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Red Cross in dire need of blood

Greeks urge student involvement in drive

Jenn Lofton
Daily Egyptian

Hospitals throughout southern Illinois are still reeling from storms that blanketed the area with snow and ice, making the need for blood donation in the region even more urgent.

A year-long blood shortage that has affected the area from St. Louis to Cape Girardeau, Mo., has left the American Red Cross with a supply that would only last a little longer than 24 hours in a crisis situation, said Bob Ferrera, an American Red Cross associate donor recruit representative.

The group prefers to have a stock that would last at least eight days.

Recent storms canceled several blood drives, Ferrera said, and at least 1,000 units of blood were not able to be collected.

“The hospitals put in orders for blood and they know how much they need for an emergency room and surgeries they have, but are becoming worried,” Ferrera said.

As a result, the American Red Cross is looking to local students, who account for about one-quarter of the eligible blood donors in the area, Ferrera said.

Combined, SIUC, John A. Logan Community College and area high schools have enough students to account for 25 percent of the donations.

This drive's goal is to obtain 150 units of blood over the two-day period.

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University to consider fee, tuition hikes

Board to discuss tuition increase for new students

Joe Crawford
Daily Egyptian

The university will consider charging new students more than $450 per semester Thursday.

The SIU Board of Trustees will discuss raising tuition for new students 9.9 percent — or $313 — and increasing student fees by $137.60 at its meeting, according to the board’s Web site.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at approximately 10 a.m. in the Student Center’s Ballroom B.

Because state law requires a student's tuition be locked in for four years, only new students would pay the tuition hike. Students entering their fifth year as an undergraduate — meaning their tuition would no longer be locked — would see a 7.9 percent increase, or $195 per semester.

Chancellor Fernando Treviño said the increase for fifth year students, who would have come to the university in 2004, brought them up to the rate paid by those who were admitted a year later in 2005.

“We didn’t feel it right to hit them all at once with a 9.9 percent (increase),” he said.

The board is set also to consider a 15 percent tuition increase that would apply only to the College of Business and Administration.

Unlike tuition, most of the student fees are paid by all who attend the university.

The largest fee increase was a $54 swell in the intercollegiate athletic fee, much of which is to be used to pay for the first phase of Saluki Way.

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Student groups left out of cost discussion

Joe Crawford
Daily Egyptian

University administrators called a last minute meeting with representatives from the two student governments Tuesday in an effort to make up for discussions about cost increases leaders said should have occurred weeks ago.

Chancellor Fernando Treviño said he discussed $62 in proposed fee increases and a 15 percent tuition hike for the College of Business and Administration with representatives from the groups at Tuesday’s meeting.

These specific cost increases were not brought to the groups — the Graduate and Professional Student Council and Undergraduate Student Government — with proposed fee increases earlier this year.

The two fees in question are the student services building fee — proposed to increase $20 per semester — and the fee to cover student activities, which is pending action by the Student Government Council, Treviño said.

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Niou shooting victim heads home with bullet lodged in chest

CHICAGO (AP) — The last Northern Illinois University student to be released from the hospital following the deadly shooting rampage in a campus lecture hall headed home Tuesday with a bullet still lodged near her heart.

Lauren Debruewere should make a full recovery, said Northwestern Memorial Hospital heart surgeon Dr. Patrizia K. Kartling.

But the 19-year-old N.I.U. sophomore will require further surgery to fix a leaky heart valve damaged by the blast, McCarthy said. The bullet, which came within centimeters of her heart, will remain.

She has a tough road ahead of her, but we are humbled and very grateful we have her with us today as she is a miracle to us," Debruewere’s sister, Brittany Debruewere, 23, told reporters at the hospital Tuesday. Lauren Debruewere didn’t attend the news conference.

Debruewere’s release comes 12 days after gunman Steven Kazmierczak opened fire on a Cole Hall auditorium — killing five students and wounding at least 16 — before committing suicide.

Her recovery has at times been “unbearable for her both mentally and physically,” Brittany Debruewere said, reading a statement on behalf of the family.

Lauren Debruewere was sitting near the front of Cole Hall, and told her parents the gun-
man fired a handgun at her boyfriend, Demetrius Warren, then shot herself — once in the hip and again in the abdomen — then shot a girl sitting next to her. Femurartery.

One bullet entered Debruewere’s abdomen, her left leg and rib and ended its path lodged in her left chest.

“The bullet did something very unusual in that it went right next to the heart and because of the blast injury it damaged part of the heart muscle that controls one of the heart valves,” McCarthy said.

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Government finds contaminants in West’s national parks

**Madeleine Leroux**
**DAILY EAGLE**

Jaffe said scientists previously thought banning substances like DDT and dieldrin would lessen the presence of chemicals in the environment.

"We replaced them with pesticides, but now they travel long distances and can be found everywhere," Jaffe said. "We need to figure out how to deal with all of these toxic substances, and a way to reduce the concentration of chemicals in the environment."
After his Welt & Nation noted equipment malfunction in a used it three times as he addressed unthinkable to see rates like this, "between TB and AIDS, only six countries provided information.

