Secrets behind PostSecret

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“I use my Facebook status to make my sister-in-law jealous.”

“I didn’t enlist to escape, I enlisted for the wedding. Will you marry me?”

These are just two of the more than half a million secrets shared with Frank Warren, who is often called the most trusted stranger in the world.

More than 200 people filled the Student Center Ballroom on Wednesday to hear Warren, creator of PostSecret, a continuous community art project that seeks to anonymously share secrets sent in by people from around the world. So far, the project has spawned five books, a blog, two television art exhibits and lectures held nationwide.

Warren said he began the project about five years ago with the belief that he could get strangers to trust him with their secrets. Warren said the desire to begin the project stemmed from his childhood.

“When I was growing up, I went through some very difficult times alone, and so as an adult, I feel like part of why the project is so meaningful for me is I can try and create ways to help the person I was when I was younger,” Warren said. “I could create a safe, nonjudgmental place where people could share these secret feelings or private desires or confessions, it could be really special.”

Warren said his lectures on campuses have become more and more about facilitating audience members sharing secrets. It has become less talking and more listening, Warren said.

Warren said by sharing secrets, people are often forced to face a part of themselves they have been hiding from.

“I think we all have secrets,” Warren said. “Sometimes when we’re keeping a secret, it’s actually keeping us.”

Andrea Curry, a sophomore from Lake Zurich studying psychology, said she discovered PostSecret a little more than a year ago. She said seeing other people’s secrets is inspiring and allows people to relate to strangers.

“You can relate to other people’s secrets,” Rodriguez said. “I made one [postcard], but I never sent it in.”

Rodriguez said she’s still a little nervous about sharing her secrets, but was excited to hear Warren speak. He would remove the names.

More than 250 people filled the Student Center Ballroom Wednesday to hear Warren, the founder of the popular Web site and book series PostSecret.

Frank Warren looks over selected postcard secrets he plans to share in his presentation at the Student Center Wednesday. Warren is the founder of the popular Web site and book series PostSecret.

University insurance follows state regulations

Could change with national health care reform

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University insurance policies are in line with state regulations, according to the Illinois Department of Insurance, said for group policies the maximum exclusion for pre-existing conditions is 12 months, which matches the university policy.

“If a student has IlliniCare under an Illinois policy, then the policy would cover treatment for that illness, recognizing that as a pre-existing condition,” McRath said.

“Then, in a year, they will be able to use the coverage, but what am I supposed to do until then?” Potter said in Tuesday’s edition of the Daily Egyptian.

Jim Hunsaker, the university’s insurance administrator, said the pre-existing condition clause is a standard health care policy throughout the nation, and many other universities have similar policies where the student can be covered for any current condition, pre-existing or not, after a 12-month period of coverage.

“This is not something that’s uncommon throughout the nation for that matter,” Hunsaker said.

For fall 2009, SIUC students pay $126.60 in fees for primary coverage and $284 for extended coverage, according to the SIUC Office of Records and Registration.

At Illinois State University, students pay $163 for coverage in fall 2009, according to the ISU Student Insurance Office Web site. At the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, undergraduate students pay $326 for coverage in fall 2009 and their policy includes coverage of pre-existing conditions, according to the university’s Student Insurance Office Web site.

Hunsaker said the university has considered changing the policy to include coverage of pre-existing conditions as recently as last year, but that change would cause an increase in student fees.

“Our university’s insurance claims payments are funded through the student health insurance or the student activity fee,” Hunsaker said. “In order for us to increase that benefit, we were looking at a fee increase of roughly between $9 and $13 that would have to be passed onto the student.”
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Thurnau said the university insurance policy does not take effect until 72 hours prior to the start of classes each semester. If a student breaks their leg a week before classes start, Thurnau said that would be considered a pre-existing condition, which would then not be covered by the university policy.

“Jorn isn’t at all minimizing Mr. Porter’s condition, but at the same time we have to take into account all of the students that we have here at SIU and how that’s going to impact everybody,” Thurnau said.

But university policies could change depending on the outcome of the national health care reform debate. McRaith said Illinois would benefit from some of the reforms being discussed in Washington, such as the public option, which would ban coverage denial because of pre-existing conditions.

