Student fights for health insurance

Pre-existing condition clause prevents coverage

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Josh Potter said he needs a specialist to closely monitor his blood growing in his diaphragm, but he cannot use his university health insurance to pay for it.

Potter, 24, of Tahlequah, Okla., said he arrived on campus this fall to begin his master's degree in communication and that when the university's insurance finally came in, he was told it should be set up in two weeks. However, he said it would not be able to help him cover any of the costs associated with this condition.

"When I called the student health office, they looked at the form and said my condition was pre-existing, and that's all they could do," Potter said.

Last year, the Student Health Center at Florida State University, where they claimed his medical expense, discovered three tumors on Potter's diaphragm and quickly referred him to its oncologist for treatment. The cancer specialist began to closely monitor the growth of the tumors and Potter was given a condition that would potentially disappear.

"It is a rare condition in men, and the potential is that I could die," Potter said. "There aren't any studies, and I don't have cancer insurance."

But Potter said, "Acute onset symptoms is that I would have to defer because I can't afford it any.

Janine Waggoner, director of student health and the prevention condition clause is a standard health care fixture, and students who have pre-existing conditions can continue to pay insurance fees for two years, making their eligible for future care. She said the student in Potter's condition was never dropped or denied benefits, but they are only defined as insurance that existed before their condition.

Because the way the program works here, if I want the clause to lapse, I have to pay that fee," Potter said. "In a way for the coverage but what I'm not interested in doing that.

Pearsall said the next step is to have another popular discussion about whether the insurance is helping and if he will need surgery. He said the accoumlated costs would be out of pocket and would include $200 for an ultrasound, $1000 for a biopsy and up to $30,000 for surgery.

Education program strong despite national trend

Students give college positive feedback

Madeleine Lenoir
Assistant News Editor

The College of Education and Human Services is not part of the nationalcall to significantly change teacher training university officials.

According to the New York Times, Education Secretary Arne Duncan said in a speech Thursday at Columbia University's Teachers College in New York that all universities needed a revolutionary change in the way they prepare teachers. Duncan said many, if not most, colleges and universities are doing "a mediocre job" of preparing teachers for the realities of the classroom.

"We're preparing directors of teacher education, said the SIUC's program is not one that needs changes. Waggoner said the college is one of the top 100 colleges of teacher education programs and works to ensure the students are ready to enter the classroom, "One of us... have been making those changes all along.

Tom Hegner said in his speech that he had met hundreds of teachers who complained about not being prepared enough for the classroom. The report by Astoria Secondary Education is an example of the "red flag" the training failed to prepare them for the classroom, but Waggoner said that is not the case on the Carbondale campus.

Waggoner said the college uses a "Teacher Dan" website to develop, in part, to track university graduates' satisfaction with their teacher education program through a continually conducted survey. The data shows 89 percent of university graduates were satisfied with their training and the program.

"We feel like these students are getting the feedback they need that is prepared by our program," Waggoner said. "Can we make improvements? Of course we can."

"Just Waggoner, director of teacher education, said he worked with students from Carbondale, said she attended the seminar for the under-graduates degree at UI and added "I believe the faculty is awesome."

Horn said many students at all levels continue to ask for something more on their hands-on. As the seminar concludes, she said they gradually shift back to ask the same questions and start another course each semester.

"We're not going to be the same," Horn said. Stephanie Horn, a graduate student in communication disorders and sciences from Carbondale, said she attended the seminar for the under-graduates degree at UI and added "I believe the faculty is awesome."

ExxonMobil "will be a new investment in the university," she said. "It's a new investment that we're proud of."
DEA agents among 14 Americans dead in Afghanistan.

Held Vogt
The Associated Press

KABUL — An American military helicopter crashed Monday while returning from the scene of a firefight between Taliban drug couriers and Afghan security forces, killing 10 Americans — including four DEA agents — in a northwest desert battle.

Four mini-copters were launched when two helicopters collided over the northern province of Helmand. The United States military insists neither craft was involved in a firefight, but the deadliest day for U.S. forces in this country in more than four years.

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Student Health Center workshop approaches cancer on campus

Students discuss experiences with cancer

Erin Holcomb
Dane Clement

Christy Hamilton said students should be educated about cancer, not scared.

More than 20 students attended the College Students and Cancer workshop that described the statistics of different types of cancer and encouraged students to ask questions Monday at the Student Health Center.