Dr. Mario Raviglione, director of the World Health Organization, said the debate would give them time to jump ahead of the world's countries on the issue of drug-resistant TB, based on information he said was the best available on the condition in five countries.

Iraq was cut off funding for security reasons, but talk show host Bill Cunningham added, when the liberal-leaning songwriter performed a song about his relationship with indicted Sinatra and said the debate would give them time to jump ahead of the world's countries on the issue of drug-resistant TB, based on information he said was the best available on the condition in five countries.

Tuesday agreed with Democrats to advance an anti-war bill because they feel they have the upper hand on the debate of the same name.

"Now we have a hack, Chicago-style," Dateline correspondent Kenneth Clark said. "We're going to have to deal with this somehow, that should have created the widespread attention.

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The outages had no connection to terrorism, said Homeland Security Department spokeswoman Laura Keesler said. Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez said the outages were technical, not criminal.

"It's a matter of just a cascading effect," he said. Florida emergency management officials said the outages cut power to 2 to 3 million people during the heat of a day that saw temperatures reach triple digits.

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**Blackouts affect up to 3 million**

Jessica Gresko AP Special to the Post **MIAMI** — A relatively minor glitch in Florida's electric grid somehow triggered a chain reaction Tuesday that caused a nuclear reactor to shut down and briefly cut power in patches from Daytona Beach through the Florida Keys.

Up to 3 million people — about a fifth of Florida's population — lost power at various points during the afternoon, though there were no safety concerns at the nuclear plant. And while many of the people who had lost outages were short lived and only about 20,000 people lacked electricity during the evening commute home.

Most of the evening outages were due to bad switches, not the grid problem, officials said.

An equipment malfunction in a substation near Miami disabled two power distribution lines between Miami and Daytona Beach, and in response, Florida Power & Light's Turkey Point nuclear plant south of Miami stopped operating around 3 p.m., Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman Kenneth Clark said.

The utility was trying to determine what caused equipment failure and a fire at the substation, but the company said it was too early to say what was wrong on the kind of a day that should have created the widespread attention.

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**Springfield Baptist Church**

NAACP celebrates 100th anniversary

Jessica Gresko

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Drug-resistant tuberculosis is spreading faster than feared.

LONDON (AP) — Drug-resistant strains of the bacteria that medical experts had feared, the World Health Organization warned in report Tuesday that the number of TB patients infected with the drug-resistant strain topping 100 times in low-income countries, the highest ever recorded, the UN agency said.

"Ten years ago, we had been worrying about the emergence of resistant strains, and we were concerned about the increasing rate of resistance, but now we are increasingly worried about the rapid spread of resistance, said Dr. Mario Raviglione, director of WHO's ""Stop TB Partnership.

But after Republicans agreed in a private setting that the need for a debate could help make their case, the Senate voted 70-24 to begin debating the bill.

"We don't really know what the situation is in Africa," Raviglione said. "It multi drug-resistant TB has penetrated Africa and coincides with AIDS, there's bound to be a disaster."
Flags honor fallen

Colors fly low around campus

Cristian Stelle
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The flag at SIUC flies at half-staff to commemorate the deaths of various Illinoisans.

“I believe what we’re doing now is good,” said Capt. Curtis Puckett, the unit admissions officer of the Air Force ROTC at SIUC in regards to the flag being raised and lowered to honor the fallen.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich sent a statement to SIUC on Feb. 15 assuring the university would fly the United States flag and the Illinois flag at half-staff until sunset on Feb. 23 in honor of the victims at Northern Illinois University.

Before SIUC lowered its flag in honor of the victims at NIU, the flag was already at half-staff to honor various men and women who have died while serving in the military.

Sgt. 1st Class Shad Lewis of the SIUC Army ROTC said the flags do not lose meaning where they are continually flown at half-staff because it is an honor that is due. Lewis said paying attention to the position of the flag is very important to him.

SIUC receives weekly notifications from the Illinois Board of Higher Education as to when it is appropriate to have the flags flown at half-staff or full-staff, said Patti Perschbacher, administrative assistant to the executive director of administration.

There are approximately 24 flags on campus and each college or department is in charge of lowering or raising their flag when notified by the university’s executive director’s office, Perschbacher said.

Puckett said information regarding the raising and lowering of the flag is very important to his unit. “We come in every day to report to put [the flag] up or take it down,” Puckett said.

Puckett said he would like to see more understanding of what the position of the flag represents.

“Pay respect to the flag by stopping what you’re doing and recognizing what it means,” Puckett said.

Blagojevich issued a proclamation Monday instructing all buildings to lower their Illinois flags and U.S. flags to half-staff until sunset Wednesday on behalf of the death of Capt. Albert Bitton from Chicago of the United States Army, according to the Illinois Governor’s News Network.

There are several occasions in which the U.S. flag should always be flown at half-staff.

