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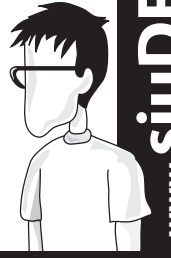
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**A student cycles through the tunnel in front of Morris Library on Monday.** The tunnel was constructed to protect students from falling debris while construction workers removed the façade in 2006.  
 JASON JOHNSON  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

## Tunnel to be dismantled

Heavy rains, leaks a blessing in disguise

**Brandy Oxford**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

There will be a little more light in the tunnel behind Morris Library in the coming weeks. As library construction moves inside, the plywood tunnel known as the "Tunnel of Death" will come down piece by piece. The tunnel was constructed

in April 2006 to protect students from falling debris during removal of the library's façade and offer an alternative route around the library. The front of the library was fenced off early in the spring 2006 semester. Carlson said only the middle portion will remain when workers

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## Guard your wallet: trap the heat

**Danny Wenger**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Although Ameren's rate freeze ended in January, residents can prevent heating bills from soaring by properly preparing their homes for winter. Temperatures this week are expected to fall as low as 37 degrees, according to the Weather Channel's Web site. Taking the appropriate steps to insulate homes now could save homeowners enough on their electric bills to pay for the upgrades necessary to properly insulate their houses. David Kolata, executive director of the Citizens Utility Board, said changing the filter on a furnace monthly could reduce heating costs up to five percent. "The filters on a forced air furnace, they can get clogged, and if that happens they have to operate more, they operate less efficiently," he said. "So you want to make sure that you change those filters so you're not paying too much to heat your place." Cracks can develop around windows that allow hot air to escape and cold air to enter. Barry Matchett, policy advocate at the Environmental Law and Policy Center in Chicago, said people should check the windows and re-seal them if necessary.

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**A lone man walks down the strip Friday night at midnight,** a time when the strip is usually buzzing with activity. Because of the Halloween riots of recent years, the city of Carbondale closes the strip during Halloween weekend.  
 BRANDON CHAPPLE  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN



## Halloween weekend sees less crime

**David Lopez**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Local authorities and students said compared to previous Halloweens, this year was pretty tame. The Carbondale Police Department released its arrest statistics for the Halloween weekend, which garnered fewer arrests than a typical Carbondale weekend. Just 36 incidents occurred throughout the weekend, which could have been a result of authorities shutting down the Strip for Halloween or the celebration of Unofficial Halloween Oct. 20. Police reports indicated 26 incidents on Friday, including 11

**“They’re trying to stretch out Halloween to three weeks. Some people that dressed up for the unofficial didn’t take this one as seriously because they had already done their Halloween thing.”**

— Jim Szeluga  
 senior studying radio-television

counts of public possession of alcohol, 12 counts of underage drinking, one drug and paraphernalia charge, one amplified sound violation and one trespassing charge. Saturday, meanwhile, was even more tame with just four incidents of public possession of alcohol, four counts of under-

age drinking, one amplified sound violation and one person resisting a police officer. "It was a very routine weekend," Carbondale Police Chief Bob Ledbetter said. "We probably got less calls this weekend than we do most weekends."

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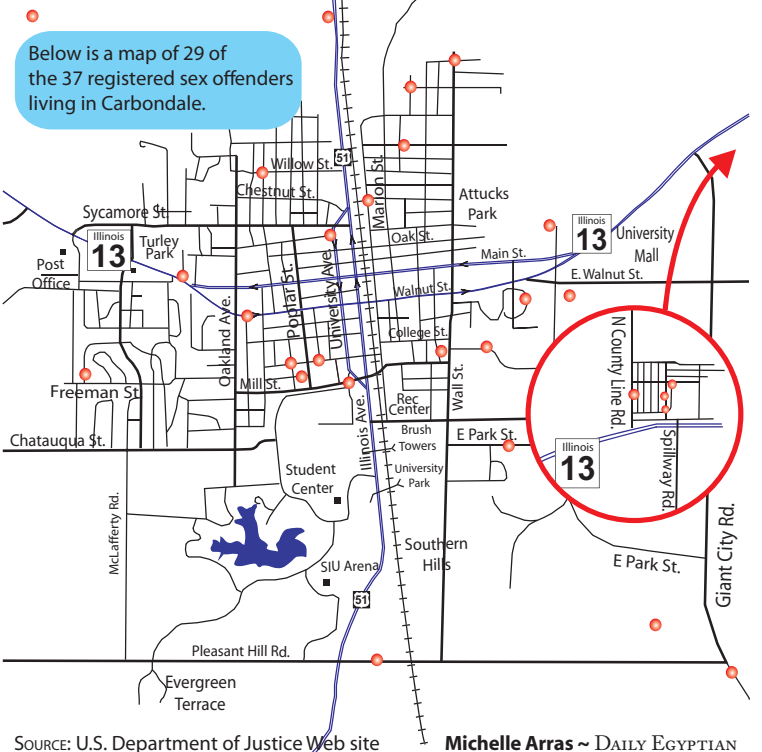
## Sex offenders face increased restrictions

**Eugene Clark**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

As soon as his students arrive on campus, Jim Berezow is there to make sure they are safe from sexual predators. With 37 registered sex offend-

ers in Carbondale as of Thursday, Berezow, principal at Unity Point Elementary School, and other area principals must take extra precaution to keep their kids safe. But relief may be in sight.  
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### Sex offenders living in Carbondale



This poll is brought to you by **COUNTRY.** Insurance & Financial Services

siUDE.com Question: **Do you think quarterback Nick Hill will win the Payton Award, which is given to the top player in the Football Championship Subdivision**

Yes, he will receive the award because of the Salukis' strong performances	31%
Yes, he's clearly the best player in the action	6%
No, he isn't the best in the nation	50%
No, the Salukis won't continue in their winning ways, which means Hill won't get the recognition	13%

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**Was Unofficial Halloween overrated?**

A. Definitely      B. Hell Naw!  
C. I'm still recovering!      D. When did it start?

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**CALENDAR**

**3rd Annual Hunger Awareness Program**

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- Bring non-perishable items, please

**Ullin Volunteer Fire Department's Haunted Depot**

- 6-10:30 p.m. today in Ullin, IL
- Proceeds help buy weather sirens for the community
- All ages welcome, concessions start at 5:30 p.m.

**Sociology Club Bake Sale**

- Today at the Faner Breezeway

**Guest lecture: Jenny Skufca Site Interpreter of Giant City State Park**

- 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Agriculture Building, Room 209
- Ms. Skufca will describe differences between environmental education and interpretation as well as invasive/exotic plants and the effects on biodiversity in the park.

**The Individualized Learning Program**

is offering extended testing hours (last available time to schedule is 5:30 p.m.) for students on Friday, November 2, 2007. To schedule a test, please call 618-536-7751

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

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Boeing approves \$7 billion stock program**

CHICAGO (AP) — Boeing Co. said Monday its board of directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$7 billion in common stock, stepping up a program that has seen the aerospace company buy back about \$8 billion of its shares since resuming repurchases in 2004.

The new plan follows a \$3 billion buyback approved by the board in August 2006, a program the company said is nearing completion.

"Our strong financial performance allows us to return value to our shareholders while continuing to invest in our growth and becoming more productive," said Chairman and Chief Executive Jim McNerney. "We are executing a balanced cash deployment strategy that's serving Boeing and its shareholders well."

Boeing's stock has climbed steadily since recovering from a slide following the 2001 terrorist attacks, which dealt a blow to its airline customers. Shares have quadrupled since early 2003 and more than doubled from pre-attack levels.

The stock jumped following the announcement and was up 97 cents, or 1 percent, to close at \$96.99 Monday.

Boeing said the share repurchases will be made on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

The company also declared a regular quarterly dividend of 35 cents a share, payable Dec. 7 to shareholders of record as of Nov. 9.

**Loyola Medical Center to test all hospital patients for drug-resistant staph germ**

CHICAGO (AP) — Loyola University Medical Center on Monday announced plans to start testing all incoming patients for a drug-resistant staph germ and isolating those who carry the dangerous bacteria.

The 589-bed hospital in Maywood, just west of Chicago, is among the first in Illinois to start universal screening for the superbug.

The germ in question is called MRSA, or methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus.

A new Illinois law requires hospitals to test high-risk and intensive-care patients for MRSA.

But Loyola officials say they're launching universal screening because of recent reports suggesting the germ is becoming more widespread and success with pilot programs that have reduced infections at their hospital.

Several MRSA cases have been reported recently among students at schools in Illinois and around the nation, but health officials say intermittent cases are not unusual.

MRSA awareness has been heightened by the death of a Virginia student two weeks ago, followed by a government report estimating that more than 90,000 Americans get the most dangerous kind of MRSA infections each year.

