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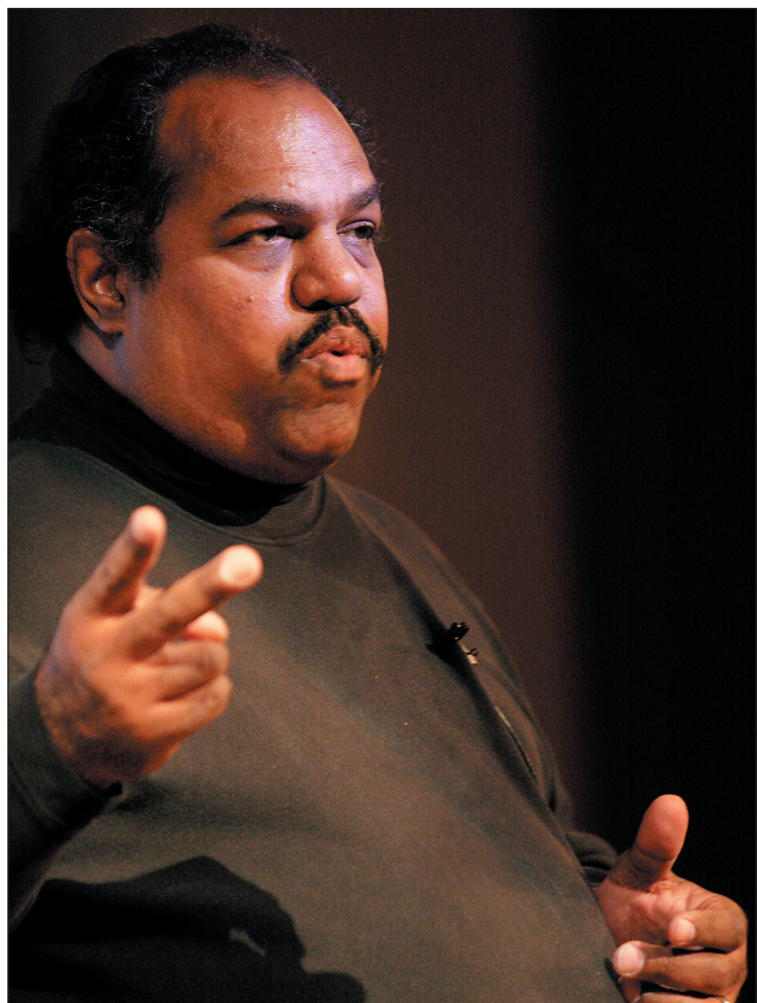
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OCTOBER 31, 2007

# Hate knows no color



DuVALE RILEY ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Author Daryl Davis discusses the first time he experienced racism during a lecture Tuesday night at the Student Center.

Author speaks of interviewing KKK members

**Brandy Oxford**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Few black men can say they have attended Ku Klux Klan rallies with the Grand Dragon of the Klan without fearing for their lives, but Tuesday's speaker did just that.

Daryl Davis spoke to more than 600 people in Ballrooms C and D Tuesday evening for more than two hours.

Although Davis received his bachelor's degree in music and makes his living as a singer and piano player in the Daryl Davis Band, he is most widely known for his book *Klan-Destine Relationships* and his approach to doing research for the book. Davis began meeting with KKK members and attending Klan rallies in 1991 to research for the book, which was published in 1998. He was the first black person to write a book on the Klan.

To schedule meetings with members of the group, Davis said he had his white secretary call to set up the meetings, so his race could not be identified from his voice. He said nobody would guess

a white woman was working for a black man who was writing a book about the Klan.

"I told her specifically, don't tell them that I'm black. If they ask, don't lie to them, but don't give them reason to ask," Davis said.

Shanita Mickens, a senior from Bloomington studying journalism, said she attended Davis' speech out of curiosity. She said she wanted to know how, as a black man, he interviewed Klan members.

His meetings brought a myriad of experiences, from being attacked by Klan members to educating and changing the minds of other members. Davis has been on *Geraldo* and the *Jenny Jones Show*, among others, discussing his book and the Klan with KKK members.

He said the members' children were being programmed to recite their parents' beliefs and cited Roger Kelly, former KKK Grand Dragon of Maryland, who once said he and Davis respected each other enough to listen to each other, but his mind would not be changed because that had been his mindset for his whole life.

Davis said his first experience with racism was when he was pelted with rocks and bottles at age 10 because he was the only black Cub Scout marching in a parade. He said he thought it was because

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# Students stripped of loan money

Forced to give back thousands of dollars in loans

**Joe Crawford**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

A mid-semester change in the university's financial aid procedures has left 19 graduate students with thousands of dollars of unexpected debt.

The university informed the students earlier this month they needed to return money dispersed to them at the beginning of the semester, said Associate Dean and Graduate School Director David Wilson. A new method of figuring eligibility for federal student loans is to blame for the sudden change, which affects students with graduate fellowships, he said.

The university plans to work with students to resolve the issue, and the Nov. 15 deadline for them to register for classes has been pushed back for the affected students, he said. But for now, the students still owe the money they were billed, he said.

Billie Jo Hamilton, director of the Financial Aid office, said the change was made to bring the university into compliance with a federal regulation that requires graduate students with fellowships to report their stipends as available resources. Before this semester, the stipends have not been counted, making students eligible for more money in federal student loans, she said.

Two affected fellowships, the university's Doctoral Fellowship and Master's Fellowship, carry stipends of \$1,190 per month and \$1,090 per month respectively, according to the university's Web site. Fellowships offered through other entities, such as the state of Illinois, will also be affected by the change.

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# A FRIGHTENING HISTORY

Halloween at Carbondale throughout the years

**Christian Holt**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

If a car is upside down and surrounded by burning clothing in Carbondale, it's not because students

were out of control for Halloween — not this time at least.

Due to conflicts in Carbondale during previous Halloweens, bans have been placed on many aspects of traditional celebrations associated with Carbondale's Halloween bash. A ban on keg sales and closing the Strip are two ways Carbondale officials have tried to calm the city

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# Bars on strip stay closed for Halloween

PK's, Booby's, only ones not closed

**David Lopez**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

For the seventh year in a row, all but one bar on the Strip will be closed down for Halloween — with one new exception.

PK's and Booby's will be the only two bars on the Strip to remain open today. The rest will be forced to close as part of a ban placed on the Strip that goes back as far as 2001.

Gwen Hunt, owner of PK's, said this was the first year her bar

was allowed to be open during the ban. Hunt said the city changed the limits of the ban to the 400 through 700 block of Illinois Avenue, leaving her bar outside of the restricted zone.

"They just decided to change the boundaries. I read about it in the paper," Hunt said. "Until I read the paper, I had no knowledge about that."

Nick Oliz, a bartender at PK's, said he remembered taking friends

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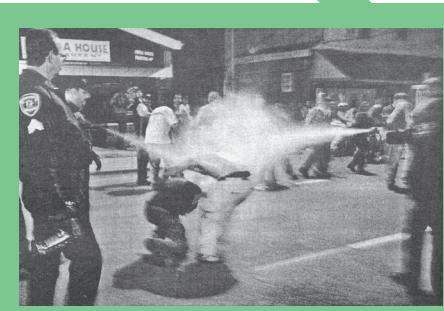
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1981 — The DAILY EGYPTIAN reported 100 people were treated at Carbondale Memorial Hospital for riot-related injuries.



1996 — Carbondale police arrested 27 people in conjunction with rioting on the Strip.

2000 — Carbondale police broke up riots on the Strip with tear gas.



2002 — As a result of severe restrictions involving alcohol in Carbondale, only one arrest was made in conjunction with Halloween celebrations.

2007 — Despite city-wide concern, so far there have been fewer violations.

Michelle Arras ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

**19**  
 Graduate students with fellowships affected by the policy change

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**\$7,000**  
 Amount of money graduate fellow Will Reilly says he owes

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**\$4,200**  
 Amount of money graduate fellow Nicholas Zaunbrecher says he owes

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**Was Unofficial Halloween overrated?**

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**CALENDAR**

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• Games and Candy  
• Free; All students, faculty and family invited

**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

**Disaster Planning and Response: What can the academy bring to the table?**

• 12 - 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Student Center, Video Lounge  
• Keynote speech by Gregory Button, University of Tennessee Department of Anthropology, followed by a panel discussion

**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.

The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot guarantee that all items will run.

**POLICE REPORTS**

Abid Mansoor, 18, of Naperville, Ill., was arrested and convicted for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cannabis 30 grams and under and obstructing justice at 1:46 a.m. Sunday morning at University Hall. Mansoor was transported to the Jackson County Jail where he was later released.

Christopher N. Molaei, 18, of Naperville, Ill., was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and underage consumption of alcohol at 1:46 a.m. Sunday morning at University Hall. Molaei was issued Carbondale City notice to appear citations and released.

Javon Jackson, 21, of Chicago, Ill., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving without a valid driver's license, possession of cannabis 30 grams and under and illegally parking a vehicle on a roadway at 4:33 a.m. Sunday morning on the intersection of U.S. Highway 51 and Grand Avenue. Jackson was transported to the Jackson County Jail where he was later released.

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# SIU to help veterans transition

New program to assist veterans with university life

**Madeleine Leroux**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Men and women in the military are returning home with more than physical injuries, and SIUC is ready to help.

The Transition Program for Veterans with Service-Related Injuries is a new program being offered through Disability Support Services that will focus on assisting veterans with the transition from military to university settings.