According to the Independence Hall Association in Philadelphia, the American flag should be flown at half-staff on Memorial Day, Sept. 11 and Dec. 7, the National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Once the U.S. president or a state governor has verified that a past or current president, vice-presidential, chief justice or speaker of the House has died, it is also appropriate to fly the flag at half-staff.

It is very important to correctly lower the flag when instructed to do so, said Lewis.

“It must be raised all the way up, then down to half-mast,” Lewis said.

While the procedures are important, the reasoning is equally significant. “We are a nation at war so it is important to fully and correctly honor the victims of war by using the flag a symbol of respect,” Puckett said. “It represents something.”

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Our Word

A King’s battle

I t’s difficult to live in America and not know who Martin Luther King Jr. was. There’s a Martin Luther King High School in Chicago. A library in San Jose, Calif. An elementary school in Providence, R.I. Practically every major city has a street, drive or boulevard named after him. The list goes on.

One in their right mind can refute the momentous accomplishments he and his wife, Coretta Scott, made toward the civil rights movement, and how people of their stature deserve such commemoration.

As it just so happens, some students have decided to try and make sure Carbondale is one more place where this fact isn’t forgotten.

What started as a somewhat quiet cause has ballooned recently, partially due to the nature of the cause itself — changing the name of a prominent street in Carbondale to “King Street” — and its details.

The street name change began with Oakland Avenue. It’s something that happens and it’s not impossible by any means,” said City Manager Jeff Doherty on Feb. 5. He also emphasized community support as the key.

Meanwhile, Mayor Brad Cole expressed his concerns and said it was “a complicated issue.”

The group, officially known as the Ambassadors for a Legacy committee, brought their proposal to the Undergraduate Student Government meeting Feb. 6. It gained unanimous support.

The committee then submitted a formal request to the city Monday requesting that Mill Street be subject to the change because of its location and prominence in the city. They caught some flak for including a plaque in the plans that would honor those who contributed to the project. Kouri Marshall, co-chair of the committee, said Tuesday the group meant it to be for city officials, or perhaps even simply, “the city of Carbondale.”

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Not necessarily.

The bottom line is that there is no questioning the significance of Martin Luther and Coretta Scott King in the pages of history. But there’s also no doubting the contributions of local heroes such as Buckminster Fuller, whose innovative dome sits on the unbecoming corner of Cherry and Forest Street.

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But as for now, this group of students has taken the steps necessary to memorialize two people who have earned their right to be honored.

We say good for them. Maybe Mill Street isn’t the best location. But the sentiment shouldn’t (and surely won’t) die.

Wolfe’s Eye View

Your brother, Hakim

Hakim looked at me like a deer caught in the headlights of a Mack truck barreling down I-5.

Half of my glass of wine was now on the conference room floor. He was waiting for me to play the part of the angry American, but before I could assure him I wasn’t upset, he had muttered several apologies and had disappeared into the crowd of international students to grab me another drink.

That was the beginning of what became an unlikely friendship between myself and a thirty-something graduate student from Iraq, who made a lot of friends from around the world while studying abroad, but it was my time spent over pints with Hakim that were the most eye-opening.

We have spoken on every subject from our mutual obsession with Arnold Schwarzenegger movies to President Bush, and I am ashamed that I have waited two years to tell his story.

But I can think of no better time to tell what I flew halfway across the world to discover. War may be hell, but it is much more to those who are unable to fight it.

It is a gut-wrenching feeling of helplessness words can never describe; a level of Dante’s inferno previously undiscovered and inaccessible to anyone who has not been plunged head first into the fire.

Our meeting was a strange twist of fate, for sure — but nothing can convince me it was not preordained. I stand a solid foot above Hakim, but he carries himself as if he were a head taller than anyone he encounters. However, he is also perpetually soft-spoken and, despite the language barrier, is one hell of a storyteller.

Camberley, England, became our playground, and we attracted our fair share of strange looks. Neither of us cared. We looked and acted like a modern Laurel and Hardy walking down the winding streets of southeast Britain, cracking jokes and trying in vain to teach me Arabic.

By the time I left we knew most everything about each other, but when I tried to speak to Hakim about life in Kurdistan, a northern province of Iraq, he became uncharacteristically quiet. I gingersly approached the subject a few times, but the only information he shared was how much Kurds do not consider themselves Iraqis — and for good reason.

During the 1980s Saddam Hussein was at war with Iran, and citizens of Kurdistan suffered greatly during this period. Gas rockets were launched into the Northern Province in what is, to this day, the largest ever chemical weapon attack against a civilian population. In the words of an anonymous survivor, “I got some gas in my eyes and had trouble breathing. You always wanted to vomit and when you did, the vomit was green.”

The chemical agents this individual and thousands of others breathed in were a lethal cocktail of mustard gas and the nerve agents sarin, tabun and VX. During the worst period of Saddam’s onslaught — known as the Halabja gas attack — Kurds were bombarded for four days straight while people, in the words of the previously mentioned survivor, “just dropped dead” or took several excruciating minutes to die of burning and blistering.