Most MRSA cases are relatively mild skin infections, but the bug can become life-threatening if it invades the body and infects the bloodstream or vital organs. Those at risk for this type of MRSA infection include hospitalized patients undergoing invasive procedures or with weakened immune systems.

Many people carry the bug on their skin or in their noses with no symptoms, but they can infect others if the germ makes contact with open wounds. These carriers are the focus of the new screening at Loyola.

"It is an important component of our overall plan to improve patient safety in all aspects of care," said Dr. Paul Whelton, president and CEO of Loyola University Health System.

The program will involve nasal swabbing of all incoming patients. A rapid test will provide results within two hours. Carriers will then be isolated and treated. The program is slated to be up and running by the end of November.

The nation's Veterans Affairs hospitals began universal MRSA testing this year. And Evanston Northwestern Healthcare has reported a substantial drop in MRSA cases at its three suburban Chicago hospitals since it began universal testing in 2005.

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**POLICE REPORTS**

A theft over \$300 occurred between 9 a.m. Monday, October 22 and 12 p.m. Wednesday, October 24, at the University Mall. A gold diamond ring and ear buds were stolen, there are no suspects at this time.

An attempted burglary from a motor vehicle occurred between 8 p.m. Tuesday, October 23 and 3 p.m. Wednesday, October 24 in Lot 23. There are no suspects at this time.

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Most worn-out keyboard keys in Carbondale.

# Students with disabilities stranded in Ocoee River

Group boasts of adventure, positive attitudes in rafting trip gone awry

**Brandy Oxford**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

About 50 people created a human chain that carried seven SIUC students with disabilities up a river gorge and out of the dry, rocky bottoms of the Ocoee River in Tennessee Oct. 20.

Eleven students with disabilities ranging from cerebral palsy to quadriplegia were stranded during a whitewater rafting trip when the Tennessee Valley Authority closed the dam controlling the flow of water onto the river at 3 p.m. — an hour early.

"I had done this before and I kept thinking that the river was rocky, then I saw all the boats stopped on rocks ahead of us," participant Jessi Meyer said.

As Meyer and other participants reclined in the bottom of the boats, Greg Smith, the director of the Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation program at SIUC and High Country Adventure's river guides immediately began devising a plan to safely extricate those who could not walk out of the river gorge.

"I told them we couldn't go further down the river, but not to

worry, that I wanted this to be a positive experience," Smith said.

He said it was immediately clear they could not manually carry each person up the side of the rock and tree covered gorge. The forest service provided a metal stretcher that was tied to a bus parked on the road at the top of the gorge.

As other groups stranded in the riverbed discovered the predicament the AIR participants were in, a collective rescue team began to form.

"There were some big boys from a church group in Atlanta and they were like, 'You're taking paralyzed people down the river?' and they lined their guys up and down this gorge to get everyone out," Smith said.

Participants were strapped to the rescue basket and passed from person to person up the 30 to 40 foot gorge to the road at the top.

"People started rewriting old songs while we waited," Meyer said.

"When we got to the top, everyone was cracking up because they were sitting in a raft on the side of the road."

Volunteers assisted the forest service as they directed traffic into one lane so the bus driver could park

the bus on the thin, winding road with the wheelchair lift facing away from the gorge.

Smith said volunteers were so eager to help he had to slow them down as they passed participants up the gorge.

River manager Corey Toppin

**“The general mood was surprisingly positive, I was expecting everybody to be mad, but this worked out better than excellent.”**

— Corey Toppin  
Ocoee River manager



PROVIDED PHOTO

**SIUC students with disabilities raft down the Ocoee River in Tennessee.** The river was shut off an hour early, leaving the rafters stranded at the bottom of the river gorge.

said he was amazed by the group's attitude.

"The general mood was surprisingly positive, I was expecting everybody to be mad, but this worked out better than excellent," Toppin said. "The water was shut off once before, about five years ago, and everybody wanted refunds. All these guys wanted was to know if they could go again in the morning."

Everyone was removed without injury, although participant Kate Webster said she tried to sit up while she was being moved and was worried when the basket rocked to

the side, but she enjoyed the experience.

"Burt Pusch said he was comparing nose hairs on the way up," Webster, a senior from Princeton studying social work, said.

The group agreed unanimously to return the next day and cheered as they watched the river fill back up when the dam was opened in the morning.

High Country staff willingly came in on their day off to provide AIR participants with what Smith said was one of the best floats of his life.

Brooke Haarman, a senior from Effingham studying physical therapy, attended the event as a student worker and said everyone from staff to volunteers worked together without hesitation.

Smith said there were no individuals, just a team of positive people, laughing as they worked toward a common goal.

"This was adaptive recreation at its finest," Smith said.

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# N.C. fire may have started on deck

**Estes Thompson**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OCEAN ISLE BEACH, N.C. — For the group of college buddies spending a late-season weekend at a friend's beach house, the deck overlooking a canal was the center of their good times.

It was where they talked, listened to music and danced late into the night. But investigators fear the deck just two blocks from the beach may also have been the starting point of a fast-moving fire that killed seven people, including a group of high school friends who went off to college together.

"It sounded like they were having a good time. Unfortunately, the fire didn't show any mercy," said Terry Walden, whose 19-year-old daughter, Allison, died in the blaze. "They probably never woke up."

The storm of fire and smoke — so daunting that firefighters radioed for backup before they even arrived at the scene — enveloped the home early Sunday, killing six students from the University of South Carolina and one from Clemson University. Six other South Carolina students in the house survived.

Classes went on as scheduled Monday at South Carolina's Columbia campus, but grief counselors were available for the 27,000 students. Clemson also offered counseling.

Anna Lee Rhea said her older



The remains of the home on Scotland Street are seen Monday, October 29, in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina. A fire at the vacation house where college students went to take advantage of the last good beach weather may have started on a deck. Two campuses waited to find out the names of the seven dead.

RANDALL HILL  
McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

brother, William, was among the dead — a devastating blow to their older brother, Andrew, who made it out of the house alive. "Everybody loved him. Everybody really misses him," she said in a brief telephone interview from the family's home in Florence, S.C. "You couldn't help but love him."

In an interview from Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Walden said his daughter picked

USC for its warm weather and vibrant Greek life. Officials have said many of the dead were members of the Delta Delta Delta sorority and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

"It's an awful loss for someone that had a pretty good future in front of her," said Walden, 56, an environmental engineer.

Mayor Debbie Smith said Monday

that investigators believe the fire was likely accidental and started in the rear of the house, either on or near the deck facing the canal on the west side of the house. That side of the residence appeared to be the most heavily damaged.

Investigators should be able to determine where the fire started, but may have trouble finding a specific

cause, said Dr. Rolin Barrett, a consulting engineer with Raleigh-based Barrett Engineering who has been involved in almost 1,000 fire investigations.

"So many things are consumed in fire that you can't tell what they were like beforehand," he said. "If a cigarette did it, then the cigarette was probably consumed."

## Israeli Prime Minister Olmert is not fazed by prostate cancer

**Matti Friedman**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert told Israelis on Monday that he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer, but said the disease was not life-threatening and will not disrupt his work as the country's leader.

The disclosure came at a sensitive time in Mideast diplomacy, with Olmert and another one-time prostate cancer patient — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas — struggling to bridge gaping differences ahead of a U.S.-brokered peace conference.

Speaking calmly before a packed hall of reporters, Olmert said the disease was caught early and that he would have surgery "over the next few

“**I will be able to carry out my duties fully before the treatment and within hours afterward.**

— Ehud Olmert  
Israeli Prime Minister

months." Vice Premier Haim Ramon said the surgery would be done after the conference.

"I will be able to carry out my duties fully before the treatment and within hours afterward," Olmert said. "My doctors ... informed me that there is a full chance of recovery and there is nothing about the tumor that is life-threatening or liable to impair my performance or my ability to carry out the mission which has been bestowed upon me."

"It is a matter of a microscopic growth, it hasn't spread and can be removed by a short surgical pro-

cedure. According to the medical opinion, there will be no need for radiation treatment or chemotherapy," Olmert said.

Israeli leaders traditionally kept information on their private lives and health from the public, but that changed abruptly when Olmert's predecessor, Ariel Sharon, suffered a stroke that left him comatose in January 2006. Many Israelis felt they should have been better informed about their leader's ill health and that concern clearly contributed to Olmert's swift and detailed announcement of his diagnosis.

## Critics say U.S. laws about teen sex are harsh

**Shannon McCaffrey**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — The tough Georgia law that sent Genarlow Wilson to prison for having oral sex with a fellow teenager has been watered down. But in Georgia — and in many other states — it's still a crime for teenagers to have sex, even if they're close in age.

Legal experts say it's rare for prosecutors to seek charges. But, as the Wilson case illustrates, they can and sometimes do.

And the rising popularity of sex offender registries can often mean that a teen nabbed for nonviolent contact with someone a year or two younger might face the same public stigma as a dangerous sexual predator.