Kathleen Plesko, director of Disability Support Services, said the new program would implement a database of successful student veterans who have volunteered to help. These volunteers will be paired with a veteran with disabilities and will act as their guides to campus and university life.

Disability Support Services will provide the funding for the veterans' tuitions and also includes housing for families.

"We will pay for ourselves their tuition fee and a one-on-one guide; a veteran who has been successful here," Plesko said.

According to the Iraq Coalition Casualty Count as of this week, 28,171 service members have been wounded in action, and numbers are expected

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— Kathleen Plesko  
Director of Disability Support Services

to rise.

"There are huge numbers of people returning from the war in Iraq and Afghanistan with devastating, service-related disabilities," Plesko said.

And the program helps veterans who have physical disabilities or psychological disorders. Plesko said post-traumatic stress disorder and depression are also being considered disabilities. Most of the people working with DSS on this program, she said, do not have visible disabilities.

Josh Geltz, a senior from Murphysboro studying microbiology, spent eight years in the army and completed one tour in Iraq. He is currently providing public relations services for the transition program and helping recruit veterans.

"The transition is pretty difficult," he said. "People are returning who appear physically normal, but mentally and emotionally,

they're not."

The concept of this program began a couple of years ago, but Plesko said she's been think-

ing about it since the Iraq war began.

"As soon as I knew there was a war, I started thinking about what I wanted to do," Plesko said. "I knew there would be an impact, down the road, on the number of people we'd be seeing."

People returning from active duty typically don't talk to civilians about their experiences, Geltz said. He said this program provides someone they can bond with and with whom they would feel comfortable talking.

"I think it's long overdue," he said.

Although this program focuses on the advantages SIUC has to offer veterans with disabilities, it is not restricted to students.

This is offered to any veteran with service-related disabilities who is looking to visit and learn about the services available to them through universities. But Plesko said she believes those who come to SIUC and take part in the program will find it very hard to leave.

"I do believe if you come to SIU and you have a disability, you will stay," she said.

Madeleine Leroux can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 254 or mleroux@siu.edu.

# Jobs for everyone

Company's aim: help people with disabilities

**Eugene Clark**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Employers answering a few questions could be a deciding factor for whether people with disabilities earn a pay check or visit the unemployment line.

Marilyn James, the community relations officer for Carbondale, said the Tri-County Business Leadership Network is currently sending surveys to businesses in Carbondale to learn how they can match business needs of perspective employees with disabilities.

Jim Spencer, a career service specialist at Disability Support Services, said the Tri-County BLN started as a group of businesses in southern Illinois that sought out employment opportunities for disabled people in states such as Missouri, Kentucky and Illinois. Now, the group is used as a networking tool for local businesses to hire disabled people.

Spencer said the questions on the survey help businesses gain a better picture of what services the BLN can offer from people with disabilities.

The Tri-State BLN wants to develop a database for businesses so when a job opening is available, the organization has a person that it can readily interview, James said.

"This is one of the ways we want to work with businesses," James said. "This is a way a business can expand. The person you bring on doesn't have to look like you or act like you, they can be different from you and still bring an asset to your company."

Kathleen Plesko, director of Disability Support Services and one of the starters of

Tri-County BLN, said the unemployment rate for severely impaired people is alarmingly high and hasn't improved much in the last 16 years.

Plesko said one of the main problems facing people with disabilities is that when people see them, they instantly assume they can't perform certain job functions.

However, with the right training, education and access to technological advancements, they could be more marketable, she said.

One of the primary focuses of DSS is to teach students computer technology and Web resources, Plesko said.

"I know as a person who hires people, I can't hire two to do what I can pay one to do and technology can be that helping hand," she said.

Mark Drury, store manager for Walgreen's, said while he doesn't get a lot of applicants with disabilities, he has no issues hiring someone who has a disability.

"I don't have any criterion when I am hiring," he said. "I have no problem hiring a person with a disability; they just have to be able to function in the environment that we are in."

Yolanda Washington, a senior from Hammond, Ind., studying rehabilitation services, who has cerebral palsy, said one of the biggest challenges that people with disabilities face is businesses not understanding the modifications that would be needed.

"A lot of them think that it is going to cost a lot of money just to make those small changes so that they can be able to work for the company and it really doesn't cost a lot; just minor changes here and there," she said.

Eugene Clark can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 263 or eclark@siu.edu.

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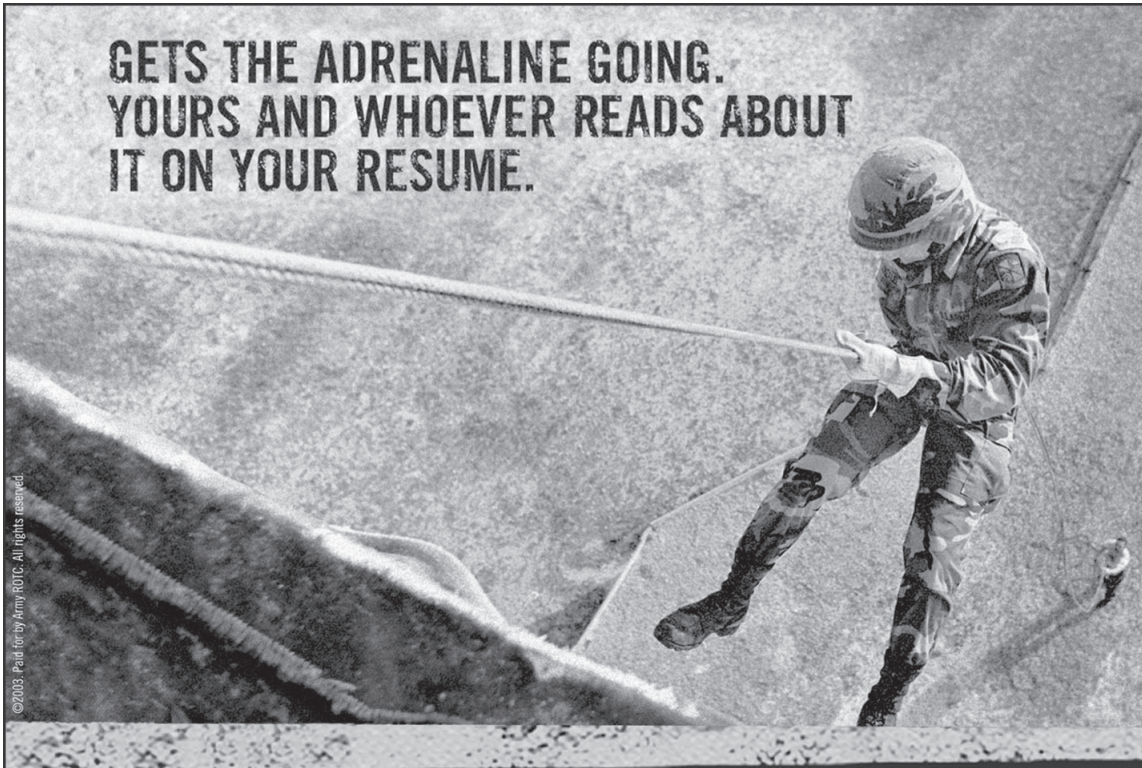
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# Iraq to nix Blackwater immunity

Steven R. Hurst  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi government approved a draft law Tuesday to lift immunity for foreign security companies including Blackwater USA, a bid to overturn a decree imposed more than three years ago by the U.S. official who ran the country after the American-led invasion.

The legislation could have a chilling effect on security companies operating in Iraq, though the vast sums they and their guards are paid are likely to weigh more heavily than the possibility of legal jeopardy.

The draft law, expected to be passed overwhelmingly by parliament, is also certain to deepen tensions between the Bush administra-

tion and the Iraqi government.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has promised to push through the legislation amid public outrage over Blackwater's seemingly unprovoked killing of 17 Iraqis last month as well as a series of other Iraqi civilian deaths allegedly at the hands of foreign contractors.

The U.S. and Iraq were already at loggerheads over Blackwater, which guards American diplomats in Iraq. The problem was compounded by reports that the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security granted limited immunity to the Blackwater guards involved in the Sept. 16 shooting in west Baghdad's Nisour Square.

Because the Iraqi draft law would not be retroactive, any punishment for those shootings would be left to

the United States, said Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh. It is unclear what U.S. criminal laws might cover acts in a war zone; civilian contractors cannot be tried in military courts.

A Pentagon official said Tuesday that Defense and State department officials had reached a "general understanding" that the American military command in Baghdad should have more oversight of the U.S. government's private security contractors in Iraq.

"We need to be more clear" on rules for the use of force and coordination of the movement of the contractors, whether they work for the State Department or the Defense Department, Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell said.

On Capitol Hill, Democrats criticized the Bush administration for giving immunity to the bodyguards, calling the move a failure to hold the security contractors responsible for the shooting deaths.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, who sits on two Senate panels that oversee the State Department and the Justice Department, called the deal an example of "the amnesty administration."

Sen. Barack Obama, the Illinois Democrat running for president, demanded to know whether Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was aware of the immunity offers and agreed with it. In a letter to Rice Tuesday, Obama asked whether the FBI and Justice Department were consulted before limited immunity was offered.

# Bush: Congress should do better

Ben Feller  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush scolded lawmakers on Tuesday, saying the Democratic-led Congress hasn't "seen a bill they could not solve without shoving a tax hike into it."

Bush, who has been criticized himself for government spending increases, chided Congress for failing to send him any appropriations bills even though the government started a new budget year on Oct. 1.

"The leadership that's on the Hill now can't get that done," Bush said, standing outside the White House with Republican leaders.

