identified "gay gene." However, they fail to mention that the same is true for height, skin color, handedness, frequency of heart disease and many other traits that have a large inherited component but no dominant gene. In other words, sexual orientation is complex, i.e., many genes contribute to the phenotype.

Gay genes appear paradoxical at first blush. From the perspective of natural selection, how could they persist in the population if they lead to fewer offspring? Recent research has uncovered several plausible explanations. For example, one set of studies found that the same inherited factors that favor male homosexuality actually increase the fecundity of female maternal relatives. By balancing the number of offspring, they would contribute to maintaining these genes over the course of evolution. This explanation may not be exclusive but serves to illustrate that the Darwinian problem is not necessarily overwhelming.

There have been other surprises. One is the importance of epigenetics — changes that alter gene expression without a change in the DNA code of an affected gene. This is evidenced by the lopsided number of maternal versus paternal factors in male sexual orientation and by unusual patterns of DNA modification in mothers of gay men. Epigenetic changes may also explain the finding that a male's probability of being gay is increased by his number of older brothers.

Although these factors are neither genetic in the traditional Mendelian sense nor

***B***iology cannot be avoided in determining whether fundamental rights are protected under the equal protection clause of our Constitution. This is because "immutability" is one of the factors that determine the level of scrutiny applied to possible violations and that determine whether gays are awarded "suspect class" status, which would give them more constitutional protection.

fully understood, they are still biological and affect phenotype in an involuntary manner. Who chooses his number of older brothers?

All of these findings demand the conclusion that most gay people no more choose their sexual orientation than most heterosexuals. ("Most" is used here to indicate that — like almost everything biological — these are statistical data and do not apply uniformly.) This conclusion is also consonant with our memories: Most of us were stunned as unsuspecting adolescents to discover our sexual orientation — heterosexuals and homosexuals alike.

Biology cannot be avoided in determining whether fundamental rights are protected under the equal protection clause of our Constitution. This is because "immutability" is one of the factors that determine the level of scrutiny applied to possible violations and that determine whether gays are awarded "suspect class" status, which would give them more constitutional protection. Heritability is not necessary for immutability or suspect class status (religion is the usual counter-example), but it should be sufficient; we do not choose our genes, nor can we change them.

The court of public opinion may be the ultimate arbiter, and here there is cause

for optimism about what education can achieve. Recent studies in college classrooms show that exposure of students to information on the causes of homosexuality has a direct influence on opinions about gay rights. This fits with polling data showing that people who believe that gays are "born that way" are generally supportive of full equality, whereas those who believe it is "a choice" are opposed.

The importance of education is also underscored by the extent to which a lack of education is problematic. One national survey found that 70 percent of those who think being gay is a choice favored the re-institution of sodomy laws. This would turn some 15 million Americans into common criminals for simply being who they are. Science education must help people understand that phenotypic variation, including sexual orientation diversity, is an immutable feature of human biology.

*Dean Hamer is a molecular biologist who works on human genetics and HIV prevention and is the author of scientific books, including "The Science of Desire." Michael Rosbash is an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and a professor at Brandeis University who studies circadian rhythms.*

## THEIR WORD

# Toyota covering its bumper, restoring trust

Toyota has been running apologetic TV ads and vowing to win back customers' trust. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, the company is busy doing damage control.

Toyota has hired two crisis management/lobbying firms to join a mini-battalion of 32 lobbyists Toyota already has working on Capitol Hill. The beefed-up public-relations and lobbying effort will help buttress Toyota's sizable political campaign and charitable giving.

More than 40 percent of the 125 members of Congress on the three committees investigating Toyota have received tens of thousands of dollars in campaign dona-

tions over the last 10 years from a network of sources tied to the carmaker, according to an analysis by the Washington Post. Many of the donations are targeted to key lawmakers on committees and states that intersect with Toyota's operations.

In the past two years, Toyota gave \$1 million to charities and nonprofits with ties to Congress, according to the Post.

While Toyota was spreading the largesse, company officials boasted of saving more than \$100 million on recall and safety efforts by the government, internal documents show. The documents reviewed by the Associated Press list savings achieved

by putting off safety regulations, avoiding investigations of defects, and slowing industry mandates.

In one instance, Toyota saved \$124 million on a phase-in of safety regulations for side air bags. A delay in a rule requiring tougher door locks saved \$11 million. Toyota listed the savings as "wins." But there was a steep cost.

Toyota's reputation for quality has taken a severe beating largely due to reports of a sudden-acceleration problem in several models. The problem first surfaced several years ago and is being blamed for a number of crashes involving injuries and deaths.

Last month, Toyota was forced to recall millions of cars and shut down auto plants in an effort to fix the problem. Critics contend the company was slow to respond and put profits ahead of safety.

Top Toyota executives have been testifying before two House committees, including Toyota U.S. president James Lentz on Tuesday. Toyota president Akio Toyoda will testify Wednesday. It will take more than talk to restore consumer confidence in their cars.

*This editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer Wednesday.*

# Tunnel of Oppression makes loud statement

MICHARA CANTY  
Daily Egyptian

With racial slurs, distressed screams and profane remarks, students delivered a loud wake-up call to the SIUC campus on some of the issues kept most quiet.

The Black Togetherness Organization orchestrated the annual Black History Month "Tunnel of Oppression" attraction this week at Grinnell Hall.