"It's ludicrous," Wilson's lawyer B.J. Bernstein said. "In order to look tough

on crime they (lawmakers) are criminalizing teen sex."

Wilson was freed Friday after the Georgia Supreme Court found that the 10-year mandatory sentence he received for having oral sex with a 15-year-old girl at a New Year's Eve party in 2003 when he was 17 was cruel and unusual punishment. He had served almost three years in prison.

Georgia's law has since been rewritten to make the same act a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in prison.

Across the country, ages of consent range from 14 to 18.

Lawyers and health educators say most teens — and even many parents — are unaware that even consensual teenage sex is often a crime. The patchwork of laws and ages from state to state leaves many confused and critics say more education is badly needed.

### WIRE REPORTS

#### IRAQ

#### Blackwater bodyguards given immunity in deadly Baghdad shooting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department promised Blackwater USA bodyguards immunity from prosecution in its investigation of last month's deadly shooting of 17 Iraqi civilians, The Associated Press has learned.

The immunity deal has delayed a criminal inquiry into the Sept. 16 killings and could undermine any effort to prosecute security contractors for their role in the incident that has infuriated the Iraqi government.

"Once you give immunity, you can't take it away," said a senior law enforcement official familiar with the investigation.

Both Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd and FBI spokesman Rich Kolko declined comment.

FBI agents were returning to Washington late Monday from Baghdad, where they have been trying to collect evidence in the Sept. 16 embassy convoy shooting without using statements from Blackwater employees who were given immunity.

#### Bomber on bicycle kills 29; kidnapped sheiks freed in capital

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber rode his bicycle into a crowd of police recruits in Baqouba on Monday, killing at least 29 people in a province that has become a battleground among U.S. forces, al-Qaida militants and Shiite radicals.

A group of Shiite and Sunni clerics, meanwhile, were rescued one day after they were kidnapped in the capital after meeting with the government to discuss how to coordinate efforts against al-Qaida in Iraq.

In a reflection of the extraordinary complexity of Iraq, the U.S. military blamed a Shiite militant for the kidnapping. The military did not reveal its evidence, but has claimed that so-called rogue Shiite groups are doing everything possible to stop Iraqis from joining U.S. forces — even in the fight against the Sunni al-Qaida in Iraq.

Police and hospital officials reported at least 19 people wounded in the attack in Baqouba, the capital of Diyala province 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. Mohammed al-Kirrawi, a doctor at the Baqouba general hospital, said most of the victims were struck by ball bearings packed in the bomber's suicide vest and that the hospital lacked equipment to save many of the wounded.

#### EDUCATION

#### No 'dropout factory': Graduation rates top goal for high schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a nickname no principal could be proud of: "Dropout Factory," a high school where no more than 60 percent of the students who start as freshmen make it to their senior year. That description fits more than one in 10 high schools across America.

There are about 1,700 regular or vocational high schools nationwide that fit that description, according to an analysis of Education Department data conducted by Johns Hopkins for The Associated Press. That's 12 percent of all such schools, about the same level as a decade ago.

While some of the missing students transferred, most dropped out, says Bob Balfanz, the Johns Hopkins researcher who coined the term "dropout factory." The data look at senior classes for three years in a row to make sure local events like plant closures aren't to blame for the low retention rates.

The highest concentration of dropout factories is in large cities or high-poverty rural areas in the South and Southwest.

#### ELECTION 2008

#### Anti-Clinton video expands on YouTube and Google Video sites

WASHINGTON (AP) — A stinging 13-minute video by a bitter Clinton foe is finding its own Internet audience.

The clip, a preview of a longer film by one-time Clinton donor Peter Paul, has scored more than 1.4 million hits on Google Video and about 350,000 on YouTube during the past week. Its popularity has driven it to the top spot on Google Video over the past two weeks.

Paul is a Hollywood entrepreneur, former partner of Spider-Man creator Stan Lee and convicted felon who has sued the Clintons in connection with a celebrity-packed fundraiser he helped organize for her 2000 Senate race.

Paul has devoted a Web site to the case and has been on tour in recent days showing his film, "Hillary Uncensored," at New England College campuses. On Tuesday, he is scheduled to screen it at the Metropolitan Club in New York City.

The Clintons have long argued that Paul's criminal record discredits him and in court pleadings have denied Paul's claims against them.

#### CRIME

#### Mafia girlfriend says the FBI used mob help in 1964 civil rights case

NEW YORK (AP) — The FBI used mob muscle to solve the 1964 disappearance of three civil rights volunteers in Mississippi, a gangster's ex-girlfriend testified Monday, becoming the first witness to repeat in open court a story that has been underworld lore for years.

Linda Schiro said that her boyfriend, Mafia tough guy Gregory Scarpa Sr., was recruited by the FBI to help find the volunteers' bodies. She said Scarpa later told her he put a gun in a Ku Klux Klansman's mouth and forced him to reveal the whereabouts of the victims.

The FBI has never acknowledged that Scarpa, nicknamed "The Grim Reaper," was involved in the case. The bureau did not immediately return a call for comment Monday.

Schiro took the stand as a witness for the prosecution at the trial of former FBI agent R. Lindley DeVecchio, who is charged in state court with four counts of murder in what authorities have called one of the worst law enforcement corruption cases in U.S. history.

# SIU learns the Venezuelan way

Venezuelan Supreme Court Justice Fernando Ramón Vegas Torrealba talks with Lindsey Robison, a second year law student, and Jason Gourley, a second year law student, before an interview Monday afternoon.

JAMES DURBIN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN



## Supreme Court Justice from Venezuela talks about changes in his country

Christian Holt  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students at Lesar Law School learned about the Venezuelan equivalent of the U.S. Supreme Court Monday.

Fernando Ramón Vegas Torrealba, a Venezuelan Supreme Court Justice, spoke in an open forum to students and then privately to a few students at a luncheon about his job and changes in his country's government.

Vegas said part of his job is dealing with problems associated with elections.

"Most of the cases we get are from unions — they are disputes about electoral processes," Vegas said.

Vegas said he was invited by the National Lawyers Guild for the first time in 2006 to speak to law schools.

"I think this is a nice opportunity to have a conversation with the people of the United States and get them to know what the reality of what is happening in Venezuela," he said.

Jason Gourley, a second year law student from Highland, was one of the five students who went to lunch with Vegas and then gave him a short tour around the law building.

"I think it's a good idea to get a different perspective of people from another country like this," he said.

Gourley said it was interesting to learn about the changes Venezuela is making to its constitution.

Changes are being made to the constitution as part of a promise made by Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez as a part of his presidential platform, Vegas said. Some of these changes include rights to education and health care, he said.

Vegas said it is important for the United States and Venezuela to learn from one another's processes and ideas — especially when it comes to health care.

"There's a lot to learn from each other but I think right at this moment, perhaps we could do a lot of service, we are making things change in Venezuela," he said.

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## Interview with Venezuelan Supreme Court Justice Torrealba

**Where were you born?**  
Caracas, Venezuela

**What was your childhood like?**

I had a very happy childhood. My parents cared for me. I have four brothers, bigger brothers, most of them. I have a baby sister, who's now about 40-something. My grandfather was in jail, but one of the worst dictators we had was in power for about 27 years and he had my grandfather imprisoned for 14 years with no due process. My mother visited him, got acquainted with all his liberal leftist ideas. That's where I get my leftist inclinations.

**When did you decide you wanted to be a Justice?**

I practically didn't decide, someone decided for me. Someone proposed my name to this committee the Assembly put up and, well, they just submitted my name and they selected me. I was the first one who was surprised. When they called me for the interview I started to gain consciousness that I was being put out for this post.

**What is the difference between being a Justice in Venezuela and in America?**

I think we work harder.

**What is the Electoral Chamber of the Supreme Tribunal of Justice?**

The Electoral Chamber takes care of all the disputes originated in elections, taken in the public or private area.

**What did it mean for Venezuela when Chavez started to reform the Constitution in 1999?**

It was a promise he made in his electoral platform. He offered the re-foundation of the republic we needed in the constitution. People accepted that. They went so far that as soon as he assumed power he held a referendum and people said 'Yes, let's do it.'

**How has it changed Venezuela?**

Well, Venezuela has matured politically. It's very difficult for someone to trick a Venezuelan now days because they know their rights; they exercise their rights. They claim for their rights and they have to. They do it often because we have a free society and you can see the difference of how the money that pours down from the national budget to the lowest pockets. Our class E, which is the lowest class, has increased its capacity of demand a hundred percent and class D has increased more than 30 percent in capacity of demand so this means the money's getting to most of the pockets now and not to some of the pockets like it used to be.

# Citizen complaint decision postponed

## Language review in citizen's complaint process is delayed for more information

David Lopez  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A misunderstanding in rhetoric spurred a Monday meeting at City Hall.