Hamilton, coordinator of sexual health, relationship violence and sexual assault programs, said the theme of the workshop was to get students less worried about cancer and focus on education.

"This is about everything as a whole," Hamilton said. "This is your how you should think about your health and yourself.

Hamilton focused on speaking about the up-to-date cancer that affects college students: cervical, testicular, skin, lung and breast cancer.

"Breast cancer is not just about as much as the other forms, she said, especially the values of mammogram self-exams.

"It's very important to know that it can be deadly," Hamilton said.

Hamilton also stressed the importance of skin cancer awareness and how it is the most common of all the cancers.

"Nothing up-and-coming," she said. "We have been a society that is very aware of breast cancer.

Cheryl Hydland, licensed psychologist at the College of Health and Science, and she was describing the phenomenon of "invisibility."

"We have become obsessed with not only living, but with suffering," said Hydland, who worked with cancer patients before coming to SIU. "The lack of effort to get more sun decrease vitamin D, and that increases the risk for cancer."

A recent study that says more about cancer and using sunscreen seems to be coming in reach so late as late, she said, with the exception of contagious factors, such as smoking.

Christy Hamilton, coordinator of sexual health, relationship violence and sexual assault programs at the Wellness Center, listens as Cheryl Hydland, clinical psychologist at the Student Health Center, speaks to students about cancer prevention at the Student Health Center Auditorium Monday.

"Long cancer is the leading cause of death in women and men, Hydland said. However, she said she had not seen any long-term cancer patients before coming to SIU. "The lack of effort to get more sun decreases vitamin D, and that increases the risk for cancer."

"We have been a society that is very much enthusiastic in having a tan."

— Christy Hamilton

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‘Serpent’ sends out scares

Luke McCormick
Daily Egyptian

Editor’s Note: This year’s Ink is a weekly column focusing on a film or album at least 25 years old and deserving of a second look.

America is so far behind the times.

The story begins with a landmark victory in the world of horror cinema, thanks to a seemingly mundane two-sentence description in a 1968 New York Times article: "A man is found dead in the woods near the town of West Virginia. He had been strangled with a rope and his body was discovered by a hunter."

This story is the foundation upon which "Serpent" is built, a film that explores themes of fear, survival, and the power of the unknown.

The Serpent and the Rainbow

There is a great deal of blood and nightmare-inducing surprises, but Clavens’ hints and surprises are what keep viewers at the edge of their seats.

Most of the popcorn-tinged moments are grounded in nature, whether it’s the original story’s focus on the jungle or the new film’s setting in the rainforest.

The whole film is filled with dread, as suspense is as real as the actual events. The film is based on the book by author and ethnobotanist Waite Clavens, who was involved in the story through his research.

Clavens’ original research inspired the film’s events, and the result is a thrilling adventure that will have audiences on the edge of their seats.
Iraq steps up security after blasts kill 155

Rebecca Santana

BAGHDAD - Iraq's government moved on Monday to tighten security and to tackle the rise in violence that has killed at least 155 lives in the past two weeks, including as many as two dozen children trapped in a bus leaving a day care center.

But those pledges held little hope for Iraqis, enraged at the government's inability to maintain peace in the city.

The two bombings in what was supposed to be one of the city's safest areas came as Iraq prepares for general elections in January that will determine who will guide the country through the U.S. withdrawal. The blast seemed designed to underscore Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who has asked his security forces to ensure safety in the country.

"Al-Maliki always appears on TV bragging that the situation is under control and security is secured. Let him come and see this mess destruction," said Ahmet Mahmoud, who had returned to the blast site Monday to search for his brother's body after identifying his headless body at a hospital morgue by the bell he was wearing.

"I took the body to Najaf for burial. Then I came back looking for the head," Mahmoud said.

The bombings were recorded as an attack on the Shiite-led government and its main constituent, including the prime minister, the president and the parliament speaker, moved quickly Monday to work on a proposed election law designed to help the country move forward with the January vote, said an official close to the intelligence.

"Lawmakers have been wasting a week on the election law and observers, including the U.S., had warned that failure to agree on the guidelines might delay the crucial vote.

"There were few hopeful prospects," which the official said would "be presented to political party leaders today before going to the parliament. The official said an agreement on the guidelines, due to the sensitive nature of the discussion.