Alfred Jackson, Housing Program Coordinator and coordinator of the event, strived to create an atmosphere of oppression for the sake of students, he said.

"Humans tend to think, act and behave a certain way within our own inner circles," Jackson said. "This tunnel raises questions of self-awareness."

Students, some unsure of what to expect, gathered in groups in the basement of Grinnell as they witnessed the oppressive sites the murky tunnel offered.

April Griffith, a freshman from Chicago studying in psychology, was one of the students awed by the realism of the tunnel's sets. Griffith was shocked by the graphic rape illustrations of the tunnel and how the numbers of victims and sexual harassment statistics continue to increase in society, she said.

"Behind every face, there's a story," Griffith said. "We are all people that experience the same things."

Sounds of disturbed gasps rang through the tunnel as students walked from one heart-wrenching representation of brutality to the next.

Organizations such as the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center and Alpha Phi Alpha stressed the stereotypical convictions of GLBT members



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Corey Gowin, a freshman at John A. Logan College studying early childhood development, speaks to spectators Tuesday at the Tunnel of Oppression in lower level Grinnell. Gowin was

born with cerebral palsy, which affects his physical mobility, and his portion of the Tunnel of Oppression focused on disabilities and equality.

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— April Griffith  
freshman studying psychology

Sumrall said the depiction was meant to "wake the sleeping mindsets of our ignorant youth." He said it is up to this generation to learn from the struggles of the past the tunnel conveys to make a better future.

tunnel will promote change," Jackson said. "Change only happens when you want (things) to change."

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and the privileges of people of different colors. Alpha Phi Alpha used degrading terms such as "cracker," "bitch" or "nigger" toward students while they nervously stood with confused, worrisome looks.

"We have to start with ourselves," said Marcus Sumrall, a

sophomore from Chicago studying radio-television. "Everyone is stuck in this square because they are afraid to stand out. Get out the box and stand alone ... create a domino effect of change."

Oops Entertainment showed a depiction of Jim Crow laws and how it continues to negatively sanction racial interactions of society. The exhibit included a Jim Crow character degrading black women, saying they weren't good enough.



For more photos from Tunnel of Oppression, see [dailyegyptian.com](http://dailyegyptian.com)



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Eddie Knox, center, a junior from South Holland studying health care management, screams derogatory remarks at Mike Harris, left, a freshman from Stager studying geography, while Sergio Valadez, a graduate student in biomedical engineering from Chicago, stands by Wednesday at the Tunnel of Oppression. Knox is a member

of Alpha Phi Alpha, which was in charge of one of the 12 rooms in the Tunnel of Oppression at Grinnell Hall. The tunnel is an annual event put on by the Black Togetherness Organization, which puts visitors through re-enactments of different forms of oppression that have gone on throughout history.



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Keelia Fowler, a senior from Jamaica studying speech communication, stands in the last room of the Tunnel of Oppression, reading the tombstone for Sakia Gunn. Gunn's tombstone was one of many that represented victims who have died as a result of oppression, such as racist acts and hate crimes.

"When you're in danger of having more school buildings than students, it's not a good sign."

**Rick Hess**  
who studies school management at the American Enterprise Institute, on the Kansas City, Mo., School District, which is considering closing 31 of its 61 schools citing declining enrollment

"I am not someone who is prone to feeling a lot of emotions, but ... she had me in tears."

**William Thompson**  
CEO of Skate Canada, on Canadian figure skater Joanyne Rochette, who brought the crowd to its feet after her short program on Tuesday; Rochette, whose mother died two days prior, broke her tears immediately



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# Toyota chief blasted despite apology

**KENT THOMAS**  
**TOM RAMM**  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under blistering criticism, Toyota President Akio Toyoda personally and repeatedly apologized to Congress and millions of anxious American car-owners Wednesday for deadly defects in popular models produced by his Japanese company. But angry lawmakers forcefully declared it was hardly enough.

"Where is the remorse?" scolded Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio. And Republican John Mica of Florida held aloft what he called an "absolutely appalling" Toyota report bragging of defusing a safety investigation.

Of Toyoda's apology, Kaptur said, "I do not think it reflects significant remorse for those who have died." Federal safety officials have received reports linking 34 deaths in Toyota cars and trucks over the past decade.

"I extend my sincerest condolences to them from the bottom of my heart," responded Toyoda, grandson of the founder of the world's largest auto company. "I'm deeply sorry for any accident that Toyota drivers have experienced."

But what's most important to American drivers — and what law-

makers pressed Toyoda and a top aide to provide — was a better explanation for slow actions to deal with the defects and believable assurances the problems that led to sudden unintended accelerations will be fixed. Toyoda said those changes are being made nearly around the clock, but he repeated the company's insistence that there is no link to the cars' electronic systems.

Many drivers filing complaints with Toyota and the government say their acceleration problems had nothing to do with floor mat interference or sticky gas pedals — the culprits the company is pointing to. Outside experts have suggested electronic problems.

Toyota has recalled 8.5 million vehicles, more than 6 million of them in the United States, mostly to fix problems with floor mats trapping gas pedals or with pedals getting stuck. Toyoda said great strides were being taken by his company to put "safety first" and it was working hard to refit the millions of cars and trucks that have been recalled.