The Carbondale Board of Fire and Police Commissioners met Monday morning to discuss a proposed review of the language in the citizen's complaint process concerning city employees. After a long discussion, the attendants decided to hold off on making a decision until further information is gathered, said City Manager Jeff Doherty.

The review came after Elbert

Simon, a member of the Board, looked over the procedures outlined for complaints and felt there was a problem in the language of the process.

Simon felt the text of the procedure downplayed the role of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

"It's completely toothless," Simon said at the meeting.

John Boddie, a member of the Black Affairs Council, said he felt there was still something lacking with the process. Boddie and other students had raised concerns about police brutality about two months ago. Even after filing a complaint,

Boddie said he did not feel justice was served.

"For a while they wouldn't even speak to us unless we gave them a complaint, when we did, they looked it over, and they put the whole department under review, which did nothing," Boddie said. "I don't even know if they're still under review or still under investigation or anything. I never got any information."

The procedures state that any citizen can file a complaint about a city employee with Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty, the Carbondale Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, or the Carbondale Police Department. Once a complaint has been filed, it is reviewed and the final decision is up to Doherty.

However, if the one who filed

the complainant disagrees, or a disciplined city employee disagrees, an appeal can be made with the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and a recommendation is made to Doherty. The problem was with the language used in the manual, which some members of the board felt was vague.

Doherty said he had previously revised the rules, splitting up what was previously one chapter into two — one about the citizens' complaint process and another regarding the employee disciplinary process.

"If someone makes an appeal to the board, they conduct their own review and present a recommendation, then of course I consider it with a lot of weight," Doherty said.

Doherty insisted that the com-

plaint and appeals process is already in place, and his decision-making power is the standard way power is distributed in a Council-Manager form of government, which is the way Carbondale operates.

Doherty also stressed that any revision made would apply only to the wording of the rules and not actual procedure.

Boddie said he would like to see a different system where the final decision does not rest on the City Manager alone. Still, he said he felt a review of the language was still a good start.

"This is a step in the right direction," he said.

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STUDENT COLUMN

# A question of medical equality

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From the stand selling T-shirts at Faner Hall to Illinois' First Lady recently calling for women to avail themselves of the new state screening program to the whole month devoted to its awareness, breast cancer is a topic that we should all be familiar with.

In fact, as far as informational action campaigns go, the breast cancer awareness and treatment campaign has had a significant impact.

And while no one would want to backtrack, over the years, this success has come at significant cost, namely, in the diminished public attention, research dollars and energies with respect to prostate cancer research. The reality is that

while breast cancer research and screening programs enjoy the focus of the public eye, the male segment of the population is left to languish with their own gender-specific cancer that is paid only cursory treatment by the media, state and federal health officials.

While the average person is no doubt familiar with the existence of prostate cancer as being a cancer that affects men, this familiarity does not translate into a social or medical imperative for robust expenditure for treatment on the level enjoyed in breast cancer research and screening programs.

The question here is: Why not? On average, more men are diagnosed with prostate cancer annually than women are with breast cancer. While the fatality rate is higher for breast cancer — about 40,000, compared to prostate cancer's 31,000 (these figures averaged due to discrepancies in the multiple reporting sources)

— the funding disparity is beyond debate. According to the National Prostate Cancer Coalition, "only about 7 percent of federal cancer research dollars are spent on prostate cancer research." That is about \$485 million for prostate research, compared to nearly \$870 million for breast cancer research, or, if broken down per fatality, equals, \$21,800 per breast cancer fatality, as opposed to \$16,700 per prostate cancer fatality.

It is difficult to explain this gross disparity under the lens of equality. In fact, it is near impossible to suggest (in the light of the data) that there is not some form of sexism at play. You think not? Why should the male population be so short-changed when it comes to research dollars with respect to a verifiably fatal affliction? Just as women in our society deserve the best we can do, so do men (a rarely appreciated concept). This lack of equal

treatment is profound.

The dollar amounts cited above reflect reality — the inefficacy of the current funding disposition. To all who would stand tall to demand gender equality, I submit to you that this should be considered unacceptable and plain wrong; men don't deserve a diminished chance at life than do women. As a married man, my wife's health is very important to me, and while I fully support breast cancer research (and the dollars currently allocated), as a man, I am disgusted and angry that an affliction that could kill me is paid only passing lip service on a societal and institutional level.

Quite simply, the money for prostate cancer research needs to be increased. Equality is not a concept of convenience, especially when it comes to people's lives. Breast cancer is no more important in screening and treatment as is prostate cancer, but with the

help of an enormously successful informational campaign, our society has little to say about prostate cancer.

I guess, men should just act like men, face their mortality, and take it? No, we deserve a level of funding that is representative of the danger. While I applaud all those involved in prostate cancer research, I hope they will not begrudge me if I momentarily speak for them, and all men, in demanding an equal share (or at least an amount reflective of the statistics) so that we have a fighting chance to beat this terrible affliction. And if you think this is asking too much, think about your father, brother, husband or boyfriend, and ask yourself if they don't deserve to have the same medical funding and energy spent on them as is for you.

*Kulhanek is a senior studying paralegal studies and administration of justice.*

GUEST COLUMN

# The spirit of Halloween past

Dave Hall  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Once again it is fall in southern Illinois, and talk turns to Halloween and our party school image. What amazes me about this conversation is how no one seems to have a true understanding of how this all came about.

Some history: I came to SIU in the late '70s; the Vietnam War and the protest of the '60s were 10 years behind us; and our teenage years were war- and draft-free. To top it all off, we were riding on the victories of the previous generation. That is to say, the drinking age was 19. In the '60s you could be drafted; the least the country could do was to let you have a beer before you went to war. When the war ended, they did not raise the drinking age until the early '80s,

so we had a period of peace and prosperity called the 1970s, when every student at SIU was able to enjoy the nightlife of Carbondale, all within walking distance from the dorms.

You see, back then all freshmen and sophomores were required to live on campus and were not allowed to have cars, so as a result, Illinois Avenue became a hub for students. What happened next was just a matter of simple economics. You pay a cover charge to get into a bar to see an act. At midnight the bars stop charging a cover, and the bands continue to play until 2 a.m. So you have a two-hour window — you can leave the first venue of the evening and you can literally cross the street to see another band, with no cover charge. This created a huge crowd-control problem.

The city solved this by leaving portable barricades at each end of Illinois Avenue. When foot traffic increased at midnight, the police slid the barricades into place and traffic was diverted around the area. When everyone made their way home later, the police simply slid the diverters back onto the sidewalk where they stayed until the next night.

The police were not there to hassle anyone but simply to make sure that traffic and students did not collide. The students were well aware of this. Students were well-behaved and the officers truly were there to serve and protect. For the first

few weeks of school, the Strip was shut down every night. But as the semester progressed, it was mainly on the weekends that crowd

The variety and creativity that was involved made Halloween in Carbondale the 'Mardi Gras of the North.'

control required closing the street. The only thing that distinguished Halloween from a normal weekend was the costumes. Most of the time, effort and imagination went into creating the perfect outfit. Not every person who went to the Strip wore a costume, but huge numbers of people did. The variety and creativity that was involved made Halloween in Carbondale the "Mardi Gras of the North." Yes, there were

large numbers of people who came in from out of town for the weekend to celebrate Halloween in Carbondale, but there was no drinking in public and no beer cans flying through the air. There were very few acts of violence or destruction, thanks to the police who were out in full force to ensure that every one had a safe experience. People were here to party for the weekend, to see a parade of creative costumes and not to cause chaos.

That's what Halloween was like in the late '70s: a college town where every student could go to the bars, where the entertainment scene was huge and where students and police respected each other. But mostly it was about the costumes.

*Hall is an SIU alumnus.*

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"The university is reviewing its procedures and practices for situations like this."

Rod Sievers  
university spokesman  
on the university's role in medical emergencies that involve students who live on campus

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A 'thank you' to the DE

DEAR EDITOR:

Like many, I was shocked to hear about the passing of my good friend and paintball teammate, Alex Booth. What was a tragic accident has now turned into a political fiasco.

Blame is going in every direction — from the police, hospital, campus administration, and the DE. What people fail to realize is that the DE did a lot to protect the integrity of my

friend. Reader comments were made on the DE Web site as to how Alex died. Ignorant people speculated a drug overdose. The comments infuriated me, all of Alex's friends and teammates.

The DE took these comments down. We now know that Alex died of a brain aneurysm, not an overdose. I want to thank the DE for removing the heinous comments made by people who did not even know Alex. The DE is not perfect, but what newspaper is? Mistakes were made on all sides, such as the picture on

the front page, and no one notifying Alex's parents. He passed away on school property in his residence hall; you cannot just have the medical personnel take away his body and then sweep away what happened under a rug. It is the school's responsibility, and whatever rule that says it is not needs to be changed. Get on it Mr. President and Mr. Chancellor.