“Companies will no longer be able to deny coverage based on a pre-existing condition,” McRaith said.

While that would be applicable to corporations and companies throughout the state, McRaith said the expectation is that if the public option went to pass, once the state changed to those policies, non-private institutions, such as SIUC, would follow suit.

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“I lost a friend to suicide, and I felt like I could do more,” Warren said.

Rubbie Steffen, a sophomore from Mahomet studying computer engineering, said he only heard of PostSecret about one or two weeks ago through a friend.

“It sounds really cool, people sending in their secrets,” Steffen said.

Warren’s campus visit was part of his national promotion for his new book “Confessions on Life, Death and God,” which is the No. 1 book on The New York Times bestseller list.

As for the future of PostSecret, Warren said he did not have goals for where it should go next.

“My only goal is that people could read it and talk about their lives,” he said.

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Student government discusses proposed fee increases

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Undergraduate Student Government discussed increases in student service fees, approved funds for Registed Student Organizations and officially invited Greek Fraternity and Sorority groups as organizations — all while scraping for enough senators.

The students needed at least 15 senators in order to approve funding for organizations and recognize student groups as organizations.

While waiting for three more senators to arrive Wednesday, Larry Diets, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, spoke about proposed changes in the student service fees that will take place for the 2011 fall semester. Student service fees include some items that all students must pay such as the Green Fee, Student Attorney Fee and Mass Transit Fee.

He said he is hoping the increase in fees will be 4.5 percent less than the 2010 fiscal year, but is not sure if that will happen. He said he is grateful for the students who are happy to pay these fees.

Without the support of students, we wouldn’t have some major programs and some major buildings on campus,” he said. “We really appreciate your leadership and support of those amenities that make this a vibrant college community.”

The Extended Care fee for student insurance was one of the greatest proposed increases at 6.3 percent, or $18, which would raise the cost to $302.

Ted Grace, director of the Student Health Center, said the increase is justified because more students are taking advantage of the university’s insurance option.

“During downturns in the economy, people are really using the Health Center in greater numbers,” Grace said.

University Housing costs in Thompson Point, Brails Towers and the Triads are also proposed to increase 7.5 percent for new students. Students who have signed two-year contracts will not be affected by the increase.

Many fees are flat, meaning no increase or decrease would take place.

No votes were taken on any of the proposals, which will be voted on by the Board of Trustees in May.

The senators did vote to approve more funding to organizations after the student service fees discussion and after 15 senators were accounted for. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, U.S. Green Building Council and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity received $846 to pay for various expenses.

The senators have $1,995 left to distribute to organizations from the $8,000 it started with for the fall semester.

Rhonda Daughtry, chairwoman of the Finance Committee, said she’s feeling positive about how the money has lasted.

“I feel that we are doing actually really good to have started off with $8,000,” Daughtry said. “And at the middle of the semester we still have just a little bit to give to some of the RSOs. We all did a good job.”

Moneywise, the senators said they feel they have excelled, but Ashley Epps, vice president, said she is concerned about the low number of senators in USG.

“I know it seems like I get frustrated down here, but I don’t,” Epps said. “It’s my job to put my foot down and let you all know we can be outstanding. We need a more proactive senator.”

John Kiwala, executive assistant, said the group could be even better if more students became involved and joined as senators.

“They really need to come here and see what the senate is about,” Kiwala said. “The biggest thing they need to realize is that they have to have some sort of input and need to be in control.”

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Britney Hall, an undecided graduate student, helps take down T-shirts outside Fanner Hall Wednesday. The T-shirts, which are part of the Clothesline Project, were on display in protest against violence towards women and children. Women and children who have been victims of violence decorated the shirts. The Women’s Center in Carbondale sponsored the event.

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**Union spokesman: Pointe ‘got what it paid for’ in construction**

Nick Johnson  
**Daily Egyptian**

A local union spokesman claims The Pointe at SU1 Developers, LLC paid non-union workers less than half the standard wage during construction of its apartment buildings, but officials from The Pointe said they simply hired the best people for the job.

Norm Winters, business agent and recording secretary for Operators Local 318, said he organized picket lines outside Pointe sites earlier this year when he learned tradesmen on the job were being paid approximately $23 less per hour than the area standard wages.