The company also said Wednesday it will offer free at-home pickup of vehicles covered by the national safety recall, pay for customers' out-of-pocket transportation costs and provide drivers free rental cars during repairs. The deal was initially

announced as part of an agreement between Toyota and New York state.

Toyota also said that new systems to allow brakes to override gas pedals were being put on new models.

"Notwithstanding that, accidents actually happen," he told the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, the second of three congressional panels examining Toyota's troubles.

Toyoda, 53, remained calm when some Democratic and Republican lawmakers scolded the company for the recalls and safety problems.

He stood firm on many points, including saying he was "absolutely confident" the causes of runaway acceleration were mechanical, and not a design flaw in the company's electronic throttle control system. Many safety experts and lawmakers have suggested that the electronics systems should not be ruled out.

Rep. Mica said it was an embarrassing day not only for Toyota but for U.S. safety regulators, whom a number of lawmakers said should have acted more quickly and forcefully.

Mica held up a copy of a July 2009 internal Toyota document boasting of a "win" for Toyota in striking a deal with the U.S. government for a more limited recall involving floor mats. The document said the agreement saved the company \$100 million.

## Problems grow TOYOTA

Toyota has recalled more than 8.5 million vehicles in recent months because of growing complaints about safety issues.

- 06 Sept. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) opens investigation on reports of "surging" in Camrys; closes investigation a year later
- 07 March Toyota receives reports about accelerator pedal glitch in Tundra truck
- Sept. Toyota recalls some Lexus and Camry models to secure floor mat that could trap gas pedal, cause acceleration
- 08 Jan. NHTSA investigates unintended acceleration in Toyota Tacoma pickups; probe closed in Aug. after no defect found
- 09 Aug. 28 Off-duty Calif. Highway Patrol officer, family killed after gas pedal in Lexus is caught under floor mat
- Sept. 29 Toyota issues recall for 3.8 million vehicles due to risk of gas pedal becoming caught under floor mat
- Nov. 4 NHTSA accuses Toyota of providing owners with "inaccurate and misleading information" about floor mat recall
- Nov. 25 Toyota recalls at least 4 million vehicles to reconfigure gas pedals
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- 10 Jan. 21 Toyota recalls 2.3 million vehicles to correct separate problems that could cause gas pedal to stick
- Jan. 26 Toyota suspends sales; halts production of eight models due to gas pedal recall; the next day, adds 1.1 million to floor mat recall
- Feb. 1 Toyota says it had developed fix for sticking gas pedal; begins shipping part to dealers
- Feb. 3 NHTSA says it has received more than 100 complaints about brake problems in Prius hybrids
- Feb. 4 Toyota says gas pedal recall could cost \$2 billion; total recall is 8.1 million; says Prius problem is software glitch; NHTSA opens Prius probe
- Feb. 5 Toyota CEO makes first public appearance to apologize for recall problems
- Feb. 9 437,000 Priuses recalled for brake problems; NHTSA says it has received complaints about steering problems in Corollas
- Feb. 22 Federal prosecutors open criminal investigation into Toyota's safety problems
- Feb. 23 Congress begins hearings on Toyota recalls

# Colorado gunman had grown increasingly erratic

**CATHERINE TSALIA**  
**P. SOLOMON BANDA**  
The Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. — The man accused of wounding two middle school students in a community still haunted by the Columbine massacre had become increasingly erratic in recent weeks, yelling at imaginary friends and complaining that eating macaroni and cheese made too much noise, his father said Wednesday.

Investigators are looking into the bizarre behavior of 32-year-old Bruce Strong Eagle Eastwood as they try to figure out why the unemployed ranch hand allegedly showed up at his old school and started firing at students in the parking lot before being tackled by a math teacher.

Eastwood's father described his son's recent strange behavior in an interview with The Associated Press at his ranch outside Denver.

The elder man said that his son used to talk to himself a lot, but in the past month, he had begun yelling. The younger man also complained that the refrigerator was too loud and that certain foods made too much noise, his father said.

Others said Eastwood would show up at a nearby gas station to buy cigarettes, but was often 20 to 30 cents short, and would mumble to himself as he read the sports section of the newspaper.

"He has problems, but I never thought he'd go to the extent to hurt somebody," said his father, War Eagle Eastwood. "You can say you're sorry, but you can't replace the fear and hurt he's put in innocent people. He's put a hole inside of me."

As the math teacher was being hailed a hero, officials said the quick response was further proof that the community learned the lessons of Columbine in quickly responding to the shootings. But there was growing evidence the school missed a chance to head off the attack.

Investigators said Eastwood walked through the doors of the Deer Creek Middle School earlier in the day, indicated he was a former student and chatted with teachers, apparently without drawing much suspicion.

Authorities do they know the nature of his conversations with school staff before he went outside and opened fire with a bolt-action hunting rifle he stole from his father.

Sheriff's department spokeswoman Jacki Kelley said Eastwood left the building without being asked to do so. She said a school security officer was not at Deer Creek at the time. The officer also has duties at another school, but it hasn't been determined where he was when the shootings happened, Kelley said.

Asked about the possible security lapse, Jefferson County Schools Superintendent Cindy Stevenson said only that there is a sign-in sheet that requires visitors to state their name and the purpose of their visit. She said school officials did not have access to the sheet for Tuesday because the school was closed as a crime scene.

Eastwood was jailed on \$1 million bail on suspicion of attempted murder.