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senior studying information  
systems and technologies

## Poshard issues whitewashed

DEAR EDITOR:

Unlike many of your letter-writers, I applaud the DE for its recent coverage of the Glen Poshard cover-up and whitewash.

After all, we already have in Carbondale one spineless, vacuous, bootlicking newspaper; there's no reason for the DE to duplicate that service.

More importantly, authority figures at SIU and throughout Illinois (not to even mention Washington, D.C.) have worked enormously hard in recent years to earn our disrespect. They have taken dishonesty and hypocrisy to new levels — no easy feat.

Disrespect for authority is a great and important American tradition. It was practiced by such true patriots as Tom Paine, Henry Thoreau, Walt Whitman, Mark Twain, Emma Goldman, Malcom X and many others.

Our greatest Supreme Court Justice,

William Douglas, said it well (and I quote, heh heh): "Since when have we Americans been expected to bow submissively to authority and speak with awe and reverence to those who represent us?"

If there's any hope left for any greatness in this country, it lies in our willingness not merely to question authority, but to aggressively disrespect it.

**Jim Glover**  
emeritus associate professor of recreation

## No tantrum, but deadly serious

DEAR EDITOR:

In his Oct. 23 column "The power of a word," Todd A. Kulhanek presented a misleading analysis of recent developments in northern Iraq. The members of the PKK (Kurdistan Workers Party) are not only members of a separatist organization, but are internationally recognized terrorists. They have trained in northern Iraq, infiltrated into Turkey and conducted terrorist activities against the Turkish military and civilians since 1984.

From 1998 to 2003, the Turkish military crossed the Iraqi border in response to terrorist activities, and as a result, the PKK threat was weakened. It was after the United States invaded Iraq that PKK terrorists regrouped. The U.S. provided protection to Kurds in northern Iraq, where PKK is stationed too. The PKK took advantage of the situation to increase its campaign of terror.

The Turkish government repeatedly and

unsuccessfully requested that the U.S. either respond to the PKK's terrorism, or grant Turkey access into northern Iraq to defend itself. Turkey's patience finally wore out and it passed the long-overdue legislation to authorize a military incursion into northern Iraq. Although the legislation has been passed, Turkey is still in communication with the U.S. and trying not to act unilaterally.

Turkey is not, as Mr. Kulhanek says, "throwing a tantrum" about the U.S. House Foreign Relations Committee resolution about the alleged genocide of Armenians by the Ottoman empire in 1915. Turkey did not authorize a military incursion in reaction to the U.S. resolution. The recently escalated murders and destruction by the PKK are the reasons for the Turkish parliament's action.

The issue of genocide is not as simple as Mr. Kulhanek suggests. Historians continue to debate the events of 1915. Norman Stone, a respected historian, offers the following suggestion in his article "Armenian Story has another Side," which appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Oct. 16: "Congress should not

take a position, one way or the other, on this affair. Let historians decide. The Turkish government has been saying this for years. It is the Armenians who refuse to take part in a joint historical review, even when organized by impeccably neutral academics."

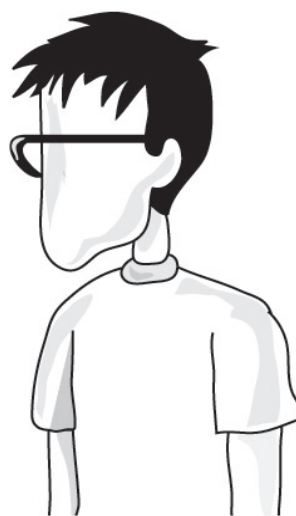
Readers who are interested in reading fair and balanced accounts of this period of history should refer, among many others, to the two most recent publications: "Armenian Massacres: New Records undercut Old Blame Re-examining History" by Edward J. Erickson, and "World War One: A Short History" by Norman Stone, which was published by Allen Lane.

The U.S. should not sell short a loyal, long-term ally like Turkey for the temporary assistance provided by the Kurds in northern Iraq and for political contributions of the Armenian lobby. Let's remember that Turkey was alongside the U.S. in Korea, Somalia, Bosnia, the Middle East and Afghanistan.

**Fatih Senel**  
graduate student studying computer science

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RESTRICTIONS

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Senate Bill 1397, which takes effect June 1, 2007, puts harsher restrictions on sex offenders, including lessening the allotted time offenders have to inform police departments of modifications in their daily routine. The purpose of the bill is to further protect area kids from sex offenders.

Tracy Newton, supervisor of the sex offender registry for the Illinois State Police, said the new bill shortens the amount of time sex offenders can report any movement in residence, or change in school and work from five days to three days. It also includes the offense of aggravated child pornography as a sex crime, she said.

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**You're a sex offender, it is a pretty serious crime. Our children are our most important resource we have, so I don't think we can be too lenient about it.**

Newton said the bill also adds to the current Community Notification Law by adding public libraries and social service agencies as places county sheriffs are obliged to report information about sex offenders, she said.

Despite already existing laws that protect children, Berezow said the school has some of its own protection policies.

Unity Point implements a bullying policy that reports any verbal, emotional or physical issues that could be construed in a sexual nature, Berezow said.

Students are also not allowed to

walk home from school. They are required to be either picked up by a parent or ride on a school bus to get to and from school.

Berezow said he thinks sexual offenses should be taken seriously and that a first time offender should be severely punished.

"You're a sex offender, it is a pretty serious crime," Berezow said. "Our children are our most important resource we have, so I don't think we can be too lenient about it."

Kelly Vasquez, a first-year medical student from New York, said as a mother of two young children, she does feel safe from sex offend-

ers because either she or someone she knows always supervises her children, she said.

Vasquez said a sex offender should be required to live further than the required 500 feet from school area.

"That is roughly two blocks from school and if your kid walks four blocks home your kid is at risk," Vasquez said.

Victoria Taylor, a sophomore from Chicago studying elementary education, said she feels the Carbondale community is safe for her 7 year old daughter. However, Taylor said she thinks

— Jim Berezow principal of Unity Point elementary school

the Evergreen Terrace community is a "little too relaxed."

"It seems like the community doesn't focus on the possibilities of something happening to the other children," Taylor said. "They allow kids to just be outside on their own free will and it's not safe."

Taylor said she doesn't allow her daughter to be outside by herself and also gives her an emergency cell phone in case anything happens to her while out in the community.

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QUIET

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Jim Szeluga, a senior from Elmhurst studying radio-television, admitted he had actually partied harder during the Unofficial Halloween held Oct. 20 and said he thought the banning of kegs, the closing of bars on the strip and mostly the Unofficial Halloween movement itself may have contributed to the decreased activity over the weekend.

Szeluga said. "Some people that dressed up for the unofficial didn't take this one as seriously because they had already done their Halloween thing."

Szeluga said he noticed a change in the spirit of the holiday and how Carbondale usually comes alive during that event.

"It was pretty tame, the scene wasn't the same as it used to be," he said. "Something died; the spirit died."

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LIBRARY

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finish taking down several unnecessary sections over the next week or so.

Library officials also said leaks around the new windows on the seventh floor of Morris Library turned out to be a blessing instead of a curse.

Leaks ran from the seventh to the fifth floors during heavy rain last week due to improper caulking around the windows during the renovation.

"We've done an analysis over the last few days and there are no leaks on the roof, which is good news," Carlson said "The heavy rain last week was actually beneficial because it revealed the problem early on and now we can fix it."

Carlson said the leaks would not delay construction although contractors will have to add caulk to the affected windows. Construction began in January of 2006 and all but floors six and seven are scheduled for completion in July 2008

Michael Keith, deputy director of construction management services, said the window leaks would

have been found earlier if this year had not been so dry. He said one of the subcontractors responsible for the window installation supervised the caulking, but it was the overall responsibility of the general contractor.

"I think we found it in two, maybe three, locations. We still have concrete floors and no wall surfaces were damaged, so it didn't cause any substantial damage," Keith said. "It was just a typical construction problem, nothing major or out of the ordinary."

As cold, rainy days increase and temperatures consistently drop, Carlson said his primary concern is not the leaky windows, but providing adequate heat until the permanent heating system is installed. He said electric heaters and blowers from last winter and possibly a gas heater from Plant and Service Operations would provide adequate heat for the time being.

"The closer you get to finishing, the further away it seems," Keith said. "The last lap of the race is always the most laborious because you can see the end but you're not there yet."

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HEAT

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"They should look at places around windows and around doors to make sure there aren't obvious places where air is leaking out of the house," he said. "What you're trying to do is tighten the home envelope."

Matchett said windows should be sealed with caulking and recommended foam sealing for doors. He also recommended replacing old windows with double- and triple-pane windows that are energy efficient.

Laura Rutherford, a weatherization assistant specialist at Crosswalk Community Action Agency in West Frankfort, also recommended people seal around light sockets.