“We had contractors in there that were paying their employees below our area standards as operating engineers,” Winters said.

Winters, whose union represents operating engineers in the lower 14 counties of Illinois, said the wages set by the Egyptian Builders Association are $43.95 per hour but workers at the Pointe were being paid $20.

Winters said he did not speak with any of the employees on the job.

He said his union contacted The Pointe for the job, but owner Chris Creek wasn’t interested.

Angie Jackson, director of operations for The Pointe, said the union was picketing because the developer didn’t use union work exclusively, but Winters said he was only protesting the substandard wages.

“We never picketed (about the work) being non-union,” Winters said.

Jackson said The Pointe went with the bids that were brought to them and wanted to hire the best people for the job.

“If the company wanted the job, it was up to them to decide how much they wanted to pay for the job,” she said.

“Whether that company uses union (work) or not, that doesn’t matter. It’s about getting the job done well.”

Winters said he learned The Pointe brought in workers from outside the area as well.

“What we like to see is local people go to work,” he said. “We want to see people in our area pay taxes for hospitals and schools. And the only way they get to pay those taxes and earn money for their family is to go to work.”

Jackson said The Pointe used mostly local subcontractors for its buildings.

Winters also said between eight and 12 residents approached his picket lines with various complaints about problems in the existing Pointe buildings.

An Oct. 16 article in the Daily Egyptian highlighted complaints from Pointe residents about faulty appliances and electrical work, incomplete furnishings and a lack of promised amenities.

Jackson said some of those accusations are false, but admitted the developer could have been more proactive about informing residents of delayed construction of amenities such as running beds and basketball courts.

“There never going to be perfection,” she said. “You can build a brand-new house and something won’t work correctly... We are in the process of doing everything we need to do. My goal is to make the people there happy.”

But Winters said the company didn’t hire quality craftsmen and got what it paid for.

“You don’t get a Cadillac for a Volkswagen price,” he said.

Winters’ picket ended when the work of the operating engineers on the buildings was finished, he said.

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The Left Handed Pen

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The campaigns used to spare the people during the off year, but the voices had conjured them into eternal cycle. So, Candidate attended the last parade of the fall, tossing candy to the Halloween revelers. He was weaving from the float when the roar erupted. There were terrified screams as people trumped each other to get away. The parade units behind Candidate sped past his float. He almost fell off when a horse and rider galloped past. Looking to the rear, he could not see what was causing the uproar. By now the crowd was surging past him. His own float was pinned by a dozen Frazzled-waving unicyclists performing Figure 8 maneuvers in the road’s center. Candidate turned back and saw it. His blood froze. Moving up the road was his opponent from the last campaign. Not the smooth-talking office-worker, but a politics incarnate. He stood eight feet tall and weighed 400 pounds. His ripped polo shirt exposed hair-covered muscles and wets. Tusk grew from his mouth. Opponent wielded a human arm, which he hungrily chewed while stomping down the street. An overpowering stench enveloped him. “CANDIDATE?” he hissed. “Let’s surge of power.” Rising to his feet, his chest expanded. His hands felt a strange- ness as they formed into hooves. “I’ll use your furm for a toothpick, braise breath,” Opponent said, drawing closer. He came too close. Candidate rose up on his hind legs and charged towards Opponent’s head. They drew blood, staggering the man-beast. “AAARRRGHHHHH – Limbaughian hypocrisy,” Opponent gasped, lowering his head and charging Candidate. “GRRRRPPPOOOBBBBB – socialist-capt-and-traitors,” Candidate answered, biting into Opponent’s shoulder. His teeth crushed the bone. A vicious pull of his head tore Opponent’s arm from his body. Opponent whimpered with Beckham fury, but soon regrouped. Head lowered, he gosped Candidate’s mid-section with his tusks. Candidate could not grip Opponent’s free arm with his hooves, but used his body weight to trip his foe. He had perfected this move in Springfield’s minor league political circuit. The two fell into the street, rolling into the dung left by the hooves that brought up the rear of the parade. “You love the public option,” Opponent snarled. “Do not.” “Do so.” “Not.” “So.” Kicking furiously, Candidate shuttered Opponent’s free arm and cleaved it from his body. Opponent’s task had now ripped off all of Candidate’s clothes, so he rolled naked in the horse excrement. Bitting into Opponent’s leg, Candidate gnawed on it. He turned to the other leg and also separated that limb from the body. He looked into the eyes of his limbless opponent. They were fiery red, defiant despite his pain.