Hakim would have been in his teens during this period, buddling with his family in their house hoping the distant sounds of explosions remained distant. Unfortunately, little more than a decade later, he and his family pray for the same salvation.

I have not heard from my friend for several months, but I will never forget what I learned from him. No matter what end of the bombshits you’re on, we’re all just trying to breathe ourselves into the smoke clear. So every day I pray for a call from a friend in the military I consider family, and that mail that always concludes: “Your brother, Hakim.”

Wolfe is a senior studying English education.

Mission Statement

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

Quote of the Day

“I try to avoid commenting on my successor because he has enough problems.”

Alan Greenspan, former head of the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank on Ben Bernanke and the plight of today’s economy.
Walking around campus on what started off as a sunny Sunday afternoon, I spotted this pail a couple hundred feet ahead of me behind the Life Science II building. I moved my way over to the pure curiosity to see what this pail held inside. To my utter disgust, I found dozens of smoked-out wet cigarette butts and an empty cigar pack. I had to do a double take to make sure my eyes were not deceiving me.

This random, out-of-place pail sitting in the middle of the sidewalk made me think more about the statewide smoking ban in effect throughout Illinois. As stated in the Smoke Free Illinois Act, all cigarette butts and an empty cigar pack. I had to do a double take to make sure my eyes were not deceiving me.

The Counseling Corner

Be aware of eating disorders

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In light of Eating Disorders Awareness Week, it seems appropriate to take the time to clear up some of the misconceptions about eating disorders and disorders eating, which abound on a college campus.

Most articles about eating disorders might begin with some statistics, such as the fact that nearly 20 percent of college freshmen have some type of disordered eating. Seventy percent of college females have reported binge eating. Eating disorders are on the rise among male college students with 1 to 7 percent reporting disordered eating.

These articles might also wax on the different types of eating disorders, although most of us are familiar with them.

Anorexia Nervosa is characterized by fear of gaining weight, refusal to maintain a normal weight and a disturbed perception of body shape and size.

Bulimia Nervosa is characterized by binge eating and compensatory behaviors aimed at preventing weight gain. Eating Disorders Not Otherwise Specified is given for eating disorders that do not meet the stringent criteria for anorexia nervosa or bulimia nervosa.

Contrary to this article will instead attempt to provide practical knowledge about eating disorders that may be useful for the average SIU student.

For instance, the development of an eating disorder is not a choice. It is a serious mental health issue.

While the popular press might lead us to believe otherwise through endless media depictions of celebrities with eating disorders, these disorders are no more preventable than the development of other mental health conditions such as depression or even physical health conditions like diabetes.

Similarly, recovering from an eating disorder is not an issue of will and discipline but rather an issue of receiving sound mental health treatment and support. Encouraging a friend to "just eat" does not begin to address the complexity of an eating disorder and ultimately will not help someone to recover.

What may be of help is expressing your concern and accompanying your friend to the Counseling Center for professional help.

While some may think that the eating disorder itself is the problem for someone with an eating issue, in fact, eating disorders are a symptom of underlying stress or distress. The eating disorder itself is merely one way an individual may cope with other life difficulties.

In order to help with the recognition and prevention of eating disorders, the following are some tips for creating a healthy campus community in which healthy lifestyle choices and healthy resistance to unrealistic cultural messages are key:

- Be a model of healthy self-esteem and body image. Recognize that others pay attention to how you talk about your body. Refuse to say negative things about your appearance.
- Compliment your friends on things other than their appearance.
- Challenge false beliefs that thinness and weight loss are great, while body fat and weight gain are bad.

-Become a critical media viewer. Recognize what your body. Recognize what you hear or see that promotes unhealthy body image.
- Decorate with care, avoiding unrealistic images of the feminist form.

Choose your magazines carefully. Remember that fashion magazines are a big culprit in causing women to feel ashamed and depressed about their bodies.

-Say no to diets. Dieting is ineffective and damaging to the body. Open your mind to the idea that food and eating can provide positive, healthy experiences.

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Digital age underies in previously diminished voices

Speaker emphasizes progress in global media

A man who stands on one of the new platforms of media said Tuesday he is encouraged by the progress of those with a digital camera and a keyboard.

Ray Suarez, senior correspondent for PBS’s “The NewsHour” and former National Public Radio host, emphasized the ability of changing technology to open new doors throughout the world of global media.

“I think there is no more perilous, no more important and no more earth-shattering time to be doing what we do now,” Suarez said.

Suarez started his career in the field in a time when editors compiled stories, but now “there’s only three networks, and he’s not making any more of them.”

“Since that time, advances in technology have allowed messages to be broadcast through an array of different avenues and from a variety of different perspectives.

These advances are positive overall, Suarez said on the premise of his stories of previously neglected communities and minorities, but he also held out such as coverage of the war in Iraq.

Suarez, who spoke to hundreds in the SIU Arena on Tuesday night primarily about the relationship between religion and politics, said earlier in the day that affordability and the diminished size of cameras and satellite allows different messages to be sent throughout the world.