Residents were stunned by the thought of a gunman opening fire at a school less than three miles from Columbine High, where two teenagers killed 12 students and a teacher in the nation's deadliest high school shooting. Parents rushed to the middle school, many unnerved by the sight of youngsters running for lives just like on that day in 1999.

# Whale kills trainer as horrified spectators watch

**MIKE SCHNEIDER**  
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — A killer whale attacked and killed a trainer in front of a horrified audience at a SeaWorld show Wednesday, with witnesses saying the animal involved in two previous deaths dragged the trainer under and thrashed her around violently.

Distraught audience members were hustled out of the stadium, and the park was immediately closed.

Veteran trainer Dawn Brancheau, 40, was one of the park's most experienced. It wasn't clear if she drowned or died from the thrashing.

SeaWorld spokesman Fred Jacobs confirmed the whale was Tilikum, one of three orcas blamed for killing a trainer who lost her balance and fell in the pool with them in 1991 at Sealand of the Pacific in Victoria, British Columbia.

Tilikum was also involved in a 1999 death, when the body of a man who had sneaked by Orlando SeaWorld security was found draped over him. The man either jumped, fell or was pulled into the frigid water and died of hypothermia, though he was also bruised and scratched by Tilikum.

A retired couple from Michigan told The Associated Press that Wednesday's killing happened as a nonline show was winding down, with some in the audience staying to watch the animals and trainers.

Eldon Skaggs, 72, said Brancheau was on a platform with the whale and was massaging it. He said the interaction appeared leisurely and informal.

Then, Skaggs said, the whale "pulled her under and started swimming around with her."

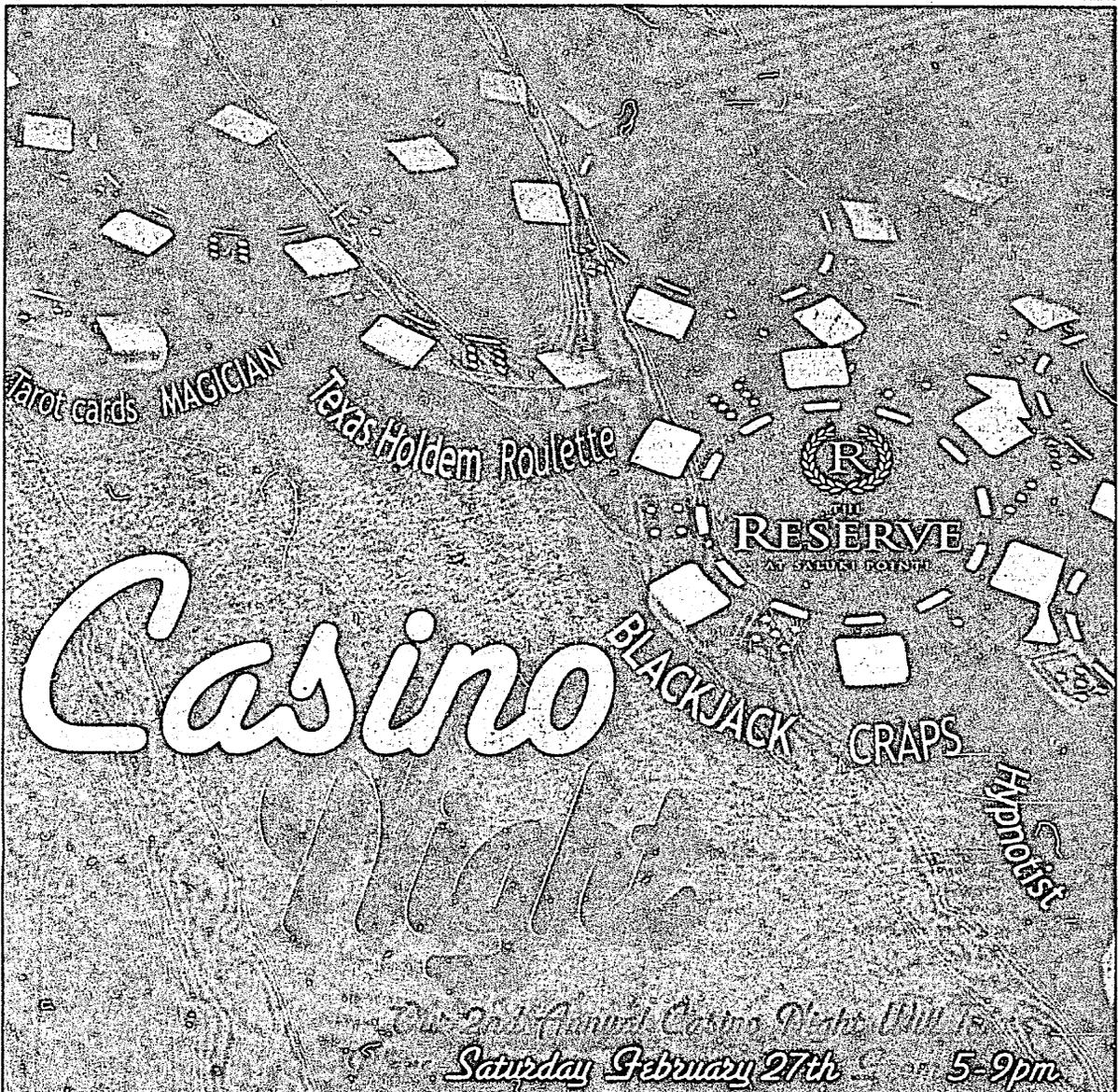
Skaggs said an alarm sounded and staff rushed the audience out of the stadium as workers scrambled around with nets.