Voices cast your spells, start your haunting

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“Rut in hell,” Opponent roared. “Hell is for you amateurs,” Candidate answered. “First, I’m going to Washington.” Candidate brought his hooves down sharply on Opponent’s neck, severing the head. Slowly he picked up the body parts and returned to his float. The stunned crowd watched Candidate tie Opponent’s limbs and head to a crossbeam. Naked and covered in horse droppings, he had the look and manner of a beast. Slowly his shape returned, and Candidate undid some American flag bunting from his float to cover his nakedness. Candidate took a small American flag from the float and wiped the opponent’s blood from his mouth. After briefly considering his stand on flag desecration, he also blew his nose. The float lurched forward and Candidate reached into the candy box. The children dove for the sweets he tossed and people were again smiling. The voices made the monsters much scarier on TV.

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WASHINGTON — Troubling a victory against careless spending, President Barack Obama on Wednesday signed a defense bill that kills a number of Pentagon programs but expands war efforts. In a major civil rights change, the law also makes it a federal hate crime to assault people based on sexual orientation.

The $680 billion policy bill authorizes spending but doesn’t provide any actual dollars. Rather it sets guidance that is typically followed by congressional committees that decide appropriations. Obama hailed it as a victory ending needless military spending that he called “an affront to the American people and to our troops.”

Still, the president did not win every fiscal fight. He acknowledged he was putting his name on a bill that didn’t have his complete support.

The measure expands current hate crimes law to include violence based on gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. To assure its passage after years of frustrated efforts, Democratic supporters attached to the measure the must-pass defense department must-sees of a number of Republicans.

The White House put most of its focus on the wars, which it says will conclude project by project. The House version contains a project by project that Obama billed as unneeded. The bill terminates production of the F-22 fighter jet program and makes other changes in the Cold War era and, its critics maintain, is poorly suited for anti-insurgent battles in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Obama and Defense Secretary Robert Gates targeted certain projects for elimination, putting them at odds with some lawmakers. The same leaders of the fight for the measure needed or necessary by outdated Pentagon officials can mean lost jobs and political fallout for lawmakers back in their home districts.

“When Secretary Gates and I first proposed going after some of these wasteful projects, there were a lot of people who didn’t think it was possible, who were certain we were going to lose, who were certain that we were going to get streamlined,” Obama said. “Today, we have proven them wrong.”

In another of several examples, the legislation terminates the replacement helicopter program for the president’s own fleet. That program is six years behind schedule and estimated costs have doubled to more than $13 billion.

Yet the legislation still contains an effort by lawmakers to continue development — over the president’s strong objections — of a costly alternative engine for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the Air Force’s fighter of the future. A White House veto threat about that never happened.

There’s still some small fights that we need to win,” Obama said. “Changing the culture in Washington will take time and sustained effort.”

Obama signed the bill in the East Room, adding some farfetched to draw attention to his message of fiscal responsibility and support for the military.

He spoke more personally about the new civil rights protections. A priority of the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy-D-Mass., that had been on the congressional agenda for a decade, the measure is named for Matthew Shepard, the gay Wyoming college student murdered 12 years ago.

Obama acknowledged Shepards mom, Judy, and remembered that he had told her this day would come. He also acknowledged Kennedys family. Going forward, Obama promised, people will be protected from violence based on “what they look like, who they love, how they pray or why they are.”

The expansion has long been sought by gay rights and gay civil groups. Conservatives have opposed it, arguing that it creates a special class of victims. They also have been concerned that it could challenge samesex couples or other opposed to homosexuality or religious or philosophical grounds.

On the military front, the legislation approves Obamas $130 billion request as the latest installment of money toward the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.


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and there are a number of differences between the two chambers that would have to be reconciled. Among them are the different approaches to the public plan — the House does not include the opt-out provisions for states; more stringent requirements for employers in the House bill; and a tax on high-value insurance plans that the Senate uses to pay for the bill that was absent from the House version.