He emphasized the importance of the Internet to act as a vehicle to spread these messages. He said he is encouraged with his daughter how things she has found on the Web depicting the struggle of a man in a third-world country — a story that never would have been accessible before.

New ways to get those stories told will evolve as people are just beginning to understand and use the Web, Suarez said.

“Just as Babbitt used to do, new ways to tell stories,” Suarez said.

The lowered cost of digital cameras and editing equipment has allowed those formerly ignored stories to be told and understood throughout the world.

Researchers in the center have also found that in the XBoxphilosophy, a method that has become one of the most basic and accessible forms of shared media.

Downing said the growth in perspective as a result of blogs has many benefits but he said that there are still too many traditional forms — a pendulum he does not see.

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But that theory, too, Downing said, may be extreme.

“Opportunities will go to where they feel comfortable getting information, via sites they trust and value,” Downing said.

In the younger generation are already recognizing what new forms they are in order to gain a wide-rounded perspective, said Malcolm Cotton, a junior from Frome, England.

Cotton, who attended Suarez’s speech, said he visits a variety of sites to gather information, from the traditional Fox news sites to more unconventional blogs.

The shift to the Web carries both positive and negative aspects, Cotton said. It is positive because the lesser-told stories can reach more people, but the amount of misinformation is an inherent evil of the system.

Cotton said it is up to viewers to do their own research and decide what and who to trust.

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Janet brings ‘Discipline’ to the dance floor

Julie Engler
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Janet Jackson
Release date: Feb. 2
Record label: Island Records
www.janetjackson.com

Say the name Janet Jackson, and instantly everyone will think back to the scandalous Super Bowl exposure incident. But before all that happened, Jackson made some great R&B and dance music that raced up the charts dozens of times in the past 20 years. “Discipline” is another one of those R&B pop albums that will own the dance floor within the next few weeks of its release. The album could use a little more in the way of behavior modification, but it’s best when it’s played loud and late into the party. Jackson is sexually charged, as usual, but still pretty tame. Her attempts to get down and dirty come out as suggestive interpretations, however obvious they really are. “Feedback” rather cleverly compares bodies to musical instruments, while the title track suggests she needs discipline herself.

Her interlude tracks, where she takes the time to stop the music to throw in her two cents on random topics, could have been left out, but they at least tie into the rest of the album. “I.D.” begins with the illusion that Janet is controlling a computer to begin her album. It’s a pretty cliché beginning, honestly, but it works for “Discipline.”

“The 1” features female rapper Missy Elliott, who steps out and owns the track with the trademark vulgar and sexually explicit lyrics her fans know and love. Jackson’s sultry, sweet singing is a striking difference against the straight delivery of Elliott, making the track stand out among others as sounding like it had some true, collaborative work put into it.

Aside from “The 1,” there aren’t any other tracks with guest performers; Jackson takes control of the remaining 21 on her own. Jackson’s slower tracks aren’t as interesting as her dance tunes. “Greatest X” is a cheesy ode to an old lover; “Never Letchu Go” is an overproduced, goggling love song with a guitar lead that sounds like it came straight out of a cheap music-making computer program. The good thing is that she groups the slowies together mid-album, and includes two at the end, so listeners don’t have to suffer too long.

For an artist who has been making music since the mid-1980s, Jackson has stamina. Taken lightly, “Discipline” is a catchy album, but not near as memorable as her exposed breast.

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A 21st century lullaby

Devin Vaughn  
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Atlas Sound  
‘Let the Blind Lead Those Who Can See but Cannot Feel’  
Release date: Feb. 19  
Record label: Kranky  
www.myspace.com/bradfordcox

3 out of 5 stars

Somewhere between the ethereal hushs and whores of its debut album “Let the Blind Lead Those Who Can See but Cannot Feel,” Atlas Sound manages to invent a lullaby for the disaffected youth of the 21st century.

‘A Ghost Story’ opens the record as a strange mix of softly murmuring instruments with a scratchy recording of a young boy relating a ghost story. The track has an eerie quality, giving the impression that the sounds of the recording are not originating from speakers so much as from one’s own mind. It’s a haunting aura that hangs over the rest of the album.

From there, each track bleeds into the next, as repetitive rhythms, synthetic florishes and droning vocals create a trance-like wall of ambient sound. In fact, if “Let the Blind” should be faded for one thing specifically, it should be for its changeless nature, favoring homogeneity over variety.

Often, the lyrics are made indistinguishable— the low, murmuring vocals hardly ever rise above the enveloping instrumentation. As a whole, the album never chooses to focus on one aspect of the music in particular, instead dedicating itself to a laid-back, amalgamated approach.

At certain moments, however, singer-composer Bradford James Cox’s vocal break through, revealing his feelings of loss and lost youth that resulted from a genetic disorder from which he suffers, “Quarantined and kept. So far away from my friends ... I’m waiting to be changed,” and supporting the ghostlier elements of the album, “Rivers so clear and blue. I’m so in love with you, but you deserted me. Where did you go? Clear and blue. What it takes to ignore you. How many boys/boys have you deserted?”