Skaggs said he heard that during an earlier show the whale was not responding to directions. Others who attended the earlier show said the whale was behaving like an ormy child.

The couple left and didn't find out until later that the trainer had died.

"We were just a little bit stunned," said Skaggs' wife, Sue Nichols, 67.

Another audience member, Victoria Binkal, told WKMG-TV the whale "took off really fast in the tank, and then he came back, shot up in the air, grabbed the trainer by the waist and started thrashing around, and one of her shoes flew off."



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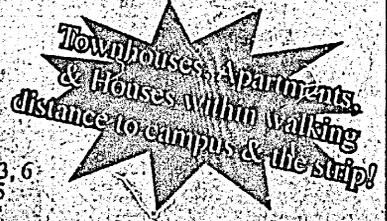
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"It's ideal for us to get in there as soon as possible," he said. "We only have a short time before the fall practices start."

Gatton said the arena renovations are the biggest concern for the Sahaki Way project because the arena has to be ready by basketball practice in late September.

King said the schedule would be the biggest concern for the renovations.

"We have a lot of aggressive work ahead of us," he said. "We're right on schedule though. We're getting going and working as fast as we can."

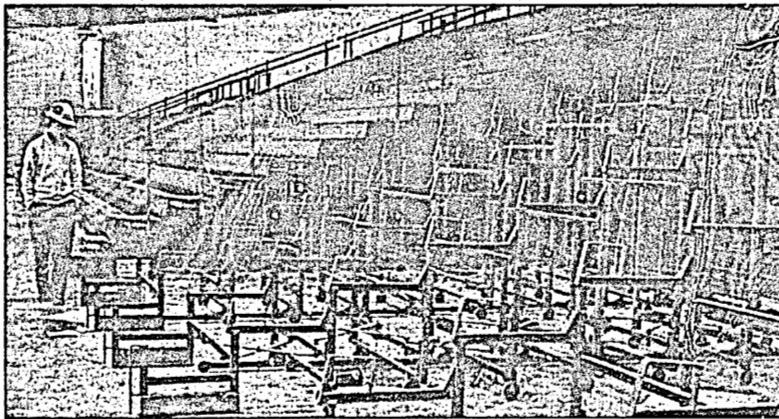
Some pieces of the arena will be reused during the renovation, including some of the wood from the removed bleachers, which will be refurbished and used as part of

the VIP club, King said. "We thought this could be one way we could bring the past into the present," he said. "We'll be using the wood and lining the VIP club. People have a lot of memories of the greatness of the program, and we thought this could be a way to bring that to the new arena."

Moccia said the men's and women's teams will still be able to practice in the arena, as the court would be the last to have work done on it. He said the construction schedule could not wait for the end of the season.

"We're on such a tight construction schedule right now, we don't really have time for sitting around," he said.

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Andy Pettit, director of athletic facilities and game operations, walks past a set of bleachers that was torn down Wednesday at the SIU Arena. Wednesday was day one of demolition at the SIU Arena. Pettit said construction workers would be in the arena Monday through Friday since all home basketball games have concluded for the season.

SAMI BOWDEN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

# Quinn asks for budget comments on new Web site

JEFF ENGELHARDT  
Daily Egyptian

## Preliminary budget for fiscal year 2011 released

Gov. Pat Quinn is asking the public to help get the state out of a nearly \$13 billion deficit by cutting \$2 billion in 2011.

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget launched an interactive Web site Wednesday that allows the public to make suggestions and leave feedback for the preliminary 2011 fiscal year budget.

The site — [budget.illinois.gov](http://budget.illinois.gov) — also includes an estimate for the rest of the 2010 fiscal year and estimated revenues and expenditures for 2011 fiscal year.

Sen. Dave Luechtefeld, R-Okawville, said there are plenty of discussions taking place about next

fiscal year's budget, but is unsure if the new site will work.

"You can never predict if it is going to work out or not, but with something like this you're sure to get some great suggestions and some wacky ones," he said. "But what I'll do is take back what I'm hearing to the governor and hopefully those suggestions help."

Luechtefeld has also decided to create an interactive platform for his constituents to offer feedback. The senator has posted a survey on his Web site — <http://www.luechtefeld.senate.org> — that asks questions ranging from what the priorities should be when it comes to funding

and if there should be tax increases.

Both selective funding and revenue increases are two of the four main points outlined in Quinn's initial plan for fiscal year 2011. The four pillars of fiscal recovery are to cut spending, enhance revenue, borrow money and request federal assistance, according to the budget Web site.

When it comes to funding education at all levels, there are expected to be significant cuts, according to the preliminary budget.

Funding is expected to fall from \$9.5 billion to \$8.1 billion for preschool through higher education. The \$8.1 billion falls below the amount for fiscal year 2008, which

was at \$8.9 billion.

The total cuts add up to more than \$2 billion. There is expected to be a \$400 million cut in both higher education and human services, according to the report.

David Vaught, director for the Office of Management and Budget, said in a press conference in Springfield that this first preliminary budget did not account for Quinn's suggested tax increases. Quinn proposed a 50 percent increase in the income tax rate last year.