In the end, Pelosi, D-Calif., and other House leaders were unable to round up the necessary votes for their preferred version of the government insurance plan — one that would base payment rates to providers on rates paid by Medicare. Instead, the Health and Human Services secretary would negotiate rates with providers, the approach preferred by moderates and the one that will be featured in the Senate’s version.

That marked a defeat for liberal lawmakers, who argued for months that a public insurance plan tied to Medicare would save more money for the government, and offer cheaper rates to consumers. Moderates feared that doctors, hospitals and other providers, particularly those in rural states, would be hurt, and in the end they looked poised to prevail, despite constituting a clear majority in the 256-member House Democratic caucus.

Some liberals were prepared to accept the negotiated rate structure. Others were still withholding support, even while pointing to REIs inclusion of a government insurance plan in the Senate bill as a victory in itself.

“We were vauged at in August. Who would have thought that the Senate bill would have a public option,” said Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif., a co-chair of the Congressio nal Progressive Caucus.


House Democrats prepare to unveil health bill

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WASHINGTON — House Democrats reached agreement Wednesday on key elements of a health care bill that already wary Americans medical landscape, requiring virtually universal sign-ups and offering a new-government-run insurance option to the uninsured.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was planning a formal announcement Thursday morning, contingent on the outcome of a meeting of House leader Wednesday afternoon, according to lawmakers and aides. Officials said the legislation could be up for a vote on the House floor next week.

The rollout will cap months of arduous negotiations to bridge differences between liberal and moderate Democrats and blend health care overhaul bills passed by three separate committees over the summer. The developments in the House came as Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., tried to round up support among moderate Democrats for his bill, which includes a modified government insurance option that states could opt out of.

The final product in the House, reflecting many of President Barack Obama’s priorities, includes some requirements for employers to offer insurance to their workers or face penalties, fines on Americans who pay out-of-pocket costs on medical services, and the ability to compete for such companies to the extent that the services do not discriminate against people with health conditions.

The price tag, topping $1 trillion over 10 years, would be paid by taxing high-income people and cutting some $550 billion in payments to Medicare providers. The legislation would extend health coverage to around 95 percent of Americans.

Tin pretty confident that were’ got the right pieces in place and Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., chairman of the Education and Labor Committee, one of the three panels involved in vetting the bill. “We can quibble over parts of it, but the fact is when you’re taking a 60-year-old system that grew up in a rather haphazard fashion and you’re trying to bring some coherence to it, there are sort of the things you have to do at the beginning of that process."

Plenty of work remains to be done before a bill could land on Obamas desk — and there’ s still no guarantee that Congress can complete the legislation before year’s end, as the president said Wednesday. Obama does sign a health overhaul bill, he would have backed decades of failed attempts by past administrations, most recently by former President Bill Clinton in the 1990s.

House leaders want to begin debate on their bill next week, with the aim of finishing before Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11. The Senate is aiming to start debate sometime in the next several weeks.

Bills passed by the House and Senate would have to be merged before a final product could be sent to Obama.


Pakistan

Bomb in market kills 80 in northwestern Pakistan

PESHAWAR — A government official says the death toll in a market bombing in northwest Pakistan has risen to at least 60 people.

North West Frontier Province Information Minister Mian Ishaq says 200 were wounded in Wednesday’s attack in Peshawar city.

The blast coincided with a trip to Pakistan by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

She was three hours’ drive away in the capital, Islamabad, when the blast took place.


California

3 arrested in Calif. in alleged gang rape of girl

RICHMOND — Three more people have been arrested in connection with the gang rape and beating of a 15-year-old girl outside her high school last fall that had generated widespread outrage.

A man and two boys were arrested late Tuesday, including 17-year-old Salvador Rodriguez of Richmond, Calif., and two teens, 16 and 17. They were each booked on one count of gang rape and likely face other charges including robbery and burglary.


New Jersey

Man accused of killing son uses fat defense

TRENTON — A Florida man accused of killing his son-in-law in New Jersey is arguing that he was unable to commit the crime because he was too fat.

When Edward Ates took the stand in his defense Wednesday to tell jurors he wouldn’t have had the energy needed to climb and descend the staircase where prosecutors say the killer was when he shot Paul Duschak, a 40-year-old pharmaceutical executive, in 2006.