"There's a lot of air that comes in the light sockets, and we recommend that they would put foam in those," she said.

Along with sealing doors and windows, another important part of keeping houses warm is good insulation.

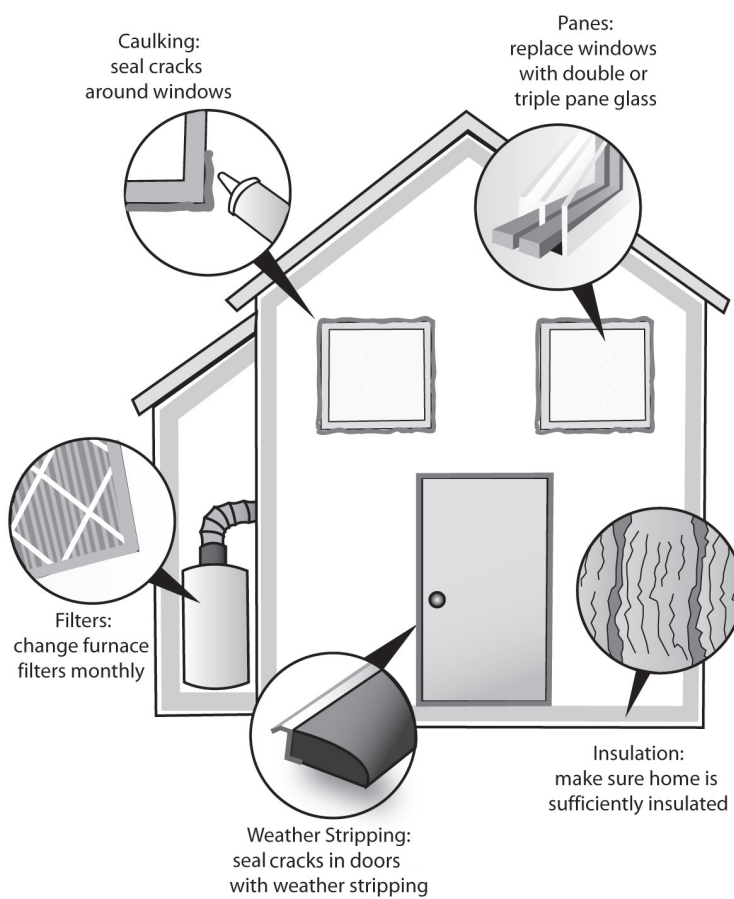
"Have good insulation in your attic, because heat rises obviously," said Billy Woosley, an estimator at All Electric Services in Carbondale.

Matchett said most of the things people can do to make their homes more heat efficient are simple, but they could cost a lot.

"There's no silver bullet that everyone is hiding," he said. "You can also characterize it this way: It's about how much money you want to spend."

Matchett said although paybacks on insulation upgrades could take only one or two years, it is dependen-

Staying warm for winter



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dant on the cost of gas and electricity.

"It kind of depends on a homeowner-by-homeowner basis," he said. "If I, in Chicago, am paying nine dollars for gas to heat my home, then my payback is going to be like a year. But if I'm only paying \$6.50 this winter then the payback may be three years."

Kolata said there are companies that offer energy audits, where they examine a home and try to determine where heat or electricity is being wasted. The findings and suggestion could help save money, he said.

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17 Hit by the Doors  
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20 Kind of rubber  
21 Minute amount  
22 Hit the tub  
24 Indigenous Japanese  
26 Base thief  
28 "... Proposal"  
32 Morales of "La Bamba"  
33 Bay on the English Channel  
34 Trot or canter  
36 Puts on years  
39 Compass dir.  
40 Apparition  
43 Monarch's letters  
44 Cry of dismay  
46 Indy-winner  
47 Luyendyk  
49 Doe's baby  
51 Lionel product

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2 Small combo  
3 Hindu music  
4 Son of Abraham  
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6 Royalty fur  
7 Knife handle  
8 False name  
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23 Perfect report card  
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27 Beret filler  
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**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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**Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 5** — Don't feel bad if you're just plain tired. It happens to everyone. Find yourself a cozy cave and hide away for a while.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7** — As is usual this time of year, appearances can be deceiving. Don't believe half of what you hear and most of what you see.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5** — Pay attention while shopping and you can get an absolutely marvelous deal. Others will think you spent much more. You don't have to tell.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7** — Your sense of humor's returning, even if the problem persists. It's OK not to take it to seriously. Maybe it'll just go away.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6** — This is a clean-up day, with some urgency. At least one item in your stack of stuff is perilously overdue.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8** — You can help out a friend by providing hugs and maybe cookies. Comfort food is recommended. Providing money is not.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5** — Would you like to have more authority? More status? More money? These are only the first few test questions. They'll get harder. Think before you answer.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9** — Travel looks relatively good. There will be minor glitches, but you can get where you want to go. Carry your toothbrush with you.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5** — Even with half your brain tied behind your back, to make it fair, you'll trounce the opposition. You could also win a nice prize.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8** — You and your partner have a way of communicating without words. Rely on that now if the words seem to be getting in the way. Hugs and/or cookies, for example.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6** — Put the daydreams and day trips on hold. It's time to get back to work. Something absolutely has to get done, and you know what it is.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9** — You should be in a marvelous mood, feeling surrounded by love. Overlook a silly remark, even if it's hurtful. Take it as a joke, whether it's meant as one or not.

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9	5	7	4	3	1	6	2	8
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## Dear Hollywood: In tragedy, choose your words wisely

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It seems as though it just keeps happening.

Just four years ago, California fell victim to the largest wildfire the state had ever seen, burning more than 200,000 acres of land. Now, the state is weathering tragedy once more as a wildfire of similar proportions chars the southern part of California.

And once again, a celebrity who had nothing better to do has stuck her foot in her mouth when addressing the disaster.

Actress Jamie Lee Curtis spoke out on Oct. 23 at a California Women's Conference in Long Beach, Calif., regarding the fires to be the fault of those who live in the area.

"We live in a drought, we build homes too close to brush areas, and we're shocked when this happens," Curtis said. "This is not an accident. This is not an act of God. This is an act of man."

While Curtis may be right — considering the history of the area and how fires have continued

to ravage it, as well as taking into account vegetation and droughts in southern California often naturally lead to fires — the actress should understand a negative backlash to her insensitive remarks.

The way she chose to address the situation was far too harsh.

It's similar to someone retrieving the paper on the stoop of his or her home in the morning, only to have the dog slip out unnoticed, bolt into the street and be hit by a car. The last thing that person needs is a nosy neighbor knocking on the door later, blaming the dog's owner for its untimely demise.

The dog's owner knows he or she could have taken steps to prevent the animal's accidental death, but in the process of grieving, the last thing the owner needs to hear is, "It's all your fault."

In cases such as this, when so many have lost so much, celebrities who use their public-figure status as a platform for boasting ideals must tread lightly. More than 15,000 have lost their homes and 10 deaths have been reported, and the fires have been traced back to an act of arson. No one needs to hear it's his

or her fault when everything has been lost.

Celebrities should introduce their opinions in ways beneficial to both their cause and those affected by their cause.

Curtis could have said what she did in so many different ways, not chastising residents of southern California, but encouraging awareness of wild fires, the environment, coexisting with the environment, as well as the consequences of arson. She could have pointed out this incident as a result of people disregarding the environment as well as ignoring measures that could be taken to prepare for wild fires — such as spending more money on emergency responders and equipment.

Instead, she chose harsh fighting words only good for damaging those who have already lost enough.

So remember, Hollywood, you have the limelight and the opportunity to be heard by the nation. You have the power to raise awareness for whatever cause you deem necessary. Understand sensitivity is the key and choose your words wisely.

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## News Corp., NBC to launch YouTube-style video site

Gary Gentile  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — NBC and Fox are set to launch an advertising-supported online video site that hosts programming from varied entertainment companies in a bid to seize viewers from Google Inc.'s YouTube, the broadcasters said.

A test version of the site, Hulu.com, goes online Monday, with plans to premiere a final version in a few months, company officials said.

The site, developed by News Corp. and NBC Universal, a unit of General Electric Co., offers free viewing of full-length films and TV episodes, supported by advertising.

It will host programming from the two networks, as well as TV shows and films from Sony Corp. and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc.

"Consumers identify with shows and films," rather than networks, Hulu chief executive Jason Kilar said. "When you aggregate great content together, it makes things easier for the user."

Hulu's debut comes amid tensions between entertainment companies and popular online video sites, such as YouTube, where unauthorized clips from shows often appear.

Viacom Inc., which owns Comedy Central, MTV, VH1 and many other cable channels, is suing YouTube for \$1 billion, claiming massive copyright infringement of clips from popular shows, including "The Daily Show

### 'Hulu' site facts

- Videos to be available for AOL, MSN, MySpace, Yahoo and Comcast.
- Will feature clips from '30 Rock,' 'The Simpsons,' 'The Tonight Show,' 'Lou Grant' and 'Lost in Space.'
- Offers the same e-mail, Web site and embedding features as YouTube.
- All featured content is uploaded legally.

with Jon Stewart." YouTube has said it follows copyright laws by removing protected videos upon request.