In a video on the home page of the budget site, Vaught says the numbers could continue to change as Quinn's budget address March 10 approaches.

"It will change and be updated as we approach Gov. Quinn's budget speech, and as the General Assembly considers the budget this spring," he said.

Some groups have found potential ways to improve the financial situation without as many cuts to education.

The Civic Federation released a 100-page report Monday outlining the state's financial crisis and possible solutions. It suggested the state go back to fiscal year 2007 spending levels with exceptions for Medicaid and general state aid for education, which would stay at fiscal year 2010 levels.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Salukis struggle to keep up their end of rivalry

Dawgs have lost five straight against Creighton

STILE T. SMITH  
Daily Egyptian

Not since Randal Falker and Matt Shaw were patrolling the paint at the SIU Arena have the Salukis been able to beat Creighton.

With Tuesday's 83-78 overtime loss to the Bluejays, SIU has now lost its last five games to its rival from Omaha, Neb., with its last win coming Jan. 26, 2008.

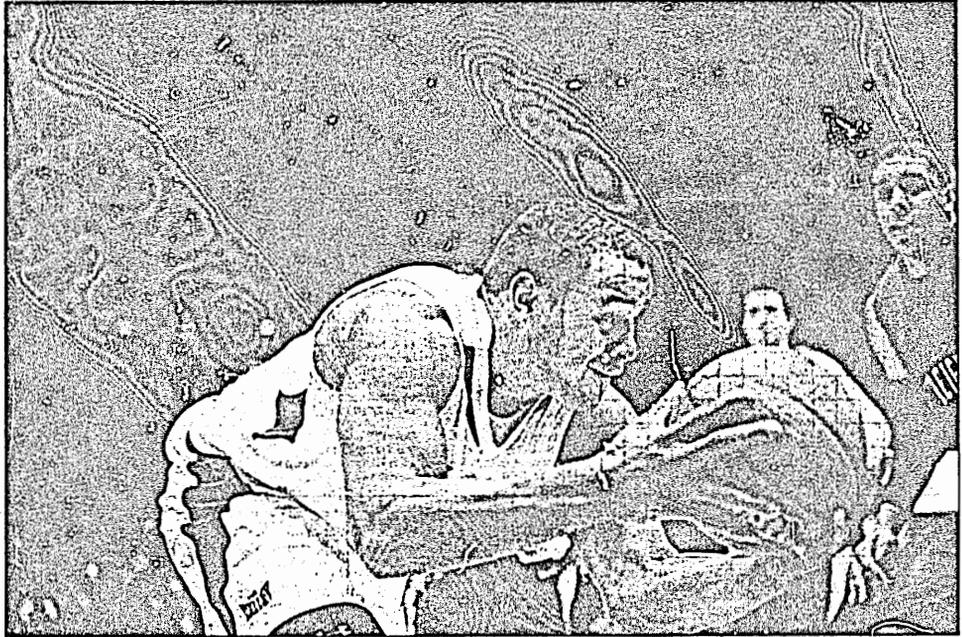
While three of those five losses have been by five points or less, the other two were by deficits of 19 and 22 points.

Head coach Chris Lowery said last night's loss was his fault for not having the team prepared.

"It was us making crucial, crucial mistakes, and I take the blame for that," Lowery said. "Not having them ready, not having them in the right positions, not making sure they know where they need to go out of a timeout."

Lowery said Creighton did not do anything special to overtake the Salukis — who held a lead as large as nine in the second half — but instead it was about mistakes SIU could have avoided.

In the Salukis' two losses to Creighton this season, they have lost by a combined seven points. They lost by two points Jan. 13 at Creighton when sophomore guard Antoine Young scored with 1.4 seconds left to give Creighton a 71-69 win.



JESS VERMEULEN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman center Gene Teague struggles to keep the ball inbound Tuesday during the second half of the home game against Creighton. Southern has lost its last five games against Creighton.

It was Young doing the damage again Tuesday night. After scoring just four points in the first half, Young poured in 18 during the second half and overtime.

Creighton head coach Dana Altman said it was the best game he had ever seen Young play.

"Antoine's aggressiveness to the basket really made a big difference

for us," Altman said. "Antoine had the best game of his career and was the difference in that game."

Young's 22 points were a career high, and he accounted for six of Creighton's 11 points in overtime when the Bluejays outscored the Salukis by five.

Creighton's win improved the team to 6-2 this season in Missouri

Valley Conference games decided by five points or fewer, while it dropped Southern to 2-8 in conference games decided by the same margin.

Senior guard Tony Freeman said Young and the Bluejays showed more of a desire to win the game.

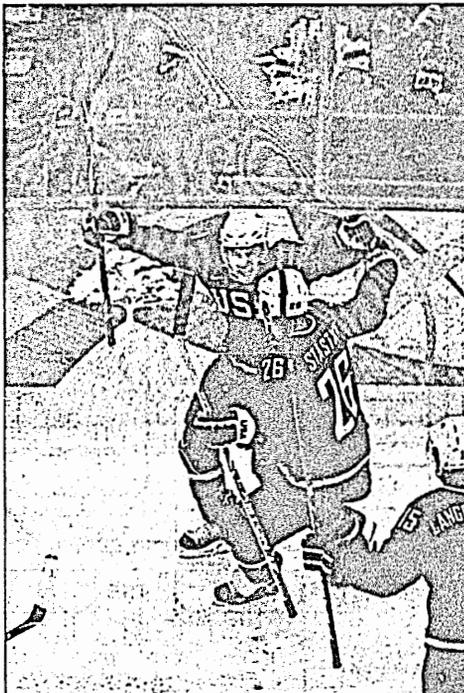
"Those guys fought," Freeman said. "Credit those guys and him for

running the team."