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NASA’s new rocket lifts off on short test flight

CAPE CANAVERAL — NASA’s newest rocket has blasted off on a test flight that will pave the way for a return to the moon.

A small rocket mission by the Air Force’s X-37 rocket tumbled away Wednesday morning from space launch pad 41 at the Kennedy Space Center.

No people or payloads are on board.

The prototype moon rocket should fly for just two minutes. Thats how long it will take for the first stage booster to burn out. The booster will be recovered from the Atlantic for analysis.

REUTERS


Amidst dinosaurs and inflatable slades, Halloween will come a night early for children at the Vine Community Church to Carbondale.

Lead pastor Sándor Paull said the church will use all of its 36,000 square feet to host a Jurassic-themed Halloween party for children, which will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday.

"The plan that we have is to create the dinosaur exhibit — the Smithsonian," said Jennifer Quinn, the Vine’s children’s director. "So, hopefully, we’ll take this place look like a dinosaur has definitely been here.

Paull said the church would host the event the night before Hal- loween so parents can take their children out on trick-or-treating Saturday.

Mike Berardi, an associate pastor overseeing the event, said the contained environment would be comforting for parents.

"We being a parent of two kids, I know there seems to be a lot of high school kids that go out and go trick-or-treating," Berardi said. "It’s more of a safe alternative for kids.

Paull said this is the ninth year for the event.

Berardi said there were about 500 children in attendance last year, which he expects to double this year. He said the church sent about 4,000 invitations, including invitations to all local grade schools.

The church has grown but the event has also grown along with it," Berardi said. "This is by far the most people that have helped out.

Paull said the various activities featured at the event include inflatable slides, a scavenger hunt, a dunk tank, a bounce house and hay rides.

The church started working on ideas in July and has spent a month building sets. Quinn said she was especially excited for a Jurassic-themed inflatable playpen that is 30 feet long, 30 feet wide and 16 feet high, she said.

As the event gains popularity, the need for volunteers grows, he said.

Quinn said there are about 500 volunteers setting up throughout the week and around 150 volun-
tees for the event itself.

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Berardi said he went to Universal Studios in Florida to research and gather ideas for the event.

"Every kid I’ve ever meet loves di-

nosaurs," Berardi said. "Because it is a kid’s event and kids like dinosaurs, then we’re just going to have fun with that.

Quinn said they are also building their own dinosaur, which will be about 20 feet long and 12 feet high.

To create it, she said they put to- gether a three-dimensional dinosaur jigsaw puzzle, enlarged all the indi-

vidual pieces, cut them out of foam board and put them back together.

Paull said the church even tried to make its own dry ice because sensible machines set off the fire alarms.

Quinn said the budget for the event was between $3,000 and $4,000. She said about $1,400 was spent on candy.

"We’ve given so much candy away historically that we’ve had to provide discreet ways for parents to give candy back," Paull said. "So we have repositioned zones for them to dump half of it on their way out."

Berardi said the event is a great chance for parents to meet new peo-

ple while their children play.

"It’s probably assumed that be-

cause we’re a church we don’t sup-

port the underlying spiritual orgi-

nation of Halloween," Berardi said.

"Rather than ignore the holiday, I think it’s more important for us to be able use it to develop relation-

ships and friendships."

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**Tennis**

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Delbert’s other defeat came in a consolation match against Oklaho-
ma’s Kristina Radan 6-3, 7-6.

Delbert was able to pick up a vic-
ory in the doubles round of the tournament. In doubles play, Delbert and sopho-
more partner Vishaka Shonora beat Wichita State’s duo of Florentina Hausick and Lenora Lazariou 8-5.

“Tennis was really important to get-

win,” Delbert said. “It was great.

Wichita State is someone in our con-
ference and it helps us know what level we need to be at for the spring.”

Delbert and Shonora lost in their second doubles match of the tour-

ment to Minnesota’s Alena Palen and Magdalina Wicha 8-3.

Delbert said she was glad to play in this tournament so she could get experience before the spring season.

“It was my first tournament, so I was pretty nervous,” Delbert said. “I didn’t know what to expect, but I’m glad I could play before we start con-
ference play in the spring.”

Sherman obtained a win in her singles match against Oklahoma State’s Alex-

nder Cristina in tiebreakers 2-6, 6-2, 1-0(6), which put Sherman into the quarterfinals.