Bush also warned Congress not to bother sending him another version of a children's health insurance bill that he will not sign. Bush vetoed the legislation once; the House has passed a revamped version that he does not support, and the Senate is expected to take it up soon.

"After going alone and going nowhere, Congress should instead work with the administration on a bill that puts poor children first," the president said.

Bush's appearance on the North Portico, following his meeting with House GOP leaders in the East Room, was part of a growing effort to blame Congress for a stalemate in Washington. Bush never vetoed a spending bill when Republicans controlled Congress, but he's itching to do so now to demonstrate toughness on spending.

"Congress is not getting its work done," Bush said bluntly. "We're near the end of the year, and there really isn't much to show for it."

Rep. Rahm Emanuel, chairman

of the House Democratic Caucus, responded: "President Bush's rally this morning reminds us that congressional Republicans remain ready and willing to rubber-stamp the Bush agenda: no to children's health care; no to a new direction in Iraq; and no to investing in America's future."

Bush said he would veto a potential Democratic bill that would bundle together three massive spending bills for defense matters, veterans affairs and the labor, education and health departments. He called it a "three-bill pileup."

"It's hard to imagine a more cynical political strategy than trying to hold hostage funding for our troops in combat, and our wounded warriors, in order to extract \$11 billion in additional social spending," Bush said. "I hope media reports about such a strategy are wrong, I really do."

Bush again prodded Congress to send him the basic spending bills individually after consulting with his administration.

Throughout the day Tuesday, Republicans and Democrats blamed each other for the backlog in Congress of appropriations bills.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said Democrats were consumed this year with trying to end the war and that Republicans and the president stood in their way.

Reid also said that in previous years the Republican-controlled Congress was backlogged with spending bills too — a reality GOP leader Mitch McConnell countered was no matter.

"They promised to do it better and do it differently," McConnell, R-Ky., said. "And they did it worse."



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President George W. Bush, center, makes a statement to the press as he is backed by Republican members of Congress after they met at the White House on Tuesday in Washington, DC. From left are, Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA), Rep. Roy Blunt (R-MO), Rep. John Boehner (R-OH) and Rep. Adam Putnam (R-FL).

# 'Don't Tase me, bro!' student gets probation

Travis Reed  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The University of Florida student stunned by a police Taser and arrested after his fervent, videotaped outburst at an event with Sen. John Kerry won't go to court if he stays out of trouble during 18 months of probation, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Andrew Meyer's shout of "Don't Tase me, bro!" was ignored by campus police but helped video clips of the 21-year-old being dragged from a microphone become an Internet sensation.

The telecommunications major wrote apologies to the Gainesville school; its president, Bernie Machen; and the campus police department, defense attorney Robert Griscti said. Meyer recently decided to take the

semester off because of the publicity, but he will return in January, Griscti said.

"I stepped out of line at the Kerry forum," Meyer wrote. "I violated the rules of the forum and was disruptive. I now realize that in order to be heard, one must act within the appropriate time, place and manner."

State Attorney William Cervone said Meyer agreed to conduct himself "in a fashion that demonstrates his ability to behave appropriately and without violating the law" during 18 months of probation. If not, Cervone said, Meyer will be charged with resisting an officer without violence and interfering with a school function.

University police had recommended he be charged with resisting arrest with violence, a felony.

As a campus question-and-answer

“ I now realize that in order to be heard, one must act within the appropriate time, place and manner.

— Andrew Meyer

University of Florida student tased at a forum with John Kerry

session with Kerry was ending Sept. 17, Meyer loudly demanded a chance to question the former Democratic presidential candidate. Officers approached but backed off when Kerry said he would answer Meyer's questions.

The student launched into a diatribe about why Kerry didn't challenge his 2004 loss to President Bush, why the president hasn't been impeached and whether he and Bush were members of the secret society Skull and Bones at Yale University. Event organizers cut Meyer's microphone when

he said former President Clinton was impeached for oral sex.

Police grabbed Meyer to escort him out, but he flailed and slipped from their grasp. He allegedly grabbed an auditorium seat at one point so he couldn't be moved.

Officers had him on the ground, but Meyer kept struggling. He was zapped with the Taser just after his "Don't Tase me, bro" plea.

The police involved returned to work last week after the Florida Department of Law Enforcement determined it was an appropriate use of force.

## WIRE REPORTS

### IRAQ

#### Democrats weigh whether to approve more money for wars

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are debating whether to approve \$50 billion to \$70 billion more for Iraq and Afghanistan, less than half of President Bush's \$196 billion request but enough to keep the wars afloat for a few more months.

Such a move would satisfy party members who want to spare the Pentagon from a painful budget dance and show support for the troops as Congress considers its next major step on Iraq.

But it also would irritate scores of other Democrats, who want to pay only to bring troops home and who say their leadership is not doing enough to end the war.

### PAKISTAN

#### Suicide blast kills 7

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A bomber blew himself up about a quarter-mile from President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's office Tuesday, killing seven people and deepening Pakistan's insecurity ahead of crucial elections.

Officials said the attacker detonated his explosives among police at a checkpoint in the garrison city of Rawalpindi, just south of the capital, Islamabad.

### ELECTION 2008

#### Kucinich: Look into Bush's mental state

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich questioned President Bush's mental health in light of comments he made about a nuclear Iran precipitating World War III.

"I seriously believe we have to start asking questions about his mental health," Kucinich, an Ohio congressman, said in an interview with The Philadelphia Inquirer's editorial board on Tuesday. "There's something wrong. He does not seem to understand his words have real impact."

### CONGRESS

#### Bills make Do Not Call listings forever

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress took the first steps Tuesday to ensure that people who registered for the national Do Not Call list won't be inundated next year with telemarketing calls at dinnertime.

At separate House and Senate committee sessions, lawmakers passed legislation that makes most of the 145 million phone numbers on the list permanent by eliminating a five-year expiration date established by the Federal Trade Commission, which administers the program.

### NASA

#### ISS solar wing rips as it is unfurled by astronauts

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A giant solar wing ripped as it was being unfurled by astronauts aboard the international space station on Tuesday, creating another problem for NASA at the orbiting outpost.

The next shuttle flight could be delayed if this latest problem isn't resolved quickly, said NASA's space station program manager, Mike Suffredini. Atlantis is supposed to lift off in early December with a European laboratory.

### SCIENCE

#### Pa. museum's rock yields surprise fossils

DENVER (AP) — A rock that sat untouched in a Pennsylvania museum's fossil collection for years has rare full-body imprints of not just one, but three, ancient amphibians.

Researchers found the imprints in sandstone rocks collected in eastern Pennsylvania decades ago and stored in the museum in Reading, Pa. The body impressions of the salamander-like creatures are estimated to be 330 million years old, or about 100 million years before the first dinosaurs appeared.

### CRIME

#### New Orleans D.A. plans to resign amid crime growth, lawsuit

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — District Attorney Eddie Jordan, criticized for his response to New Orleans' growing crime problem and stung by a \$3.7 million discrimination verdict against his office, said Tuesday that he will resign.

"I'm resigning not because I'm a quitter," Jordan said at a news conference, "but because I honestly think that this painful act will help prevent further disruption of the district attorney's office, the criminal justice system and our city's fight against crime." He said he will resign Wednesday.



# Business students get the Disney treatment

COBA campaigns for student services

**Allison Petty**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Though they haven't started handing out Mickey Mouse ears, employees at the College of Business and Administration have launched a campaign to make their kingdom a little more magical.

The college has adopted customer service standards similar to those of Disney's as part of a comprehensive student services campaign, said Sun Min, chief marketing officer for the college.

COBA Dean Dennis Cradit distributed copies of the Disney Institute's handbook, "Be Our Guest: Perfecting the Art of Customer Service," to the staff when he began working at the college last year.

Since then, Min said the college has used the handbook as a guideline and adopted a campaign to improve students' experiences.

At the beginning of the semester, student workers attended a training session where they learned how to most effectively serve staff, visitors and other students.

Matt Darnell, a graduate student from Du Quoin working in COBA's Graduate Programs office, said the training helped him become more aware of how to treat students who need help.

Darnell said he thought the college was leading the university in student service efforts.

Min said in addition to making sure employees were educated to give the best guidance, the college wanted to ensure people knew where to find help. Student workers wore maroon



**Michael Williams, a senior from Lawrenceville, studying journalism works** in the College of Business and Administration's Career Services office Tuesday. Williams helps students who come to the office with a variety of issues, or at least gets them pointed in the right direction.

**THOMAS BARKER**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

**“It just makes it a nice place to come and do whatever you need to do, school or work or whatever.”**

— Ben Craft  
Junior studying marketing

shirts and name tags so they were easy to recognize.

New maroon signs hang outside offices students often need to find, such as the dean's office or the career placement office.

Cradit also hired a second career adviser as part of the campaign to bet-

ter serve students, Min said.

Matt Purdy, who started working at the college in January, said he helps students with their job searches, resumes and interview preparation.

Purdy said he has helped at least 100 students since the beginning of the semester and often gives presenta-

tions to classrooms or student organizations.

Though he only works with business students, Purdy said career advisement is an important part of student services for any major.

"I don't think anybody goes to a university just to get a pretty piece of paper hanging on the wall. They're going to improve their lives," he said.

Cradit said he hopes to gain more revenue for the student services campaign by adding a 15-percent tuition increase per credit hour next year. The extra money would allow the

college to provide more scholarships, academic advisers and other student service measures, Min said.

Ben Craft, a junior from Carterville studying marketing, said he and his classmates appreciate the college's efforts.