It is difficult to look back on “Let the Blind” and recall a specific track, for they all seem to meld together in a hazy blur. As a result, it is a mood specific album, best suited for after hours. Although it is as far from static as its compositional purpose; the album’s recording is almost an attempt not help but full the listener into a relaxed and meditative state.

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Soulful singing with a purpose

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Goldfrapp  
‘Seventh Tree’  
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She may not be the stereotypical singing diva, but she’s a hard act to follow just the same.

Algebra Blessett is bringing good old R&B back with her debut album “Purpose.” Knowning her music is a comfort and staying in a comfortable and well-suited mid-tempo range, little riffs and sultry run-ons lets you in on the secret that her voice contains so much more. No belting or screaming is needed to feel her.

As another Atlanta newcomer, Blessett represents a fresh sound with an old soul. In a slightly husky voice, Blessett introduces herself in songs such as “Nothing to Prove,” where this around-the-way girl meets chic chick and sets you straight on her attitude.

“Maybe I’m not the normal girl you are used to, but I’m the next best thing,” she sings. “I ain’t got nothing to prove to you, I’m same ole girl from the ATL, can I introduce myself?”

She goes into a bit more depth on the inclusion of a cover of “Don’t Let Me Be Misunderstood,” made famous by The Animals.

With lyrics, such as, “Sometimes I’m so care-free with a joy that’s so hard to hide, and then again sometimes it seems I’m all I have are worries, then you’re bound to see my other side. But I’m just a soul whose intentions are good. Oh lord, please don’t let me be misunderstood,” listeners get a feel of who Blessett is.

With a sound that’s easy to get lost in even if you’ve never experienced what she’s talking about, you’ll still be singing a vici-  

It’s Blessett’s love songs that take her away from being just another MySpace hopeful, and the relationship medleys like “Run & Hide” are sincere and playful.

While others are focused on making clever connections to her first name and numbers, the attention should be on her last name and how much of a blessing it is to finally be able to purchase the hefty 15- track album. Blessett may not be the most popular now, but surely she’ll be the subject on everyone’s minds and lips.

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Much like her 2000 debut, “Felt Mountain,” the new album is stocked with slower, more relaxed and meditative tunes instead of immediate dance hits, such as “Ooh La La.”

In fact, there are no dance tunes on the album, which is disappointing in a way, but her atmospheric electronics is still softly swirling.

“Seventh Tree” explores the realms of dark pop, twisting away from the glitter and glam of her last album to reach a deeper, musical depth.

Alison Goldfrapp’s vocals are sultry and sweet, along the lines of Björk and Coldplay. In a similar way, Goldfrapp’s music is a strange sort of inner soul with songs that are inherently good-natured yet deeply affecting.

She taps into somber acoustic, shimmering synth and piano with a feminine authority, thus creating an orchestra of strings, suspense and electronic rattles making their way in every once in a while. The result is wholesome, such as on the opening track “Closer” and “Some People.”

The overall feeling of “Seventh Tree” is dis- connecting. There’s no focus, no way on the road to somewhere, little clouds like wounds that blow away, listening to the radio like a friend that guides me, playing out every song we used to know; Goldfrapp sings on “Road To Somewhere,” somewhere between sleeping and dreaming.

But the album isn’t all dreary.

“Soulful” is a defiant break-up song, full of encouraging and sweet harmonies, backed up by a steady pop optimism. “Happiness” is the most upbeat track on the album, with the title describ- ing it all and the music having the same effect. That hap- piness, though, soon fades, but where it goes is unknown.

“Seventh Tree” isn’t anything close to depressing, or even downbeat. It has its own sort of excitement, hidden in the layers of vocals and instrumenta- tion. Still, it feels like it’s missing something important, as if it is a little too hopeful but pessi- simistic at the same time.

The songs on “Seventh Tree” have a longer-lasting effect than the pop on “Black Cherry” or “Soppernaut,” but that comes at the price of losing their catchiness. Yet with lovely, gold- en blonde vocals to match Alison Goldfrapp’s appearance, the album slowly grows to become worth more than its appraisal.