Sherman lost in the quarterfinals of the consolation bracket against Arizona’s Claudia Paulin in straight sets 6-1, 6-2.

Noeher said she was im-
pressed by Sherman’s play through-
out the tournament.

“Her win against Oklahoma State was big,” Noeher said.

“Overall she had an excellent tour-
nament, she had good wins in both doubles and singles.”

Saluki freshman Jennifer Dien started the tournament in the quali-

fication bracket. Dien had a bye in the first round of play and defeated Saint Louis’ Mia Elsner in straight sets 6-3, 6-3 to advance to the main draw.

In the main draw, Dien lost to Minnesota’s Magdalena Wicha 7-6, 1-0.

Noeher said the elevated level of play could be attributed to the strength of opposition her team faced at the tournament.

“She played even better when they lost than they would have played against a player they may have been able to easily put away,” Noeher said.

“Playing those people makes you better.”

Four other Salukis competed in the qualification bracket and lost. Senior Michelle Cruise lost to the bracket’s top seed, Arkansas’ Anna-Mojac, Koenen 7-7, 6-1, 1-0(7).

Dukes’ Jessica Anguilera defeated sophomore Whitney Whitaker 6-1, 6-4, senior Martina Viana Cele lost to Saint Louis’ Sarah Septon 6-1, 6-4, and senior Jessica Flannery lost to Drake’s Ali Patterson 7-6, 6-3.

“Salika do not play again until Jan. 29 when they play against Marshall in Richmond, Ky.”

Noeher said.

**Cigarette**

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City Councilman Joel Fite said he has suggested enforcing litter laws or increasing the fines, which are now between $50 and $150.

However, he’s never heard of anyone who received one.

“My co-workers drive, I’ll see a smoke flip one out the window,”’ Fite said. “It’s definitely a problem.”

Todd Sigler, director of SUU’s Public Safety, said campus police have a littering law, but they don’t enforce it. He said there have been areas of campus that seem to collect cigarette waste, but he doesn’t think it is a problem.

“Shes a matter of available re-
sources and priorities,” Sigler said.

“It’s one of those things we like to see people self-police.”

Sigler said the university’s budget scrutiny and stringent efforts to curb com-

pus police have limited the depart-
mint, though it does what it can.

“I don’t care about cigarettes; I just care where they put them out. They just throw them down like it’s nothing.”

—Ingrid Hansen Carbondale resident

“I suppose if complaints are com-
ing in, then maybe there’s a prob-
lem,” Sigler said.

Saint Paul Payne, Kichener, direc-
tor of University Housing, said the university has placed several benches

**Robbins’ Nest**

Derek Robbins doubles editor

The National Hockey League needs to work on its image.

It is October. Baseball playoffs are ab-
out to conclude, the NBA season has just begun and we are right in the middle of the NFL season. Then there is hockey. If you asked your average

sports fan why they thought the To-

ronto Maple Leafs were so bad, they would respond with: “Don’t you mean the Blue Jays,” and when you inform them you are referring to hockey, they will respond with: “What, hockey sea-

son is going on?”

Why is this the case? As a culture, aren’t Americans stereotypically in love with violence? Few sports offer as much carnage as the NHL does. True, the athletes who play hockey are tougher in the world. Even a simple check would draw a penalty (and a fate that is sometimes criticized for glorifying violence, so why doesn’t hockey get that same rap)?

Part of that has to do with what network the NHL is on. A tramig games can be broadcast on a local af-
fiate, but for big national matchups between big teams, where are the games broadcast? It used to be on ESPN. The ratings were not stellar there, but with some work it could have drawn more interest.

Then it moved to the Versus Net-

work, which used to be the Outdoor Live Network. Have you never heard of it? Congratulations, neither have most people. I don’t imagine a lot of folks spend their time cruising the upper 300 in the channel registry in hopes to find a hockey game.

The first thing the NHL needs to do is gain back some broad ap-
peal is to switch networks. Why not complain to NBC to air more hockey games on a weekly basis? They could resolve its weekend schedule around college football and hockey. You could watch Notre Dame underwhelm ev-

eybody one minute, and then the next be totally in awe of Alexander

Ovechkin and the Capitals.