"It just makes it a nice place to come and do whatever you need to do, school or work or whatever," he said. "It makes it a nice place to be."

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STAFF COLUMN

# Not on my credit card, bucko

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A quick Google search recently showed me that a decent number of countries have an unfilled quota for residence visas. Well, that's reassuring.

At least there will always be somewhere else for me to go when the U.S. goes bankrupt and the streets erupt in anarchy.

OK, OK. It's a far-fetched scenario. But given today's facts — according to a recent CNN poll, only 30 percent of Americans support the war in Iraq, and our national debt has officially teetered over \$9 trillion — there might not be a whole lot left for me to do but

plan my own exit strategy.

President George W. Bush recently demanded another \$46 billion for the military by Christmas. It is certainly safe to say the payment plan for this war is in need of a desperate overhaul.

After all, Bush made his thoughts clear about his own exit strategy (or lack thereof) from the Middle East in a press conference at the White House two weeks ago.

"If you're interested in avoiding World War III, it seems like you ought to be interested in preventing (Iran) from having the knowledge necessary to make a nuclear weapon," Bush said.

What? He did not just say "World War III."

The ease at which our president

throws around this sort of rhetoric gives me the heebie jeebies. He has no intent to end this war or bring our troops home. Quite frankly, it's one of the main reasons why I don't feel as guilty as I may have once felt about losing faith in our country's monetary future.

First of all, Iran and Iraq just happen to hold second and third place in most oil reserves, respectively. Let's get real and for a moment agree that this war was never about Sept. 11 or weapons of mass destruction.

Let's say what the supposed anti-Bush, leftist whack jobs have been saying all along: This war is about oil.

Secondly, let's agree that Iraq, Iran and even Afghanistan are not without problems. Al Qaeda has been a plague within the Middle

East. It is an intelligent terrorist organization and has successfully undermined these governments in their attempts to unify their countries.

Civil war is the current roadblock to peace in Iraq, but as Thomas Friedman pointed out in the New York Times, Iraqis are doing much for themselves to align against pro-Al Qaeda forces.

This is where our troops sit — in the middle of the desert — in a nation that admittedly has its problems, but nonetheless, guarding oil.

This is the situation that the citizens of America are an audience to, and why education and healthcare will continually be sacrificed from a budget that is being funneled to the military.

And it is being paid for

with borrowed money that my generation will be responsible for paying back.

As yesterday's San Jose Mercury News editorial pointed out, during the Vietnam War, Americans paid a surcharge on their taxes so that Congress had money to draw from.

Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., is pushing for a similar and temporary surcharge on income taxes to help pay for the war. So far, he is having a hard time finding support.

Unfortunately, it is a necessary evil.

And at least it gives me one more reason to hope that this country might not go bankrupt.

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STUDENT COLUMN

# The case for Teresa's sainthood

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Mother Teresa's name alone produces a laundry list of imagery, but darkness has never been one of them. However, with the publication of "Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light," it is now impossible not to associate the "Saint of Calcutta" with a prominent absence of the divine.

To the shock of Christians around the world — and as the Catholic Church debates over her canonization — a collection of private letters has been published that puts the faith of this incredible woman into question in her own words: "If I ever become a Saint, I will surely be one of 'darkness.' I will continually be absent from

Heaven to the light of those in darkness on earth ..."

To read this is, to say the least, unnerving; and, of course, this language is not indicative of the typical candidate for sainthood. In fact, they are so alarming to the modern Christian's sensibilities that her fast track to canonization nearly screeched to a halt after the book was published.

And to make matters worse, critics of the church, such as Christopher Hitchens, author of "The Missionary Position" and "God is not Great," are using her crisis of faith as a way to discredit the motives behind the great works that made her a household name across the world.

"She was no more exempt from the realization that religion is a human fabrication than any other person," Hitchens wrote, "and that

her attempted cure was more and more professions of faith [that] could only have deepened the pit that she had dug for herself."

Christian or not, this assessment should not only strike one as false, but as an affront to Mother Teresa's memory. Tortured as she was, she remained eternally dedicated to her faith as she held the sick and dying of Calcutta in her arms. That's the story that should be told, and her lifelong struggle with Christ only makes it all the more incredible.

In fact, the "revelation" that she questioned her beliefs while surrounded by physical and spiritual agony shouldn't come as a surprise. Her unquestionable divinity was — and remains to this day — an invention of the media.

The world made Mother Teresa a cultural icon of sainthood and

holiness long before her death while simultaneously managing to downplay the conditions by which she earned them.

And the more she has been showered with praise, the further the harsh reality she lived in has faded away. For example, members of my generation grew up with the carefully crafted image of this woman but knew little to no reason why she was so famous. It is only fitting that her legacy would become the opposite of her mainstream identity.

But with this new image comes a crucial decision. A unique opportunity has presented itself: The Catholic Church can offer Christians who struggle with the external expectations of their faith while dealing with inner conflicts a figure in which to find strength in.

And to the rest of the world,

they can show a previously unknown and irrevocably human face — one that is as equally conflicted and comforted by a relationship with Christ.

Therefore, anything less than sainthood would not be a proper way to remember the life of Mother Teresa. As Brian Kolodiejchuk writes, while Calcutta slipped into darkness, "the earthly life of the one who had brought so much light to this city and to the whole world was extinguished."

And Mother Teresa should never be allowed to pass into history in the same manner she passed from this life: quietly and in a somber room as the world around her lay to sleep.

*Wolfe is a senior studying English education.*

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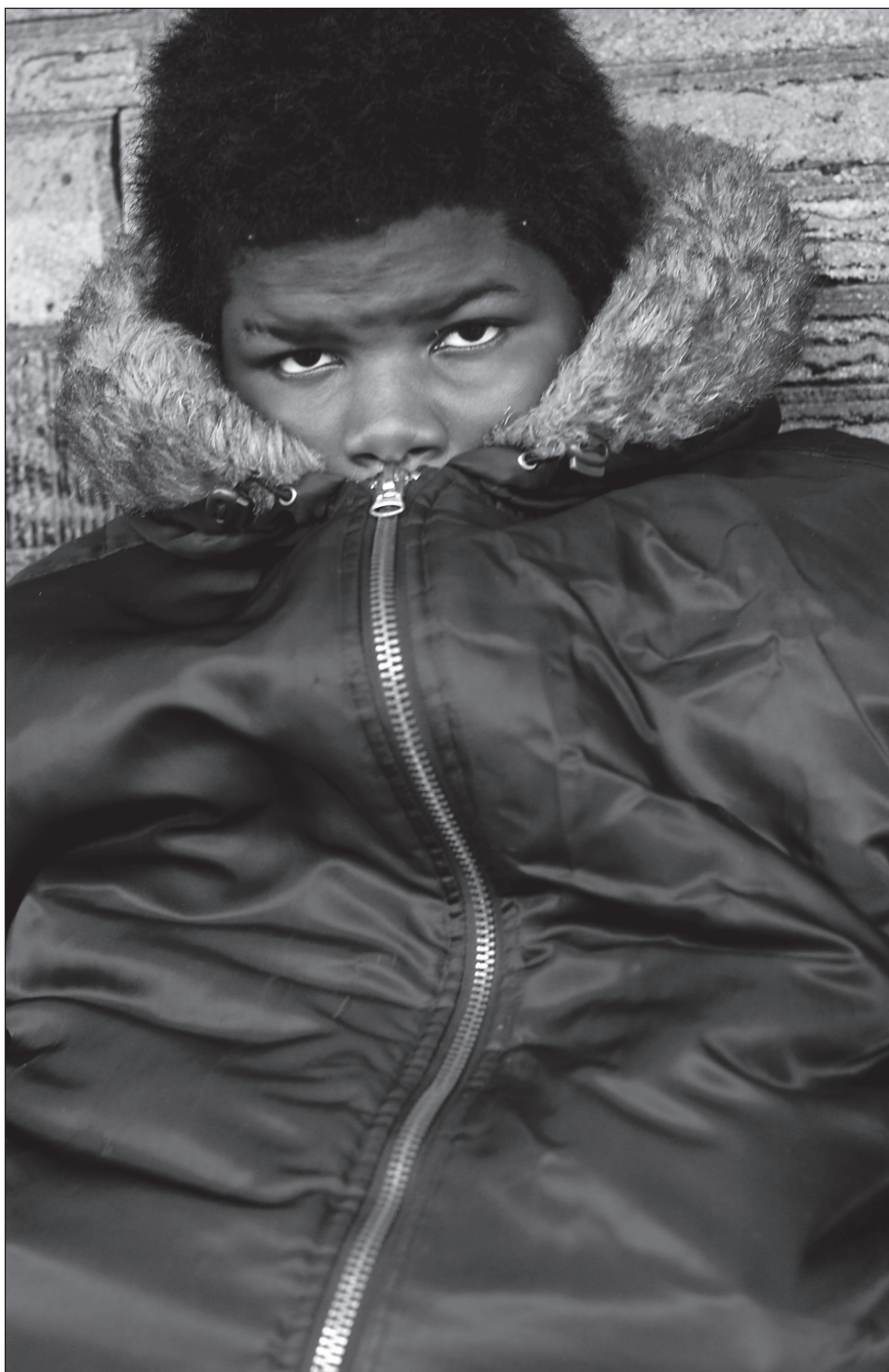
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"The last lap of the race is always the most laborious because you can see the end but you're not there yet."