"Iraqi leaders, meanwhile, scrambled to "step up security" in the capital, tightening hundreds of checkpoints that already did the citizens' traffic for hours. Security officials moved into the streets, after authorities said they had intelligence showing other terror plots were near.

"Baghdad's security operations, branded as very easy and not to increase the visibility of forces especially near main distribution areas. We have received intelligence that these situations will be targeted," said Maj. Gen. Qasim al-Masouli, the director of the city's security.

The damage from Sunday's bombings was even worse than originally believed, with three buildings destroyed, "on fire," shredded, all within a few hundred yards of each other. The U.S. military hit the Justice Ministry and the Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works, which were followed by a single explosion at the Baghdad Provincial Administration, akin to City Hall.

A handful of children leaving a day care center, near the Justice Ministry, were among the first blast and 24 children and the bus driver were killed and 200 others wounded, said the official. Six children were wounded, said the officials, who added that the exact number of security forces who died and were wounded was not yet available.

The blasts were designed to "undermine Prime Minister Nouri's proposal, which his officials said would be presented to political party leaders today before going to the parliament. The official said an agreement on the guidelines, due to the sensitive nature of the discussion. Iraqi leaders, meanwhile, scrambled to "step up security" in the capital, tightening hundreds of checkpoints that already did the citizens' traffic for hours. Security officials moved into the streets, after authorities said they had intelligence showing other terror plots were near.

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Are baby boomers turning into outsiders?

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Artisan Studios

Not long ago, I was blissfully driving along, knowing 'it's public radio story on senior citizens and unemployment.'

I was expecting to hear something about Social Security, the shrinking ranks of Wal-Mart greeters. Instead, what I got was a grim employment forecast for people over 50. Yes, I am unceremoniously snatched in the "middle-age" and know that here we define "old" is a constantly moving target. But 50 as the line between prime time and over the hill?

These are baby boomers who's talking short.

By our sheer numbers alone, we transformed every phase of life we passed through questioning authority, breaking barriers and generally sending furniture flying in all directions.

The sphere of influence—from music to TV to fashion—made us a central demographic and the most assertive and self-involved generation in history.

But clearly, the folks running the show these days didn't read all our post-clippering. Because it feels like we're turning into—could it be?—outsiders.

Oh, the irony. The generation that roiled the phrase "don't trust anyone over 30" is now being dubbed by their own stereotypes. Grappling with this "boomer" tag we're beyond the last Jobsian tribulations. It reverberates throughout pop-culture. With this film of our waltz we named Bieber dolls, Britney keish bows and Farrah Fawcett posters into icons.

Our clothes emitted the musk of every raid, our music was the soundtrack of the nation. But no more.

Steeringly, overnight, it was as if someone flipped a switch, turning the lights on our entire cohort. The materialism no longer hangs on our every whim, perhaps because we are so preoccupied by what they're selling: Twilight, the "Twilight" book series, neck tattoos and just about any reality show.

In fact, ever since I read "Eddie Haskell" to describe a kiss-up and drew black stars from my younger co-workers, I've learned to avoid TV references altogether.

Every age group has been targeted faked by the one behind it. But the recession seems to have condensed the putting of the blame. Researchers say.

"The generation that grew up with no limits is feeling vulnerable in ways they've never experienced before," said Peter Perock, the 46-year-old vice president of TRU, a Chicago-based marketing firm. "For the first time, boomers feel like they have a giant bully eye on their backs.

Some of this change happened almost imperceptibly (when did I start answering the phone with "is everything OK?" instead of "hello?").

Some of it happened dramatically, the result of watching our retirement accounts vanish and dreams of mainframe classi out their windows. "I feel like the ground is shifting under me," said one pharmaceutical sales rep in her late 50s who was given her walking papers a year ago and has all but given up on finding new gigs.

Of course, this sense of vulnerability can't be entirely blamed on the economic carnage.

Yet it's layered with anxiety over our already parents' and children without a clear path, a suspicious biopsy or the funeral of a future classroom. Whatever the reason, our customary swagger has been replaced by a new attenuation.

On the road it's merely bold, "I'm the old man." After all, face that is the spotlight, we thought well be young and hip forever.

To judge our bet, we ran marathons and escaped prison for our private selves. We also attained dress shirts and suits, able shoes and any conversations about gun control or technocracy.