What it needs to do next is market it in the states. There are a couple of hockey players that are close to household names, such as Pittsburgh Sidney Crosby and Ovechkin. When those two play, more people seem to pay at-

tention than when not many play-

ers The NHL does not have a figure that approaches Kobe Bryant or Pay-

ey Manning or Marooney Manies. It can change that.

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**Learning in 3-D**

Simeon Everage, R. of Carbondale, sits and waits for a copy of an eight-sided die to be made by a 3-D printer Wednesday. Everage, along with other students of the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale, was treated to a three-
day math, art, science and technology (M.A.S.T.) festival.

“It’s really fun, and we get to participate in a lot of things. I like the science stuff, like they teach us how to do a lot of stuff!”

Everage said of the M.A.S.T. festival. Anthony, a Team Reach Coordinator for the Boys and Girls Club, was one of the staff members to decide to make the festival happen. Robinson said he thought it would be a good idea to bring the technology to the kids and let them experience it for themselves.

**Dress Up**

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“With being an athlete here, you really have to have good behavior on and off the field,” Hanson said. “And my Wednesdays are usually the only night I have free, so I try to use them to come up with the kids for awhile.”

The Arena doors opened at 6 p.m., and children at the hips of their parents were waiting to start the fun. At the back of the gym to enter were twins Cory and Kelby King from Tri-C

Elementary School in Carterville. Cory dressed up as Bumble Bee from Trans-

formers and Kelby was a Disney princess.

Cory said his favorite Saluki athlete is convenience. Keo king Landry from the foot-

ball team.

Cory would like to have more in com-

mon with Landry than just his first name; he said he would like to be a future Saluki athlete.

“I want to go to SIU because I want to win,” Cory said.

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Saluki Insider

The NBA has officially gotten underway with four games on Tuesday. Who is your pick to win the Eastern Conference?

RYAN VOYLES

I know Cleveland is the hot pick right now with the acquisition of Shaq, but I’ll stay with the defending Eastern Conference Champion Orlando Magic. Dwight Howard, at 23 years old, has proven he is among the best players in the league — and his supporting cast isn’t too bad either. Sure, Richard Leeves will miss the first 10 games, but I don’t see it hurting the Magic too much. I see a repeat in the East.

DEREK ROBBINS

Call me crazy, but I am seeing a coup in the East. It would be very easy to pick the defending conference champs, the Cleveland Cavaliers or the Boston Celtics ... but I’m going to choose the Washington Wizards. I think ‘Agent Zero’ Gilbert Arenas is one of the best players in the game and Caron Butler is a great No. 2 role. The Wizards really like the addition of Randy Foye. Foye was a steady presence for Minnesota last season. Hopefully, he can bring a lot of value to Washington. Mike Miller will have a nice bounce-back season. The Wizards will win the East.

SWIMMING & DIVING

Sophomore César Pérez practices butterfly during speed drills Wednesday. The SIU swimming and diving team will compete in a home meet against Washington University at 5 p.m. Friday.

Salukis face opponent for first time

Ryan Simonin

We’ve been a little dinged up,” Walker said. “We have some aches and pains on a couple of swimmers, and a couple of them are sick, but we’re going to manage.”

Senior swimmer Torah Gasp-avrich said even though some team-mates have been sick, the Salukis have kept their focus.

“We have to keep pushing forward,” Gaspavrich said. “When we are in the pool, we’re thinking about swimming fast; we’re not thinking about being sick.”

Senior diver Kyle Carevic said the diving team has been practicing new and more difficult dives as it prepares for Friday.

“It’s good because we are able to be more comfortable with performing these dives in the meet,” Carevic said.

Swim team captain Chris Gaffney said the training has been tough and the team is ready for the meet.

“We are not at a position right now where we want to rest,” Gaffney said. “We are feeling good about our— Rick Walker swimming and diving head coach

“I told the team, ‘Don’t take your opponent lightly, because the minute you do that is when you get slapped.’

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ENEMY

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Ryan Roberts

Indiana State quarterback

“Winning is good. There hasn’t been enough of it around here recently,” Miles said. “It’s a wakeup call though to have to face SIU now. After such a big win, to face them does not give us much time to celebrate.”

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