Michael Keith  
deputy director of construction management services  
on the deconstruction of the 'Tunnel of Death' next to Morris Library



# INSIGHT



## Less is more

Photo column by  
Jason Johnson ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Lately, I've noticed that I've been unintentionally increasing the amount of portraits I take during my assignments and in general photography. I'm starting to realize how much I enjoy the intimate portrait.

This portrait in particular is one I find especially interesting. It was taken in Cairo and the boy's name is Fernando Calcutt Jr. He and his family haven't lived there very long — about two years since his family moved from Centralia.

The day I took this photograph, he had the day off, as the high school was being used for a faculty member's funeral service. The children of the family were all playing on the porch with their new basketballs and the family dog. Fernando was just sitting on the couch as if supervising the children. The

day was cold and windy.

When he pulled his coat over his mouth and buried his face, I took the shot. I really liked the way the zipper of his jacket lead up to his face and the way his hood frames his face. The zipper leads right to his eyes; the gateway to the soul. I like to focus on the eyes of a person, or the wrinkles of their face; I think they tell a story about a person. I often find myself being more interested in a simple portrait than a large landscape. Sometimes less is more.

Despite the fact that there is less content in the frame, there is always more to look at. A portrait is so much more telling about a person and their life, environment and their character. There are many details to look for in a portrait that get lost in an all-encompassing shot.

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**BARS**

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out to Giant City State Park and the Spillway to drink during the day before alcohol was banned in those locations. Oliz and his friends would then come back into town and get ready for the Halloween festivities

“Personally I like the way Halloween used to be,” Oliz said.

Oliz and Hunt both believe that the media is partially responsible for the ban enduring for so many years.

“If the newspapers didn’t hype it up, then it wouldn’t be a problem,” Oliz said.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said he would like to see the ban lifted someday but does not believe the time is right. Doherty said he and the City Council considered lifting the ban a year ago.

“The City Council reviewed this matter a year ago and decided to continue the restriction. This was in large part on my recommendation,” Doherty said. “We had restrictions once before for five years, relaxed them, and had problems.”

Doherty said the city tried other ways of dealing with Halloween, including shutting down the University for “Halloween Break,” but nothing worked as well as closing the bars. Because of this, Doherty said the ban would remain until he and the City Council believe it is safe to lift it.

Booby’s will be the only other bar along the Strip that will be open during the Halloween ban. Chris Burson, manager at Booby’s, said the establishment has never been closed for any of the bans in past years because their food qualifies them as a restaurant as well as a bar.

Burson said despite the advantage of being one of the few drinking establishments open during the ban, Booby’s does not have any increased business on Halloween because of people’s reactions to the ban itself.



EDYTA BLASZCZYK ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Nick Oliz, a bartender at PK’s for a year and a half, recalls drinking at Giant City State Park before heading out to the Strip for past Halloweens in Carbondale.** Oliz expects business to be as usual during the Halloween festivities even though PK’s and Booby’s will be the only two bars open on the Strip.

“When they closed the bars on the Strip, people started leaving town or staying home,” Burson said.

Several affected bartenders and restaurant employees said they felt the ban of the Strip the weekend before and Halloween itself was outdated and destroyed what could be a huge source of income for the city and their businesses.

“It really hurts the businesses

because they have to take a loss for three days worth of work,” said Sarah Newlon, a senior from O’Fallon studying speech communication and bartender at Gatsby’s II. “And the bartenders have a hard time because not all of us work on the weekdays, we make our money on the weekends, so it’s like a whole week off of work during those two days.”

Bars not affected by the ban


“**We had restrictions once before for five years, relaxed them and had problems.**”

— Jeff Doherty  
City Manager of Carbondale

include those on the east side of town around Pinch Penny Pub, and those on the far west side of town.

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Michael Cuellar, a sophomore from La Grange majoring in history, plays a game of Foxtail in the field in front of Brush Towers on Monday. Foxtail is played by catching and throwing the Foxtail by its tail.

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# Romney criticizes opponents, wants 2016 Olympics in Chicago

**Deanna Bellandi**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHEELING, Ill. — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney castigated rivals from both parties Tuesday, calling Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton's policies a "house of horrors" and rapping GOP opponent Rudy Giuliani for challenging presidential veto power.

Romney also said he would lobby to bring the 2016 Summer Olympics to Chicago and work to ensure there was ample federal support for security and transportation during the games if he's elected.

"I'm going to work hard to make sure that's part of my budget ... that we provide the necessary support for the Olympics that will enhance

the probability of winning the game bid," he said before a fundraiser in suburban Chicago.

Romney is credited with rescuing the scandal-plagued 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Chicago is competing against international cities, including Madrid, Tokyo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to land the 2016 Olympics. The International Olympic Committee will choose the host city in October 2009.

To help bring the games back to the United States, Romney also said he would reach out to people he knows in the Olympic movement and attend key events with IOC members to show government support for the games. Romney compared it to how former British

Prime Minister Tony Blair backed London's successful bid for the 2012 Summer Games.

Aside from the Olympics, Romney's attention Tuesday was on his bid for the White House.

He was in Illinois to raise money at a couple of fundraisers and spend the night before heading out Wednesday to Iowa, where the state's caucuses are only about two months away.

During a stop at a small airport here, Romney repeated his criticism of chief rivals, including Clinton and Giuliani.

He called Clinton's policies "Hillary's house of horrors," accusing her of wanting a government takeover of health care and touting ideas she can't pay for. Clinton has pro-

posed a universal health care plan.

A businessman and former Massachusetts governor, Romney also said the New York senator lacks basic experience, such as running a company or a state. Clinton is a former first lady.

The Clinton camp wasn't bothered by the criticism.

"Given how often Gov. Romney flip-flops, he'll probably endorse Sen. Clinton tomorrow," campaign spokesman Blake Zeff said in an e-mail.

Romney's criticism wasn't limited to Democrats.

He complained Giuliani hurt a president's ability to control spending with a court challenge of the line-item veto when he was mayor of New York.

"Why in the world would you use your clout to try and stop the president from reining in excessive spending?" he said.

Giuliani challenged the line-item veto in 1997 because it stopped money intended for his city. He successfully argued that such power must come through a constitutional amendment, not legislation. The Supreme Court stuck down the line-item veto in 1998.

A Giuliani spokesman said he supports a constitutional amendment establishing a line-item veto.

"Anyone who does not understand that the Bill Clinton line-item veto was unconstitutional does not have a clear understanding of the Constitution," Giuliani spokesman Jarrod Agen said in an e-mail.

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## MONEY

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The students that have been billed recently were given too much loan money at the beginning of the semester due to the way eligibility was figured, Hamilton said.

She said the university already counts the tuition waivers included in the fellowships as available resources.

Hamilton said the federal regulation is not new and the university has been working on implementing the change for nearly a year. But she said the Financial Aid office only recently became aware of the names of each of the affected students to correct their award letters.

"Unfortunately, all their financial aid had already been dispersed," she said.

Victoria Valle, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management, did not return three messages for comment.

Will Reilly, a fellow in the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois program, said he owed \$7,000 as a result of the change. The timing of the shift in policy is the most confusing part of the situation, he said.

Reilly said the university has provided the students with no reason — such as an audit or a change in law — for waiting until the middle of the semester to notify them of the alteration.

Reilly, a doctoral student from Chicago studying political science, said he has already spent much of the money the university wants back, and paying the bill would deplete the majority of his savings. Some students may not be able to

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fellow in Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois program

continue at the university if the change sticks, he said.

"I don't really feel entirely outraged about this — I don't think SIU is a terrible school or anything," he said. "But I do think it was kind of a silly move. I don't really know why they did it."

Nicholas Zaunbrecher, a Dorothy Delyte Morris Doctoral fellow, said he received a notice in the mail informing him his financial aid eligibility had changed. A few days later he received a bill from the Bursar's Office for \$4,200, he said. He said he too has also been kept in the dark as to the reasons for the sudden shift in policy.

Zaunbrecher, a doctoral student from Louisiana studying speech communication, said he has not spent the loan money, but had intended on putting it towards purchasing a vehicle.

Some of the other affected students have spouses, children and other financial considerations to make, he said.

"There won't be any serious repercussions for me," he said. "However, most of the people affected are not in the same lucky position."

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## HALLOWEEN

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during the last week of October, which has been susceptible riots in previous years.

During the 1970s and early '80s, Carbondale became famous for its elaborate Halloween parties and imaginative costumes, which attracted many visitors.

In 1977, about 6,000 people in Halloween costumes partied at the bars for the holiday, but daylight savings time caused the bars to stay open an hour longer than usual. Inebriated patrons then emptied onto the streets and lit a bonfire, throwing bottles and stones and removing clothing.

In 1978 and 1979, Halloween parties in Carbondale reached a peak, and despite police attempts to intimidate participants, the parties got out of hand.

According to "Carbondale After

Dark" by H.B. Koplowitz, in 1980, despite an ordinance prohibiting new bars from opening on the Strip in an attempt to do away with the Strip entirely and the banning of all liquor for the weekend closest to Halloween, tens of thousands of students and Carbondale residents took to the Strip in violent riots.

Yearly riots still occurred but were not as large, and parties moved to more residential areas but led to more ordinances, such as noise violations.

In 1994, the DAILY EGYPTIAN reported that an ordinance passed in October forced bars on the Strip to close at 10 p.m. As bars closed, patrons began to push back police barricades on Illinois Avenue. The students then began to flip over cars and light articles of their clothing on fire with firecrackers. Police responded by Macing rioters in an attempt to control the crowds.

In 1995, the city announced a

ban on keg sales to help diminish the parties.

The ban was lifted in 2000. The lift of this ban brought about, what some consider, the worst riots in Carbondale history.