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Today's Birthday (02-27-08) Some of your dreams will be shattered this year. Don't worry about that. You have plenty of dreams, and more coming at you later. Some of them need to be tossed in the trash. Review and be refreshed.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating. 10 is the easiest day, the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 5 — If you can’t have or do everything you want at this moment in time, don’t think of it as dreams being shuttered. Learn to defer gratification; it’s a very useful skill.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Advise your partner to watch out for tricks. All is not as it appears today. To win this competition, you will need to be resourceful. Creativity is required.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — It seems like you’ve got nowhere, but that’s probably not the case. Check your bearings and proceed. Do the job because you said you would.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — If you want to make a good impression, use food instead of toys. You'll save a lot of money and have much greater success. And you'll look very good.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — You’re still having to deal with a huge barrier between you and what you want. It seems like you’re getting nowhere. But that’s probably not the case. Check your bearings and proceed.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — The more you learn, the more you realize that you’ve been doing the hard way. Carefully assess your situation and put in the corrections.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — A review of your budget could lead to an ugly clash with reality. But because you can’t afford the toy you want now, doesn’t mean you never will.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — It’s easier for you to see through a silly facade now. Your best chance for romance is someone who never tries to pull any such tricks.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — This day is good for finishing up, tidying up and throwing things out. You’ll be absolutely amazed at how much space you can create. And it’ll be fun.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 5 — It’s good to support causes that further your agenda. Just make sure the people to whom you’re sending money aren’t spending it on themselves, for luxuries.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — It may seem there’s a huge barrier between you and what you want. This could be a mirage, without real substance. Stay busy with practical matters.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — The more you learn, the more assumptions are challenged. This is OK. You can let them go.

Sudoku

By The Mepham Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Tuesday’s puzzle:

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News Delivered To You...
Senior forward Matt Shaw drives past Nevada forward Malik O'Keefe during Saturday's game at the SIU Arena. Shaw scored 14 points in the Salukis' 71-60 victory over Bradley.

FALKER DOUBLE-TEAMED singing in a team-high nine points.

Even 3-point specialist Joshua Bone took it to the paint as he passed up a wide-open 3-point shot to drive baseline and convert on a layup. Coach Chris Lowery said the burstle paid off on both ends of the floor.

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The Salukis (17-12, 11-6 MVC) were outscored Bradley 30-20 in the paint and 15-3 in points off turnovers.

Lowery said it wasn’t the best performance this season, but he was pleased with the effort.

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The Braves did not have to worry about doubling Falker, which led to tighter defense on the guards and more focus on stopping the Salukis’ penetration.

Falker said it was a frustrating game but he knew he had to play through fouls and perform like expected.

“As a program we have always played for the seniors and the last 10 or 12 games I really realized that I am that senior so I need to play for myself,” Falker said.

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The Braves kept the lead within two with 7:31 left to go, but the Salukis used a 10-2 run to break the lead wide open.

Lowery said ball control late in the game was crucial to close out the game effectively and get shots to go in at the right time.

The Salukis (17-12, 11-6 MVC) have had a reputation for not closing out games on the road this season as they came into Tuesday night’s matchup with a record of 2-9 in away games this season.

Falker said he finally took initiative to his role on a predeterminately senior-driven team in the past dozen games.

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The Braves (17-13, 9-8) were without two of their three leading scorers as senior guard Daniel Ruffin — who averages 14.5 points per game — was suspended indefinitely after an arrest Saturday morning.

Ruffin sat out in the two team’s second meeting this season on Jan. 8 with a sports hernia.

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Salukis aim for a Sun Belt

From left SIU swimmers Stephan Ackermann, Antonio Santoro and Kyle Riekena stretch before swim practice Jan. 23. The swim team will meet in Nashville, Tenn., for the Sun Belt Conference on Thursday. ( campus photographer)

The Houston Chronicle reports that Rockets center Yao Ming will miss the rest of the season with a stress fracture in his left foot. The Rockets are currently on a 12-game winning streak. Can they still make the playoffs without him?

"Unfortunately, this will probably kill all their chances of making the playoffs. The Rockets have been playing great as of late winning 12 games in a row and the young guys like Carl Landry have really played well. Unless an injury happens on another team, I think Houston will have to wait until next season."

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"I would say no because I don't think that Tracy McGrady can do it by himself, despite their winning streak. The Nuggets are too close to them in the standings."

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"No way, not in the Western Conference. Now, the Rockets must hope that Tracy McGrady can carry the entire load, and hope he doesn't get hurt in the process. Yao is one of the top-5 centers in the NBA, and the Western Conference has too much talent for one man — even if it is T-Mac — to overcome."

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"They're looking good. Now we put a shave on and let them go."

Rick Walker
swimming and diving head coach on his swimmers as they prepare for the Sun Belt Conference Championships.

The SIU men's swimming and diving team is rested and ready to win its first Sun Belt Conference title in program history.

Twelve days after the women's team finished second in the Missouri Valley Conference championships, the men's team will compete in the Sun Belt championships Feb. 28 through March 1 in Nashville, Tenn., looking to improve upon their 2007 fourth-place finish.

Coach Rick Walker said he likes his team's chances of improving upon its inaugural season in the Sun Belt Conference.

"We've got our work cut out, but that's the way we like it," Walker said. "I think we thrive on this kind of stuff."

In their first year of competition in the Sun Belt Conference, the Salukis captured five event titles, while senior swimmer Antonio Santoro received Sun Belt Swimmer of the Year honors.

Walker said Western Kentucky, Denver and Missouri State would prove to be the toughest competition for SIU. The three-time defending champion Hilltoppers defeated the Salukis Jan. 26 in Bowling Green, Ky., 138-99.

The championships will be the Salukis' first competition since defeating Evansville Feb. 2. SIU downed the Purple Aces 151-52, winning all but one event.