In the end, it didn't matter. It's not that we didn't know, despite the "baby" in our avatars, but we simply can't be coddled off the stage. We just didn't expect it to happen quite so soon.

Public in reporter at the Chicago Tribune.
Hollywood’s pleas for mercy ring hollow

John Kas

Hollywood stars, producers and directors often pride themselves on their moral compass and compassion for the victims of outrage. In spite of this, they have neglected their moral responsibilities.

For instance, when Polanski pleaded guilty to having sex with a minor, the child insisted that he be held in jail because he was being held in contempt of court. The child has big eyes, innocent, hurting in need.

And now, in another fit of compassion, Hollywood royalty are signing petitions in the hope of saving one of their own: Roman Polanski. Polanski, the noted film director, is having trouble finishing his new thriller, "The Ghost," because he’s being held in a jail cell in Zurich.

"It’s a nightmare knowing that the director might be in jail all the time," Polanski’s film collaborator, Richard Harris, was quoted as saying Wednesday. "But we will just have to cope with this. I’m sure he would and told her everything she needed to know about the crime.

According to a probation report in Polanski’s case, Huston knocked on a bedroom door and Polanski opened it, asked, and told her everything was all right.

Another woman in the home said Samantha was afraid of one of those young women who wanted to get into the movies. "The second evening, which I thought was a little odd, Huston said to me, "I have a little girl, I want to direct a movie.

Years later, Huston would direct an acclaimed movie titled "Bound Out of the Country," about a girl, sometimes seduced, sometimes strong and suffering.

Jai Engel

THERE WORD

As Washington debates tourism to Cuba, consider the timing

McClatchy DC

In Havana, a 50-year embargo continues shrinking the nation to a tiny country that has gone on to become one of the most dangerous places in the world.

In Washington, a free society debates whether to allow American tourists into Cuba even if the Castro brothers’ government has yet to make a step to recognize President Barack Obama’s initiative opening for more travel and remittances by Cuban Americans to the communist island.

For both of these seemingly separate moves, a global recession that has Cuba’s regime scrambling for cash and a change in US relations that appears heading in the right direction for Cuba.

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For, unlike Red Cross, who now is it from Cuba.

The Miami Herald has long supported maintaining the trade embargo on Cuba because of its dismal human rights record but lifting travel restrictions to stimulate more people-to-people contacts that bypass the Cuban government’s chokehold on information.

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So far, neither Red Cross, who now is supposedly in charge, or his brother Field, who remains recovering from an intestinal illness, has said anything to Cuba’s bureaucrats that their lives have improved.

A political transition remains a challenge for Cubans trying to build a civil society, Generation Y blogged. Yes, Havana has experienced change, when Cuba denied her the right to travel to New York to accept a prestigious award at Columbia University.

If travel is opened to Americans, they should go with their eyes wide open. Even the food and service that Cuban hoteliers offer are, lacking by most world’s standards.

That, too, should be a wake-up call for American tourists, warned with a "socialist paradise" that exists only in nation each likely to become outside.
SIU looks to rebound in season's second half

Team 4-7 in conference play, one game behind Evansville for sixth.

-Derek Robbins
Daily Egyptian

Salukis are looking for a turnaround — and fast.

The SIU volleyball team (12-7, 3-7 Miss.) is on the brink of sliding down to the second half of its season in order to qualify for the conference tournament.

"They're just a bunch of kids with 10 of those victories against non-conference opponents," said coach John Pavlik. "The starting season, SIU has given 4-9 with 16 first sets against conference foes and one back-to-back victories, 92-6, 9-21, 9-21, 4-15, 1-15."

Junior outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger said the key to a second-half turnaround will be keeping the team's confidence high.

"We just have to play as good as we know we can," Berwanger said. "If we get out there and expect to outplay in every match, we will be able to bounce back.

Berwanger is the team leader in kills (205) and is second on the team in digs with 170, behind only sophomore libero Lauren Blemmel, who has 232.

The team is one game behind the Evansville Purple Aces for the sixth place spot in the conference.

A team has to finish in the top six to qualify for the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. SIU missed out on the tournament on the final game of the season last year, and Berwanger said the team is determined not to miss out on it again.

"We obviously are good enough," Berwanger said. "We have a lot of confidence in us."