Since these riots, the bars from Walnut Street to Grand Avenue and University Avenue to the railroad tracks have been closed along with the ban of kegs for Halloween day and weekend. Students living on campus are also not permitted to have visitors during the week of Halloween.

This year, despite students creating an unofficial Halloween a week before the weekend prior to Halloween to celebrate the holiday on the Strip, so far there have been no riots and far fewer infractions compared to previous years.

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## Floridian receives 13 years for scam

Jim Suhr

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. — A Florida man has been ordered to spend 13 years in federal prison and repay nearly \$12 million he scammed from U.S. consumers who unwittingly signed up for bogus credit cards.

Peter Porcelli II, 55, of Oldsmar, Fla., pleaded guilty in May to all 19 conspiracy and fraud counts related to the telemarketing scheme through which authorities say he defrauded or tried to dupe at least 165,000 Americans, many with poor credit histories.

U.S. District Judge William Stiehl, in sentencing Porcelli on Monday, ordered that he spend

five years on supervised release after his prison term.

Porcelli has been free on \$1 million unsecured bond since shortly after his March indictment. He should learn after about 60 days when he'll be required to report to the Bureau of Prisons to begin serving his sentence, a worker in Stiehl's office said Tuesday.

Prosecutors alleged that Porcelli offered consumers a MasterCard credit card for a one-time processing fee ranging from \$160 to \$500. The schemers allegedly collected the fee from the bank accounts of tens of thousands of consumers.

Those charged the fee were sent a "benefits package" consist-

ing of offers that usually already were available for free to the public, along with other promotional literature and general information on repairing credit, according to the indictment.

The mailing did not include a credit card but an "acceptance form" for what amounted to a prepaid card that, like debit cards, only allow purchases up to a set limit or up to a cash deposit backing the card. A consumer could get that card for an additional \$15 fee, though few actually submitted that money, the indictment alleges.

A message left Tuesday with Porcelli's attorney, Ronald Cacciatore of Tampa, Fla., was not immediately returned.

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Thursday, November 1

Native American Heritage Month Kick-off

Lentz Dining Hall, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Lunch - meat dishes prepared with bison from a local farm (Residents may use their meal plans, guest meal tickets may be purchased at the door for \$6)

Lentz Dining Hall, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Maza Napin (Iron

Necklace) - dance and drumming performance

Grinnell Hall, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Free Tacos, Maza Napin (Iron

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Howell of Bison Bluff Farms will answer questions on bison and

its meaning to Native peoples.

Monday, November 5

Mike Vargas (Chichimeca) - Native Spirituality and Its

Importance in the Circle

7:00 p.m., Student Center, Illinois Room

Tuesday, November 6

Sherwin Bitsui (Diné) - Contemporary Native American

Poetry

7:00 p.m., Student Center, Ohio Room

Wednesday, November 7

Dr. Gray H. Whaley - Hearsay or Indigenous

Knowledge?: Contesting Indian Identity & Land Claims

in Western Oregon, 1919-1938

4:00 p.m., Student Center, Mackinaw Room

Thursday, November 8

Mark Denzer (Choctaw) - Cultural Implication

of Recreational Use of Sacred Lands

7:00 p.m., Student Center, Illinois Room

Monday, November 12

Dr. Anthony K. Webster - "Tséyi' First, Because Navajo

Language Was Here Before Contact:" Performing

Navajoness in Illinois

12:00 p.m., Student Center, Illinois Room

Tuesday, November 13

Blossoms of Fire - Film & Discussion

7:00 p.m., Student Center, Illinois Room

Wednesday, November 14

Dr. Rowena McClinton (Cherokee) -

"Christian Images Challenge Cherokee Spirituality:

Early 19th Century Moravian Visitors, The Little

Broom, The Bird, & The Flea"

7:00 p.m., Student Center, Ohio Room

Monday, November 26

Lisa King - Rhetorical Sovereignty & Museums

7:00 p.m., Student Center, Mackinaw Room

Tuesday, November 27

Native American Art Exhibit & Reception

Featured Artists: José Guajardo (Apache, Comanche) &

Thomas Peters (Seneca)

6:00 p.m., Student Center, Art Alley

Lanell Matt (Salish) Montana Salish

7:00 p.m., Student Center, Illinois Room

Thursday, November 29

Dr. Don Fixico (Shawnee, Sac & Fox, Muscogee Creek,

Seminole from Oklahoma) "Indian Lives During the

Eisenhower Years of Termination & Relocation"

7:00 p.m., Student Center, Ohio Room

Native American Heritage Month at SIUC is a Student Development - MPS initiative. MPS also hosts Latino Heritage Month, GLBT History Month, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recognition Week, Women's History Month, and Asian American Heritage Month.

For additional information on Native American Heritage Month contact Nichole Boyd, President, Native American Student Organization nativeatsiu@hotmail.com, 618/201-7453 or Student Development Multicultural Programs and Services at 618/453-5714 or visit us online at www.stddev.siu.edu

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**DAVIS**

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he was the new kid and when his parents explained racism to him, he did not believe them.

He said he began to truly grasp racism as a sophomore in high school when two American Nazis came to speak in one of his classes. He said they told him he would be sent back to Africa and if he resisted he would be exterminated in the upcoming race war.

The problem is ignorance, Davis said.

"Ignorance breeds fear. We fear those things we don't understand. Fear breeds hatred. We hate those things that frighten us. In turn, hatred brings destruction," Davis said.

James Ray, a senior from Chicago studying social work, said seeing Klan members who left the group because of their relationship

**“ Ignorance breeds fear. We fear those things we don't understand. Fear breeds hatred. We hate those things that frighten us.**

— Daryl Davis  
author and musician

with Davis inspired him.

"It keeps hope alive, you know, changes can occur," Ray said.

One student asked what can be done to make those changes happen.

"We have only been standing up for ourselves," Davis said. "We have to put out a universal message. We will not tolerate any kind of discrimination whether it's gender, whether it's sexual preference, whether it's socioeconomic, the Asian, the elderly, racial, religious, what have you. We have to put out a broad message."

In response to a question about

whether or not America is ready for a black or female president, Davis said the concern should not be race, but who would best get the country out of the mess it is currently in.

Davis said he saw no purpose for the Klan.

"It's a shame they're still around," he said. "Our country's ideology has yet to catch up with technology. We're in a space-age time with stone-age minds."

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# Whistleblower fights to keep state job

**John O'Connor**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD — A whistleblower accused of leaking a report about corruption in the Blagojevich administration is fighting for his job in a case that revives questions about why state inspectors keep their findings secret.

The Department of Human Services fired Matthew Magalis on Oct. 10 after concluding that he gave a newspaper reporter an investigative report about a co-worker doing political work in support of Gov. Rod Blagojevich on state time, according to documents reviewed by The Associated Press.

Magalis admitted taking a co-worker's key, unlocking a cabinet, opening an envelope marked "confidential" and retrieving the report, according to DHS charges used to fire Magalis. The agency claims Magalis then faxed it to the Chicago Tribune.

Magalis feared officials would keep the incident quiet and not take proper disciplinary action, said his lawyer Carl Draper, who is seeking a Civil Service Commission hearing in late November.

While refusing to discuss specific allegations, Draper said he'll ask the commission, which considers appeals by discharged state employees, to reinstate Magalis as a protected whistleblower who exposed "serious corruption."

The state's executive inspector general prepared the confidential report. State inspectors investigate alleged misconduct, but reveal their findings only to authorities of the agency involved.

The report showed that DHS employee Khalil Shalabi had organized

a Blagojevich political fundraiser and operated his private businesses on state time, according to an October 2006 Tribune article. The newspaper did not say how it got the report and a spokesman had no comment Tuesday.

Some legislators and government watchdogs want the public to see inspectors' findings. That way, no one would feel a duty to call attention to misconduct by publicizing a confidential report.

"It shows how desperate people get when they want to get the information out," said state Sen. Susan Garrett, a Lake Forest Democrat and sponsor of legislation to release inspectors' findings. "Employees shouldn't be put in this type of position where they have to do things in a clandestine way. We should be able to get these reports."

Executive Inspector General James Wright endorsed the same idea in February. Both houses of the General Assembly approved different versions of Garrett's proposal last spring without opposition, but there's been no vote on a reconciled bill.

Dan Sprehe, chief investigator for the Better Government Association, agreed that keeping the reports secret puts employees such as Magalis in a "very difficult position." He wondered whether Magalis was punished more for taking a confidential report out of a cabinet or for giving it to the press.

State law prohibits retaliation against employees who report suspected shenanigans to supervisors or who testify about misconduct. It does not address employees who reveal information to reporters.

Wright's Shalabi report was dated Sept. 29, 2006, according to the Tribune. Blagojevich aides told the newspaper Shalabi was on paid leave and would be dismissed from his administrative post

at Tinley Park Mental Health Center.

**“ Employees shouldn't be put in this type of position where they have to do things in a clandestine way. We should be able to get these reports.**

— Sen. Susan Garrett  
D - Lake Forest

He left his \$78,000-a-year on Dec. 28, state records show.

A spokeswoman for the Democratic governor did not respond to a request for comment. Blagojevich was elected as a reformer but federal prosecutors are investigating his administration in several areas, including hiring practices.

Magalis did not return a message left at his Springfield home. A state employee since 1993, state records indicate the 38-year-old Magalis has contributed \$1,450 to Republican political campaigns, including \$700 in 2002 to former GOP Attorney General Jim Ryan, then Blagojevich's opponent for governor.