Hulu will legally offer hundreds of episodes of current shows such as NBC's "30 Rock" and Fox's "The Simpsons," as well as older shows such as "Lou Grant" and "Lost in Space."

Its movie offerings will consist of films that have already been edited for television broadcast, which will contain short ads online in the places where they would appear on TV.

The shows will be available at Hulu.com, as well as on distribution partner Web sites such as AOL, MSN, MySpace, Yahoo and Comcast.

It will also provide viewers with tools that let them embed full episodes on their own blogs, Web sites or personal profile pages. Users would also be able to select short clips from shows, such as Jay Leno's monologue

on "The Tonight Show," and e-mail a link to the content to friends.

The services give Web users unprecedented flexibility to legally republish copyright content, observers said.

"The technology they've put together on this short notice is not only adequate, it's also better than most of what else is out there," said James McQuivey, a TV and media technology analyst for Forrester Research. "I think they have moved a couple of steps forward compared to their competitors in the industry."

Hulu will offer some premium content not available on NBC or Fox's own Web sites in a move at odds with some other networks that have tried to direct viewers to their own online content.

Walt Disney Co.'s ABC, for instance, sells downloads of its shows on Apple Inc.'s iTunes but streams free episodes mainly on ABC.com.

McQuivey said Hulu's model could be preferable to advertisers, who generally favor strategies that make popular content widely available.

"Advertisers want more opportunity to put ads next to prime-time hit shows," he said. "If they had kept the content on NBC.com or Fox.com, it would have limited the number of people who would see it."

But McQuivey said Hulu faces a number of challenges, such as the expense of hosting content and delivering it to a potential audience of millions.

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ALICIA WADE

I think I wore out every Metallica track I ever stole from my older brother in junior high. That being said, on nights when the moon was full and the wind blew from a certain direction, the sound of 'N Sync could be heard coming from my stereo. I'm not proud.



JAKINA HILL

Bone Thugs-N-Harmony tried to make a comeback this year. It didn't work, but everything they touched back in the '90s is on repeat on my MP3 player.

AUDRA ORD

Backstreet's back ... alright! I was in love with the Backstreet Boys back in the day — hot moves on-stage and dreamy harmonies off. I'm still hoping Brian Littrell will confess his undying love for me.



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**Felipe Villasenor practices his forehand** at the SIU tennis courts. Villasenor won his first round match at the ITA Central Regional Tournament in Tulsa, Okla., over the weekend.

**TENNIS**

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In doubles competition, the Salukis had another tough draw as the team of sophomore Breno Salvany and Vidal fell 1-8 to eventual runner-ups in Arkansas' Colin Mascall and Blake Strode.

Nelson said he was pleased with the doubles performance despite the score.

"I thought we could have competed a little bit harder but it was their first time playing together," Nelson said. "They played the No. 1 seed and that's tough for a first time team."

Meanwhile, the women's team, which saw plenty of finals action, was unable to capture any titles. Sophomore Michela Cruise won her second round match in straight sets at 6-4 and her semifinal match with sets of 6-4 and 7-6. Cruise fell in the flight one singles championship, though, 0-6, 3-6 to Arkansas-Little Rock's

Latetitia Bourgeon.

Seniors Amanda Taillefer and Sabine Tsala Mvilongo made it to the consolation finals in their respective flights but were unable to take the title. Taillefer fell to Murray State's Adriana Alvarez 2-6, 7-6, 10-6, while Mvilongo lost in straight sets at 6-7 to Arkansas-Little Rock's Partres Cortez.

The Salukis sent two doubles teams to the consolation final rounds but they also fell in the championship.

SIU coach Audra Nothwehr said she was happy the team competed well enough to make multiple championship rounds.

"They played great but when the match was on the line we weren't able to pull it off," Nothwehr said. "We are going to be working on the mental game over the winter so we will be ready to take the next step in the spring."

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**MAUCK**

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"There isn't anything that comes up that he hasn't experienced and doesn't have a good answer to, and that's what's been great," Limegrover said. "It's been like having a two-year coaching clinic with him around."

In a playing career that spanned 13 years, Mauck played one season with the Colts after being drafted by them in the 13th round of the 1969 NFL Draft — a round of the draft that doesn't exist any more.

What it came down to, Mauck said, was the belief that he could make it.

"It still comes down to what happened between those white lines out there," he said.

In Baltimore, Mauck played with Johnny Unitas, a Hall of Fame quarterback.

Mauck said Unitas was an unassuming person who treated everyone on the roster the same, but never imagined playing with Unitas after watching him while growing up.

"When I was 11 years old, I watched him win the NFL championship in sudden death overtime in New York Yankee Stadium against the New York Giants, and 10 years later I was playing with him," Mauck said.

Mauck also started the first playoff game in the Miami Dolphins' history in the 1970 season, then played with the San Diego Chargers from 1971 to 1974 and the Houston Oilers from 1975 to 1981.

With San Diego and Houston, Mauck accumulated 156 starts in a row, and played in the AFC championship games with the Oilers in 1978 and 1979.

Mauck blocked for Hall of Fame running back Earl Campbell in

Houston, helping clear the way for Campbell during four of his Pro Bowl seasons.

Mauck said blocking for the 232-pound Campbell was like standing in the path of a speeding freight train.

"You go over there on that damn railroad track tonight and you close your eyes, and when a train comes by, when you were blocking for Campbell, that's what it sounded like," Mauck said.

When his playing career ended after the 1981 season, Mauck said he didn't think he would ever coach because of the hours coaches work. Before becoming an offensive line

coach for New Orleans in 1982, under then-coach Bum Phillips, Mauck was starting a radio show in Houston.

Mauck said his persistent style of play coupled with his modest beginnings as a 13th round draft pick aided his transition from player to coach.

"I was a student of the game. I learned the game," Mauck said. "I tried to outwork the other guy. I damn sure tried to outsmart the other guy by learning what the hell was going on."

Mauck said his 21-year NFL coaching career gives him credibility with the SIU players. With San Diego, Mauck coached the Chargers in Super Bowl XXIX, when San Diego lost 49-26 to the San Francisco 49ers.

As a tight ends coach at SIU, Mauck works primarily with the tight ends and offensive tackles during practice.

Sophomore tight end Ryan Kernes said Mauck prepares the players the most in run blocking, especially aspects most people wouldn't immediately think of.

Recently, Kernes said he's had trouble sustaining his blocks, and Mauck has been working with him on his hand placement.

"He's taught me a lot," Kernes said. "He brings passion every day. There's never one second that you aren't motivated because he'll get your butt going every day."

Mauck said he tried to mold every player into someone who can produce, and what he tells Kernes will be different from what he says to the other tight ends.

Senior left tackle Darren Marquez said he feeds off Mauck's energy, because the coach can't hide his aggressiveness.

"He doesn't sugar-coat anything for nobody," Marquez said. "That's just coach Mauck. That's how he is."

Limegrover said — Carl Mauck he's been trying to lure SIU tight ends coach Mauck back for one

more season after this, but head coach Jerry Kill said he doesn't see Mauck becoming totally disassociated from the Salukis.

Mauck said he has family and grandchildren in Texas — where he plans on moving after the season — and Nebraska, but outside of coaching, his future won't be different than the present.

Life is a battle, he said.

"The future holds for me the same thing it held for me when I came here," Mauck said. "When I get up in the morning, I'm going to battle somebody's ass until the damn day is over with. I don't know who's ass it is, but I'm going to be battling."

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With their victory Sunday, the Boston Red Sox won their second World Series in four seasons. The New England Patriots have won three Super Bowls so far this decade, and are undefeated so far this season. With the Boston Celtics offseason acquisitions, do they have a chance at becoming the next modern Beantown dynasty?



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"K.G. and Ray Allen's addition to the lineup will no doubt fill up more seats at the Garden, but — as Jerry Buss proved in 2004 — money may buy the rings, but it doesn't guarantee you'll get the chance to wear them. The superstar trio's long-lasting hunger for those rings may take them out of the East, though."

"With a championship likely a season away, if that even happens, the Celts' big three is too old for Boston to become a dynasty. Then LeBron James, with a better team surrounding him in the coming years, will also have something to say about that!"

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"The Celtics have about as much of a chance as becoming a dynasty as my Milwaukee Bucks have at making the playoffs. The Celtics are better but they will still only get a 4 or 5 seed in the Eastern Conference. They will probably fall to the Bulls or Pistons in the playoffs and would never get past the West in a championship."