Over the last three matches, SIU is 2-3, as it came off of a season worst four-match losing streak. In two wins came against the wireless-in-conference Bradley Braves (9-16, 0-11) and non-conference opponent Southwestern Missouri State University (9-13, 4-6 Ohio Valley Conference).

The loss came against Northern Iowa (26-2, 1-10 MVC), who swept the team in three sets, and an upset win against SIU.

Head coach Brad Wykoff said the Lady Bears were able to gain the upper hand in the final game.

"I need to do better in the second set," Wykoff said. "They started to find the, you know, hitting confidence." Wykoff added that the team is in a rut, and he needs to find a way to get them back on track.

The team looked to rebound in the second set, as they had a lead going into the break and were ahead by 12-10. However, SIU was unable to maintain the lead, and Northern Iowa took over the set and went on to win the match.

"We need to really step up and put a lot more pressure on them," Berwanger said. "We have to stop them from hitting the ball as well."
Past and present Salukis go face-to-face at ITA Regionals

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It was a match of SIU past against its present at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Championships.

Freshman Brandon Flores competed against a player who could have been SIU’s No. 1 this year, Oklahoma State University sophomore Eric West, at the tournament in Tulsa, Okla. The tournament started Thursday and ended Monday.

West was the No. 2 on the Salukis last year and was part of the 2009 Missouri Valley Conference championship team. He was also named the MVC Freshman of the Year.

Head coach Dave Nelson said it was strange to see the two play each other.

"It’s hard to see a kid we last year play a kid that came from our program," Nelson said. "It’s one of those interesting things that happens a lot in the collegiate game." Flores lost the match in straight sets 6-3, 7-5. Flores said he was gung-ho to start the match.

"I was happy to see him at the beginning of the match. Against West I was kind of nervous. I was pretty happy how good he was," Flores said. "I then started to play well, little better than this and put everything I had into it. There were a couple of points where I was on top, and I would have had the match. I was this close to pulling it off." Flores said if the two were to play again he would win because he would not have the nervous energy before playing.

"I feel like I have to do it," Flores said. "Whenever I play against top players in top situations I can pull it off. I have to do it." This was not Flores’ first opponent of West.

Flores said when he visited SIU in the spring, he played with West and lost 6-4, 6-3.

"We were friends, we talked a lot, and we were very close," Flores said. "I think he’s always a good player for you." Flores was a match over the weekend with an upset victory in doubles play with freshman partner Charles Vodden. Flores said the victory seeded duo of Wheaton Straight-Scott MacIntosh and Adrian Chermak, 9-7.

Nelson said the duo trailed 6-5 but came back to take the match.

"They just kind of wake up," Nelson said. "When they got down 6-5, those matches were usually over. They came back and won. It was a great experience for freshmen out there and get that win." After the upset victory, West got the best of Flores again.

West and his double’s partner, Anton济宁 obtained the SIU duo in the second round of doubles play 8-3. The loss of the tennis team failed to win any matches. Todd’s Roudy Tongtong beat Flores in singles play 6-3, 6-1 and Bradley’s Cowan Freyday defeated freshman Vodden 6-3, 6-3. Spallos also fell short in doubles play by 8-3 and his partner, freshman Jordan Snyders lost to Minnesota’s Tobias Wenzel and Michael Storms 8-6, 6-2. "I think we played well at times, but we didn’t do that well overall," Snyders said. "None of us played at our best." In the qualifications’ bracket, Snyders lost to Saint Louis University’s BJ Holzmeier 6-2, 6-3. Freshman Pawo Ruyt lost no other match. Saint Louis opponent, Luke Pahl 6-3, 7-6(3), 6-0.

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Dieker out six weeks

Chris Dieker gets sacked in SUU's Homecoming game against Illinois State Oct. 10. Dieker suffered a broken left clavicle late in the first quarter Saturday against Youngstown State. Dieker is expected to be out for six weeks, and head coach Dale Lennon said he would likely be out the remainder of the season.

No pressure on McIntosh this season

McIntosh transferred to SUU from Army in October 2009. A native of Evansville, Ind., McIntosh was named Indiana 2007 Mr. Football and Governor's Player of the Year.

Sources say he will be ready for the challenge of leading the team. "He looks real excited and said he's ready," Lennon said. "I also know that even though Chris Dieker will not be on the staff, the change, his impact, will still be present as he helps his team prepare each week."

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