DHS fired Magalis from his \$81,840 job as a disability and behavioral health administrator with five charges. They included violating report confidentiality; agency rules against theft, unauthorized use of keys and talking to the press; and conduct unbecoming a state employee.

"When state employees report corruption," said his attorney, Draper, "they become the targets of retaliatory action instead of praise and rewards from an administration that touts itself as having the highest ethical standards."

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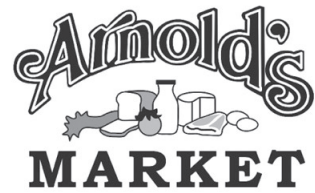
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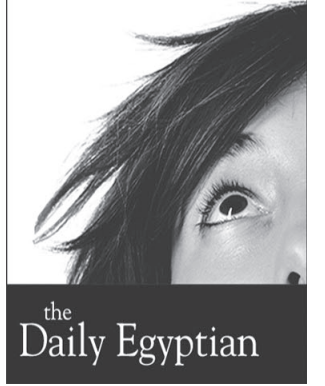
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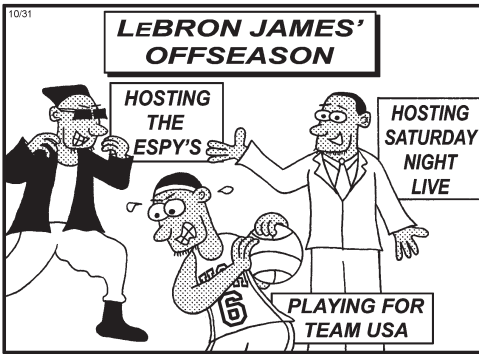
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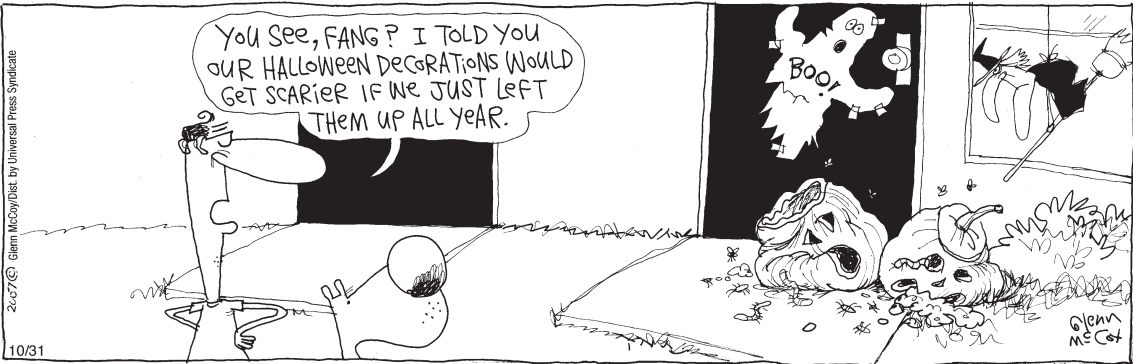
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By Philip J. Anderson Portland, OR 10/31/07

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- Locality
- 1983 W.S. winners and losers
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- Alaska's first governor
- 1987 W.S. winners and losers
- Macabre
- Matures
- Consume
- Volcano near Manila
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- Icicle hangout
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- Raced
- Fiery felony
- 1977 W.S. winners and losers
- Org. for non-workers?

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**Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6** — Don't feel like a party pooper if you decide not to go out. Let the party come to you. It'll be lots more fun that way.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5** — You're doing well, but don't go flashing your money around. That's not wise. Pretend you're barely getting by and you'll gather up more treats.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8** — A person who's usually good with words doesn't seem to understand your subtle, non-verbal innuendoes. Come right out and say what's on your mind.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6** — Not a good time to try a new method. Don't ask for an extension, either. Do the job you said you would, quickly and well. That will work best.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8** — Be calm, patient and well-disciplined around one who's falling apart. Words won't help nearly as much as a display of your inner strength.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5** — This oral exam is not easy, but it could be very important. Be polite, follow the routine you've been taught and don't argue. Remember the password. You can do this.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9** — Delays and other minor frustrations do get in the way. Consider them inconsequential and keep plugging toward your goal. Or just have it delivered.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5** — Listen to your friends before making a big financial decision. Don't have that be your only resource, however. They could be wrong. Ask your banker, too.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8** — Words said in anger can cut like a knife, but sometimes they also reveal stuff the speakers holding back. This skill will serve you well.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6** — One urgent matter is followed by another. These are not all your fault, but you are asked to fix them. Even if you're not in the mood, you are good at this. You'll do fine.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 10** — You should be in a marvelous mood, floating on cloud 9. Still, you should listen to critics, as some of them have a good point. And if there's a payment that's late, definitely get that into the mail.

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## She shouldn't have done it again

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**Britney Spears**  
"Blackout"

Release Date: Oct. 30, 2007  
Record label: Jive Records  
[www.britneyspears.com](http://www.britneyspears.com)



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ors, Spears at least had a refreshing voice, though it lacked range, and was generally pleasant to listen to even if her songs weren't the greatest. Now it sounds as though a Spears robot has taken over.

The album drones on through track after track of Spears singing songs about the paparazzi and tabloids making her angry because she is who she is, wanting to hook up with random men she sees walk by, and getting naked, because as the title says "Get Naked (I Got A Plan)."

The lyrics throughout this recording are just pointless, with lines such as "I'm cold as fire baby, hot as ice. If you've ever been to heaven, this is twice as nice," in the song, you guessed it, "Hot as Ice." At least the songwriters had the courtesy to dig up a rhyming dictionary and make the lines as infectious as humanly possible. Who doesn't love having a horrible song stuck in his or her head?

"Blackout" is just another blemish on Spears' recent record, though its club appeal is undeniable due to its electronic sound and heavy beats. One can only hope that Spears' sound will eventually grow up a bit and stop regurgitating everything she put out in the 1990s and realize she has the opportunity to be a legitimate artist. Until then, she can only hope to put out the same songs over and over again — and no one wants more of that.

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Britney Spears is back with her latest album "Blackout" — and no, it's not a reference to her most recent experience in a club. However, that seems to represent the best circumstances for listening to the tracks.

After four years of not putting out an album, for which music fans should all be thankful, Spears is back, recycling electronic tripe and pumping out pointless tunes only teenyboppers and people who generally hate music could possibly enjoy. It's bubble gum pop with a mile-deep sugar coating. Its only redeeming factor is that some listeners might enjoy music with a club beat, and that's all "Blackout" has to offer.

Through track after terrible track, Spears regurgitates every song topic she's ever had on past albums, adding the occasional half-hearted curse word in a weak attempt to break out of her pop princess mold. Note to Spears: Adding the "p-word" or the "b-word" to a song doesn't make it an image-changing hit, and it also doesn't indicate that the artist has grown up like her fans.

Backed by electronic, grating tracks that sound as though they have been taken from past songs and tweaked

with "attitude" for "Blackout," this album is absolutely nothing anyone who heard "... Baby One More Time" or "Oops! ... I Did It Again" hasn't already listened to.

It begins with Spears' latest single (though it's calls into question the integrity of radio listeners that this song is a hit and climbing the charts) "Gimme More." This song attempts to prove if an artist repeats a phrase more than 50 times within a track then the public will love it. Through endless "Gimme more's," the song sounds as if it is a cheap knockoff of "Sexy Back," only ridiculously less tolerable, as the electronic hand claps and constant plinking of background programming are like a consistent punch in the eardrum.

Spears' voice throughout the album sounds the most processed it has ever sounded, calling into question her vocal abilities. In past endeav-



.5 out of 5 stars

## Backstreet's back, but struggles to find focus

**Audra Ord**  
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**Backstreet Boys**  
"Unbreakable"

Release date: Oct. 30, 2007  
Record Label: Jive Records  
[www.backstreetboys.com](http://www.backstreetboys.com)



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Caution: listening to this album may result in flashbacks to junior high and the era of boy bands, bright pop and backup dancers.

The Backstreet Boys — or, more appropriately, men, as most of the members are in their 30s — are back with their sixth album, "Unbreakable."

The Boys have grown up since their first two albums — "Backstreet Boys" and "Backstreet's Back" — but have managed to retain the same great blend of harmonies fans love them for, even with one fewer member — Kevin Richardson is no longer part of the group.

"Unbreakable" is less like their pop-dance hits from the mid-'90s and more like 2005's "Never Gone" album, featuring two song styles: slow piano ballads and pop-electronic dance tunes.

The single released from this latest album, "Inconsolable," sounds incredibly similar to "Incomplete" and "Drowning" from the Boys' previous records.

"Inconsolable" tells of lost love, nothing new for the boy band. "I wish that I could find the words to say, baby I would tell you every time you leave, I'm inconsolable."

Conversely, "Treat Me Right" has a dance-beat sound that's difficult to categorize into a specific genre, and "Panic" features a simple, repetitive electronic beat that gets old after 30 seconds.

The tenth track of the 16-track album, "Trouble Is," has an almost country-sounding twang to it, which leads one to wonder if the Boys are attempting to represent every genre on this album.

It seems as though the boy band is struggling to find a target audience and to produce age-appropriate music. As they grow older, they need to remember their audience is aging, too.

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**BASKETBALL**

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An invite to the NCAA Tournament this season for the Salukis would mark a league-record, seventh-straight appearance. Last season, the team advanced to the Sweet Sixteen before falling to Kansas, 61-58.

Lowery said he realizes his team is different this year, and the league, which features five new head coaches this year, will be more difficult to prepare for.