The Salukis will wrap up the regular season at 12:05 p.m. Saturday when they travel to Wichita State to take on the Shockers before beginning the MVC Tournament March 4.

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## U.S. hockey team pretty good as a warm-up act, too



Zach Parise (left), of the United States, celebrates with teammates after scoring the first of his two goals during a 2-0 U.S. win over Switzerland in the men's hockey quarterfinals Wednesday at the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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The Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia— Turns out Zach Parise and the Americans are a pretty good warm-up act, too.

Three days after overachieving to beat mighty Canada in the most-watched TV program in the nation's history, you could have gotten good odds the U.S. team would come out listless against lowly Switzerland.

For one thing, their quarterfinal match got second billing and was nearly forgotten amid the nonstop hype for the Canada-Russia game later Wednesday. Then the Americans ran into a goalkeeper you'd have trouble getting a pillow mint past, let alone a puck.

On top of that was the freeze-frame moment at the end of the second period when they wound up on the wrong end of a decision that perfectly illustrated what might just be the dumbest rule in sports.

Yet through all that frustration, Parise made sure a very pesky, thoroughly professional U.S. effort didn't go to waste.

"Relief and excitement," were the first words out of his mouth after scoring both goals in a 2-0 win that booked the U.S. men a spot in the semifinals. "Especially in a tight game like that, when you're doing everything but score."

He is not exaggerating.

The Yanks ran up a 44-19 margin in shots, but ran into Jonas Hiller on what might have been the best afternoon of his life. Late in the

first period, the edge was 12-4 in their favor and when winger Phil Kessel clanged a wristed off both the post and crossbar behind Hiller, he'd had as many point-blank chances as the entire Swiss team had shots.

"It definitely hurts," Hiller said, near tears and his voice cracking. "It's tough to lose 1-0 or 2-0."

"Sometimes," he added, "a 5-0 defeat is easier to swallow."

It might have been 5-0, too, had the refs not correctly applied that stupid rule and waved off what would have been the first U.S. goal. In the closing seconds of the second period, Ryan Kesler threw a shot on net that Hiller popped into the air with his blocker pad and then swatted with his stick.

But instead of caroming away from the net, the puck deflected off his left shoulder and toward the net. Almost in slow motion, Hiller took a futile swipe at the puck — now behind him — with his stick. But it fell to the ice and tantalizingly continued spinning backward toward the goal line.

Then the buzzer sounded.

With the puck in the net and the Americans celebrating what appeared to be a 1-0 lead, the refs looked at the replay. A frame-by-frame analysis showed the puck had not crossed the goal line when the clock flashed "0:0." To U.S. fans familiar with basketball and football — where the score counts if the ball is in the air before the final tick — hockey's version of the continuation rule must seem like a travesty.

# Saluki Insider

Team USA hockey defeated Switzerland 2-0 Wednesday to advance to the semi-finals in the Olympics. How much of a chance do you think Team USA has to win gold in Vancouver?



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They have a pretty good shot at winning the gold. They already beat the heavily favored Canadian team and goaltender Ryan Miller has stopped nearly everything that has been sent his way. I give them a 45 percent chance of bringing gold home to the states.

Chances are high for Team USA. Beating Team Canada at its own game is something that doesn't happen very often. Miller has been a brick wall and the U.S. is also making the best of its goal-scoring opportunities. Team USA has the momentum and they are playing like they are hungry for that gold medal.

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Defeating Canada was a huge upset, and not many people believed Team USA had it in them to do it. All USA has to do is get past the winner of the Finland/Czech Republic match, and with the way Ryan Miller has been playing, that shouldn't be hard.

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Schirmer won the MVP award for the championships last year because he scored the most points in the meet.

The jumpers are led into the MVC Indoor Championships by sophomore standout Malaikah Love, who's provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet in the triple jump, long jump and pen-

tathlon events.

Love's triple jump of 42-06.25 nationally ranks 13th.

Sophomore Maxim Bakana, top-jumper for the men, could face strong competition from Wichita State's juniors Josh Crawford and Tyler Simmons, and Indiana State's NCAA provisional qualifier junior Major Clay.

"The UNI Dome is a great place to compete; a lot of people have a lot of good performances

there," SIU track and field head coach Connie Price-Smith said. "It's a championship atmosphere, and we are looking to set a lot of personal records at conference."

The MVC Indoor Championships are set to begin at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 27 and continue Feb. 28 at the UNI Dome in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

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## GOLF

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Daugherty said the team is still very young and inexperienced, though there is much talent on the team. She said it hasn't had many

chances to practice yet because of the weather.

"We lost quite a few balls just on being rusty," Daugherty said. "The course we played on was very unforgiving and it was different from what we are use to."

SIU will return to the course March 5-7 as they head to Rio Verde, Ariz., for the Rio Grande Invitational.