**GUEST COMMENTATOR: KEVIN DORAN**

"It's a good start and they should put up a lot of wins this year. If those three stay healthy they should have a good chance of winning and starting a dynasty. The way you start dynasties is with acquiring players like that."

— SIU cross country runner Kevin Doran

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

Carl Mauck



"Life is a battle, and you fight the battle every day, from when you get up until you go to bed at night, and then you start doing the whole damn thing all over again, and I believe that. I believe life is a battle and you better fight them every damn day."

— SIU tight ends coach Carl Mauck



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### GUEST COLUMN

## Another yawner: Boston Red Sox' 4-game sweep the latest World Series bore

**Mike Fitzpatrick**  
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DENVER — Three World Series sweeps in the past four years, with a five-game bore mixed in.

What happened to drama in October?

Josh Beckett, Manny Ramirez and the relentless Red Sox didn't do baseball any good by crushing Colorado in four games. It was a blowout from the beginning, when Boston took the opener 13-1 at Fenway Park.

And with the games regularly ending after midnight EDT, there wasn't

much reason for casual fans to stay up late and watch. That was the trend all postseason — five of the seven series ended in ho-hum sweeps.

Yawn. A trip to the dentist is more exhilarating.

But don't expect an apology from anyone in Boston.

"To go through this from Day 1 until now with people that you really, really care about makes it really special," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said Sunday night after his team closed out the Rockies with a 4-3 victory at Coors Field.

Still, for many fans, the only real

excitement this month came in the AL championship series as the Red Sox rallied from a 3-1 deficit to defeat Cleveland in seven games. Once the World Series got under way, the big boys from the American League easily dispatched their NL counterparts — again.

Starting with Boston's sweep of St. Louis to end an 86-year title drought in 2004, AL teams have dominated three drive-thru Series in the last four seasons. The Chicago White Sox swept Houston in 2005, and the Red Sox outscored Colorado 29-10 this year.

### VOLLEYBALL

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Though admittedly a few steps slow in her weekend return, Berwanger kept the team's towel boy busy and the floor burns abundant with her frequent diving attempts.

After only one and a half practices in her nearly month-long absence, Berwanger returned Friday and Saturday to her normal playing time, which meant she hardly left the floor throughout the eight games.

In the first game against conference-leading Missouri State, the rust was not evident as she got up for a powerful kill to put the team up 26-23 in a game they would go on to win 30-28.

With the team leading 23-21 in the second game, Berwanger got a bad break on a ball and came up holding her left thumb. She fought through the pain to sky for another kill to put the team up 24-21, but left the

game shortly after to have the injury examined.

After the Salukis lost the game 30-27, Berwanger returned for the third game with her hand taped and her face more intense. She said the injury to her favored hand was just another roadblock to conquer.

"I'm pretty much always intense, but that got me a little more focused physically than mentally, because most of the time I just have to take care of myself mentally and the physical part comes along," Berwanger said.

She said she was prepared for the contests in her mind, but lacked the physical stamina to compete on the level she would have because of the lingering effects of the illness.

Assistant coach Kyle Walton, who oversees the right side, said he noticed a decrease in Berwanger's energy after the injury and approached her between the third and fourth games.

"We kind of explained to her that the team kind of lost energy when

she lost energy, and she's got to be able to find some somewhere," Walton said. "Her stamina is going to have to improve."

Berwanger averaged one kill less per game than her season average during the weekend. She said getting back on the court, which she referred to as being "back home," was a large step in the right direction.

Junior libero Kristy Elswick, another outspoken team leader, said it was clear the team responded to the encouraging return.

"(Berwanger's) in the front row telling them, 'You can do it. I've seen you hit that shot. Get this next one,'" Elswick said. "It's just that reassurance from somebody that they look up to, and that gets the job done. Having someone that can back up what they say is a big build up."

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**Tight ends coach Carl Mauck watches practice Wednesday** at McAndrew Stadium. Mauck, who began coaching with SIU last season, will retire after the season following a 21-year NFL coaching career and a 13-year playing career in the NFL.

# Mauck's curtain call

Former NFL player, coach wants final season to end with championship

**Scott Mieszala**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carl Mauck didn't think he would last long when the Baltimore Colts switched him from linebacker to center during training camp in 1969.

Mauck, now the tight ends coach for the SIU football team, had played middle linebacker for the Salukis from 1966 to 1968. But in making his switch to center, he played 13 years in the NFL, which led to his stint as an offensive line coach in the NFL for 21 years.

Now, after serving as an assistant coach at SIU for the last two years, Mauck plans to retire at the season's end, and his goal is to help the No. 6 Salukis (7-1, 3-1 Gateway) win a national championship in his final year.

Mauck isn't pushing the Salukis harder than he normally would, he said, and it hurt when SIU lost on Oct. 13 at Northern Iowa, 30-24.

"When Northern Iowa beat our ass, it hurt just as much as the first damn time I ever got beat in my life," Mauck said. "I don't like to lose. I

Carl Mauck football timeline	
As a player:	As an offensive line coach:
1966 - 1968: SIU	1982 - 1985: New Orleans Saints
1969: Baltimore Colts	1986 - 1988: Kansas City Chiefs
1970: Miami Dolphins	1991: Tampa Bay Buccaneers
1971 - 1974: San Diego Chargers	1992 - 1995: San Diego Chargers
1975 - 1981: Houston Oilers	1996 - 1997: Arizona Cardinals
	1998 - 2000: Buffalo Bills
	2001 - 2003: Detroit Lions
	2005: San Diego Chargers
	2006 - present: SIU (tight ends coach)

hate to lose. The thought of losing drives you — drives me more than the thought of winning."

Offensive line coach Matt Limegrover said a lot of the Salukis have elevated their game to send Mauck

out a winner, and nobody ever wants to be the guy to let Mauck down.

Limegrover said he has learned a lot about being a coach from Mauck.

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VOLLEYBALL



**Junior right side Kristie Berwanger, left, encourages her sister, Jennifer, during Friday's 3-1 loss** against Wichita State. Berwanger's return from nearly a month-long absence helped bring consistency and intensity to the lineup, teammates said.

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## Berwanger brings back emotional lift

Junior back after month-long illness

**Sean McGahan**  
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As the SIU volleyball team started joined hands and swayed to the national anthem before its game Saturday, Kristie Berwanger's left hand was too busy shaking to join her teammates.

Berwanger, a junior right side hitter, returned to the lineup during the weekend for the first time in nearly a month after being sidelined by mono-nucleosis. She said her pregame jitters were about 90 percent excitement and 10 percent anxiety.

Though the Salukis (12-12, 4-8

MVC) lost both weekend matches against the top two teams in the conference, Berwanger's return marked a step in the right direction, teammates and coaches said.

Berwanger, the team captain, is a clear vocal leader on the court and, as one of the most tested players on a young squad, a valuable asset to her teammates, sophomore middle blocker Chandra Roberson said.

"It's definitely obvious that when she comes back on the court that something changes about us," Roberson said. "Her aura about her is just intense, and she brings it. I know it makes me play better and I think it does for the rest of the team."

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TENNIS

## Salukis end fall season

**Jeff Engelhardt**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Though the SIU men's and women's tennis teams failed to take home any championships in the final tournaments of the fall season, their coaches said they took a large step closer to where they want to be for the spring.

The men competed at the ITA Central Regional Championship at Tulsa University while the women headed to Memphis, Tenn., for the Lady Tiger Invitational. Neither team was able to capture any championships, but several advanced to the championship matches.

Coach Dann Nelson said the ITA tournament, which the Salukis have competed in for the last three seasons, hosted some of the toughest competition in the nation and said he thought the team competed well considering the high level of competition.

"We are starting to move in the right direction," Nelson said. "This is our third year at this tournament and each year we take little victories back with us, but you can see the team is improving."

The Salukis were able to get two players — senior Felipe Villaseñor and junior Hugo Vidal — into the second round for the first time in SIU history. Villaseñor won his first round match against Oral Roberts' Dennis Troyke 6-4, 6-0 while Vidal battled for a three-set victory against PJ Henrie of St. Louis with final scores of 6-1, 3-6 and 6-3.

Villaseñor was the only Saluki to advance to the second round last year and said that experience helped him prepare for his match.

"This environment is much different than our conference tournaments so it helped I knew what to expect going in," Villaseñor said. "I was hoping to do better, but I was battling the flu. Overall I think we improved this year though."

Villaseñor lost in the second round against Christopher Nott of Arkansas in straight sets, 4-6, 4-6. Vidal also suffered the same fate in straight sets, 0-6, 3-6, to Oklahoma State's Petrov Dmytro.

Sophomore Lucas Waked had a tough weekend as his first round draw was against conference rival and eventual runner-up Dalibar Pavic of Drake. Pavic would eventually lose the championship to Oklahoma's Andrei Daescu.

Waked played through the first round match with an illness that eventually forced him to withdraw from the consolation and double draws.

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