Junior Dennis Hedo, who won the 100-yard breaststroke against Evansville, said the break was beneficial. "We're feeling lighter when we jump in the water," Hedo said. During the 2007 season, Hedo was a part of first-place finishes in the 200-yard freestyle, 400 freestyle and 800 freestyle relays.

Walker said his swimmers are adequately prepared to have a strong finish at the conference championships.

"They put the work in and we rested the way we said we wanted to rest, and now it's show time," Walker said.

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No Way, Not in the Western Conference.
**SIU defeats Bradley 71-60**

**Salukis continue streak with win over Bradley**

SIU wins fifth consecutive game

Megan Krampner

PEORIA — After struggling on the road for much of the season, the Saluki men’s basketball team soldiered another game away from home Tuesday night.

The Salukis earned their fifth straight victory with a win over the Bradley Braves, 71-60.

Senior guard Ian Reinhart drained six of seven free throws as the Salukis shot 75 percent from the charity stripe.

Up 26-18 with just more than three minutes to play in the first half, the Salukas let an 8-point lead down the drain as the Braves clamped back to make it a 2-point game at halftime.

But the Salukas road reputation to fail would not set in as it had numerous times earlier in the season.

Lowery said getting the team to do the constant little things such as effective passing and ball control on the court has been a struggle but seems to be falling in place in recent games.

“IT was like we had to re-teach our system to guys who had been in for four or five years and they felt how angry I was on a daily basis about not doing what we do,” Lowe said.

At this point we seem to be doing the things that made us a good program in

Senior forward Tyrone Green and Nevada's Marcelous Kemp vie for the ball during the Salukis' 74-49 victory Feb. 24. Green scored five points and grabbed six rebounds in the Salukis’ 71-60 victory over Bradley Tuesday night in Peoria.

**Salukis’ inside presence trumps Braves’ outside shooting**

Jeff Engelhardt

PEORIA — The offensive styles of the Salukas and Braves clashed Tuesday, setting Bradley's outside shooting against SIU's post play.

But it was the constant penetration of the Salukas that wore the Bradley defense to the ground as it fell 71-60 at the Peoria Civic Center.

After a scoreless opening two minutes to the game and a number of missed outside shots from SIU (17-12, 11-6 MVC), it was evident the recent hot shooting was not there for the team that had thrived on it for the past four years.

The Salukis quickly shifted gears to focus its attack in the post.

**Salukis aim at .500**

Baseball takes on Tennessee-Martin at 2 p.m. today

Matt Hartwig

After a rough opening weekend to the 2008 season that included near freezing temperatures and a pair of losses, the SIU baseball team heads back to Tennessee for the second time in three days.

The Salukis (1-2) take on Tennessee-Martin at 2 p.m. today at Skyhawk Field in Martin, Tenn., with temperatures expected to be near 40 degrees by game time, according to the Weather Channel.

After dropping two of three to Western Michigan at First Tennessee Fields in Cordova, Tenn., SIU junior second baseman Scott Eldemirsdorf said he won’t blame the winter weather for the Salukis’ play.

“We practiced in it before and it’s really no excuse. We should be fine in it,” Eldemirsdorf said. “It will just take a little bit longer to get warmed up but it isn’t really that hard once you get used to it.”

The weather didn’t affect Eldemirsdorf Friday. He went 2-for-3 with a pair of runs scored in the season opening loss to the Broncos.

The same can’t be said about the Salukas bullpen, however. Western Michigan pounded the bullpen for nine runs in three innings.

Senior reliever Ian Reinhart was tagged for four runs, five earned in only two-thirds of an inning.

Reinhart rebounded in the second game of the series with a scoreless inning of relief en route to his first victory of the season in a 7-6 win during the first game of a doubleheader Saturday.

Coach Dan Callahan said he isn’t worried about Reinhart’s performance over the weekend.

“Saturday’s (game) was the Ian Reinhart we saw last year,” Callahan said. “As far as how he threw on Friday, I don’t necessarily consider that indicative of how he’ll throw this year. He just had a bad day.”

Despite the rough bullpen outing, the offense played well enough to win scoring 16 runs during the three-game set.

Senior utility man Adam Hills went 3-for-4 with a pair of RBIs and a run scored in a 5-4 loss during the finale Saturday. Sophomore designated hitter Tyler Bullock contributed four RBIs during the series.

The Salukis sent junior pitcher Andrew Dunn to the mound against the Skyhawks (0-3) for his first career start at SIU. Dunn gave up three runs in 12 innings against the Broncos.

“We knew we’re a good team,” sophomore eight fielder Aaron Roberts said. “We just didn’t play well this (past) weekend.”

The game is the front end of a home and home series between the two clubs with Tennessee-Martin coming to Abe Martin Field March 28.

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**Sophomore catcher Tyler Bullock reaches for a high pitch as senior outfielder Dean Cademartori ducks out of the way. The baseball team will travel to Martin, Tenn., to face Tennessee-Martin on Wednesday.”**