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## TRACK & FIELD

# SIU looks forward to MVC Indoor Championships

### Men and women could both come up big

TIMOTHY HEHN  
Daily Egyptian

The SIU track and field teams will look to continue their quests to solidify Missouri Valley Conference dominance at the MVC Indoor Championships, set to take place Saturday and Sunday at University of Northern Iowa's Dome in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The Salukis are going into the MVC Championships as the favorite to take both the men's and women's competition — according to a pre-championship poll taken by league coaches, and judging by recent performances — Southern could very well meet the high expectations.

The women's team is ranked No. 12 in the nation according to rankings published Tuesday by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

The ranking is in large part to sophomore Geneva McCall, the No. 2 ranked thrower in the country in the shot put, and No. 3 in the weight throw.

However, despite her accomplishments, the women's weight throw could be the hardest competition for SIU in the championships, according to throws coach John Smith.

Smith said he expects the most trouble to come from junior Kelsey Hanley of Indiana State, who's nationally ranked No. 10 in the weight throw.

"We have to try and get as many girls as we can ahead of (Hanley)," Smith said. "We have four girls who all have a real shot at winning. I don't care who wins, as long as we win."

The four women Smith mentioned are McCall, ranked third, senior Sasha Leeth (No. 5), junior and defending MVC champion Gwen Berry (No. 9) and junior Rickael Roach (No. 12).

Despite the tough competition, however, Smith said he believes Southern can sweep all four weight throw events.

The men's competition will depend on how well Indiana State sophomore Brandon Pounds throws.

"In the shot put, I think J.C. (Lambert) can beat Brandon

Pounds," Smith said. "He did last week. I also think if Brandon doesn't throw well that Ryan (Shumaker), Matt Eader and Joe Paradiso, who have all thrown over 56 feet, have a chance at beating him too."

The men's pole vault could be a potential dogfight for first place between SIU sophomore Cody Doerflin and UNI junior Sam Krantz, who holds the top vault in the MVC for the men this year and ranks No. 14 in the nation.

"Krantz moved an inch and a half ahead of Cody, and UNI has another couple of guys who reach high 16s. Wichita State might get someone in there too, but UNI is really the team to beat in the pole vault," said pole vaulting coach Dan Digman.

Junior Miracle Thompson is expected to come in second for the women's vault, according to Digman.

The competition that could be anyone's race rests on the track.

Indiana State's sophomore runner Erica Moore could be the most talented female athlete in the entire conference, and has the potential to score 30 points alone, according to sprints coach Alan Turner.

Favorites for the Saluki men in the sprints are senior Sammy Biggs in the 400-meter dash, and sophomore Brandon Deloney in the 200-meter dash, each of which have been named MVC Men's Track Athlete of the Week during the course of the 2010 indoor season.

Turner said he expects a Southern sweep, first through fourth, in the women's hurdles. He also said he expects the Salukis to surprise many spectators in the women's 400-meter, citing the performances of juniors Meredith Hayes and Kandise Thompson all season, as well as the emergence of freshman Tess Shubert and junior Tredene Davis.

"We think we are going to do well, but it's not going to be easy for us by any means," Turner said. "We can't go out there with sub-par performances and expect to win."

Distance coach Matt Sparks said he believes senior Jeff Schirmer's biggest competition in the 3k and 5k races will come from sophomore Jeremiah Vaughan of Indiana State, and junior Steven Dak of UNI, who have both had great seasons in the MVC



DAN DWYER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sophomore Nina Okafor, of Carbondale, practices the long jump Wednesday at the Recreation Center. The Salukis will compete this weekend in the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Championships in Cedar Falls, Iowa.



For a feature video on Cody Doerflin, see [dailyegyptian.com](http://dailyegyptian.com)

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## WOMEN'S GOLF

# Salukis struggle in South Carolina Tournament

RYAN SIMONIN  
Daily Egyptian

The alligators came out to watch the SIU women's golf match in South Carolina, but the team's game wasn't pretty.

"We had a lot of penalty strokes," women's golf head coach Diane Daugherty said. "We donated a lot of balls to the Carolina swampland."

The Salukis finished 28th out

Classic. The College of Charleston hosted the 54-hole tournament as the University of Miami captured first place with a team score of 892. University of Minnesota (893) and Augusta State (895) came in close behind finishing second and third, respectively.

The Salukis moved up two spots on the final day from their first-day standing of 30th place, finishing with a 977 (331-323-323).

way for the Salukis as she carded a total of 238 (80-80-78).

"Even though this was our first tournament of the spring season, I think we expected to do a little better," Gilley said. "We just need to regain some of that confidence that we lost from the offseason and get back in the swing of things."

Sophomore Aliha Matthews finished two strokes behind Gilley as she posted a three-day total of 240

nenagarbe improved with each round of play as she finished with 249 (88-83-78).

Daugherty said the Kiawah Classic was the first time Renneagarbe had played in a while as she had fallen ill in the fall season and did not play in the last two tournaments.

Renneagarbe said the team is capable of playing much better than what it did.

how we played because our scores didn't express what kind of golfers we really are," Renneagarbe said. "It was a learning experience for all of us and we just have to improve upon it."

Junior Alex Anderson and freshman Jenna Dombroski ended their three-day total at 250 (86-81-83) and 264 (89-90-85), respectively.

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