One piece of consistency is senior forward Randal Falker, who was the only player from last year's Preseason All-Conference Team to be selected again this season. Falker was also named the conference's Preseason Player of the Year.

Falker, who is also the only player in the conference to be recognized as one of the 50 candidates for the John Wooden Award, finished first in the league in blocks last season with 2.08 per game and third in rebounds with 7.7 per game.

Falker said his focus going into the season is to not let the early recognition affect his determination to work

harder and continue to improve.

"All these accolades mean is that they think something of you, so you work hard and try to get better so you can prove you're actually better than what they expect," Falker said.

Senior forward Matt Shaw and junior guard Bryan Mullins — the other two returning starters on the team — were picked as honorable mentions for the All-Conference Team.

Though both the men's and women's squad won the MVC regular season title last season, the women's squad was unable to duplicate the success of the men's squad in the pre-season polls, earning only one first-place vote on the way to a fifth-place ranking.

Coach Dana Eikenberg said the reigning MVC Champions are used to getting underestimated in the polls, as they were picked to finish seventh last year before proving the voters wrong.

"It means nothing to me. They picked us seventh last year, and I wouldn't expect them to pick us any higher," Eikenberg said. "It's just a little bit of extra emphasis and moti-

vation, so I really can thank the league coaches for that."

Eikenberg speculated the lack of respect resulted from the loss of departed senior Carlai Moore, who led last year's team with 13.4 points per game and was named to the All-MVC first team at the end of the season.

Though she was not surprised by the team's overall ranking, Eikenberg said she was shocked senior guard Jayme Sweere and junior guard Erica Smith were not named to the Preseason All-Conference Team.

Sweere led the team in steals last season and was second in points, rebounds, blocks and assists. Smith led the team in rebounds and assists.

Sweere said the team would use both omissions as motivation for the season.

"I'd like to say we were surprised, but I don't think we were," Sweere said. "It's just something that's going to drive us throughout the year."

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**FOOTBALL**

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Penguins quarterback Tom Zetts, effectively ending the game.

The loss dropped Youngstown State from No. 20 to No. 22 in the rankings, and dropped its record on the road to 0-3 this season.

Behind Northern Iowa and tied with No. 6 SIU (7-1, 3-1) for second place in the conference standings is No. 19 Western Illinois, previously ranked 24th.

The Leathernecks made their jump in the rankings with a 27-13 win at Illinois State, putting Western Illinois (6-3, 3-1) in a tie with the Salukis.

The Leathernecks had a 20-0 lead on the Redbirds (4-5, 2-3) before Illinois State managed to score.

The win for Western Illinois came after a 42-3 loss to Northern Iowa in the previous game.

"Losing hurts, and getting it out

of our system is a good achievement," Leatherneck running back Herb Donaldson said in a press release. "Everybody wants to go to the playoffs, and we have to win as many as we can to get there."

Western Illinois was driven by Donaldson, who rushed 38 times for 241 yards and two touchdowns. The Leathernecks used Donaldson to control the clock, holding the ball for 37:29.

With that performance, Donaldson pulled away even more from the other Gateway running backs in rushing yards. Donaldson's 1,354 yards on the ground is 467 yards more than Northern Iowa's Corey Lewis, who is second to Donaldson in the Gateway.

Like Western Illinois, the Indiana State Sycamores were on the road, but the results for them weren't as positive when they played at Missouri State Saturday. The Bears won handily 63-7.

Sycamore quarterback Charles

Dowdell scored on a five-yard run with 3:59 to play in the first half, cutting the Missouri State's lead to 28-7.

The Bears (5-4, 2-3) managed to score 14 points between Dowdell's touchdown and the end of the half, then tacked on another 21 points before the game concluded.

Missouri State running back Gerald Davis rushed for five touchdowns against Indiana State (0-9, 0-4), giving him a Gateway-best 16 rushing touchdowns this season.

Missouri State returns to action Saturday against Northern Iowa, and if the Panthers win they clinch the conference title.

The Sycamores will host Youngstown State Saturday, while Illinois State travels out of the Gateway to play No. 2 North Dakota State in Fargo, N.D.

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**SEAN MCGAHAN**  
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"The Bulls and the Jazz will face off in a throwback from a decade earlier, and the result will be the same. Though the Kobe-less Bulls will only have one All-Star in Luol Deng, their unparalleled depth and infinite advantage in the scrap factor will carry them through the East and over an underrated Utah squad."

"The Spurs. I predicted they would win it all last season before it started, and I think they can repeat. I would like the Suns more if they still had Kurt Thomas, and I'd like the Mavericks more if they would have, you know, gotten better. And I think the Spurs' NBA Finals opponent will be the Pistons — if the Bulls don't get Kobe."

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"I'm not jumping on the Spurs bandwagon just yet. The prospect of a repeat is boring. The Suns are looking pretty good this year with two of my personal favorites, Steve Nash and Duke alum Grant Hill, leading the way."

**GUEST COMMENTATOR: JOHN RANDLE**

"I think the Heat, and Shaq, if he stays healthy this season and Dwyane Wade can stay healthy at the same time this year, I think the Heat will take it again. They fell off last year, around the first round or something, barely made it through the playoffs, but I think if they can both stay healthy throughout the whole season, I think the Heat can take it again."

— SIU football team senior running back John Randle

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

Chris Lowery



"It's been good for us at practice to have those three guys (returning starters Matt Shaw, Randal Falker and Bryan Mullins) really step up and do leadership-type things in our program. The only problem is, they've had a couple team meetings where they've been done in like two or three minutes, and Matt and Randal, I asked them, 'Why'd you get out so early?' and they said, 'Well, for three years, Coach, we don't ever get to talk. Now we're the seniors, we don't know what to say.'"

— SIU basketball coach Chris Lowery on his returning starters' emergence as leaders in the absence of graduated starters Jamaal Tatum and Tony Young

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# Favre and Packers handle Denver

Favre tosses 82-yard TD in overtime to beat Broncos 19-13

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DENVER — Graybeard Brett Favre certainly isn't running low on arm strength or signature moments.

On the first play following the kickoff in overtime, Favre connected on an 82-yard touchdown pass with Greg Jennings and the Green Bay Packers defeated the Denver Broncos 19-13 on Monday night.

"I feel like I've been on some better teams, but it's hard to doubt this team," Favre said. "That was fun. I can't wait to watch the tape."

Denver had tied the score at 13 on Jason Elam's 21-yard field goal as time ran out in regulation, setting the stage for yet another Favre comeback.

Green Bay won the coin toss and on the first play, Jennings was matched up in man-to-man coverage on the left side. Favre, who threw a 79-yard touchdown pass to James Jones in the first half, hit Jennings in stride at the Denver 40. Cornerback Dre' Bly had no shot at catching the speedy wide receiver who trotted into the end zone as Favre rushed to celebrate Green Bay's first 6-1 start in five years.

It was the second-longest TD pass in NFL overtime history. On Nov. 10, 1985, Philadelphia Eagles

quarterback Ron Jaworski and wide receiver Mike Quick combined on a 99-yard play.

"We knew if we could get by them we'd have a chance to score," Jennings said. "That's what happened with James... Some people say we don't have speed but today we made it happen."

Some people were also saying Favre didn't have any more of those kinds of passes left in his arm.

Even Favre has suggested he's losing some zip.

"Brett will say, 'I don't know if I have anything left in the tank,' and we're thinking, 'What is this guy talking about?' He's 70 years old and overthrowing us in practice — a lot," Jennings said.

The Monday night stage has provided some of the best moments in Favre's career, from the incredible game in Oakland following the death of his father, to his game-winning to Antonio Freeman in overtime against Minnesota.

Add this to the list. Maybe it belongs at the top.

It was the Packers' first win in six trips to Denver and their first overtime win on the road since Dec. 12, 1983, at Tampa Bay, in Howard Cosell's last television broadcast.

The Broncos (3-4) sent it into overtime with a drive that began at their own 7 with 2:27 left.

Out of timeouts, the field goal

unit scrambled onto the field and Elam calmly nailed the kick, just as he did two months ago when the Broncos ran the same fire drill to beat Buffalo as time expired in the opener.

"It's tough. Come down there; tie it up and have a chance to win,"

Broncos' quarterback Jay Cutler said. "First play, they win it. That's Brett Favre. He's a quarterback that knows how to win and has been doing it for many years. It's still tough."

Favre, who had only thrown 20 passes over 20 yards all season as the underneath game worked so well, had butterflies when Elam tied it up.

"I was nervous as heck," he said. "I haven't been in too many overtime games. We got the ball and I figured we probably had one chance. If we don't go down and do something, this is probably it. Don't screw it up, whatever you do."

Denver almost had to share the spotlight with the Colorado Rockies, who were scheduled to play Game 5 of the World Series on Monday night at Coors Field before they were swept by the Boston Red Sox Sunday night.

Instead, they shared it with Favre, who was criticized for a series of underthrown passes against Washington last week.

Now he's 6-1 for the third time in his career.

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— Brett Favre  
Green Bay quarterback

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BASKETBALL

# Men unanimous pick to win MVC, women fifth

**SIU men's basketball coach Chris Lowery talks with press during the Missouri Valley Conference Basketball Media Day at the Sheraton City Center in St. Louis Tuesday afternoon. SIU was the unanimous pick to win the conference in a poll released at the event.**

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ST. LOUIS — For the first time since 2004, the SIU men's basketball team was picked to win the Missouri Valley Conference Tuesday, but Chris Lowery isn't ecstatic.

Lowery, coach of the No. 23 team in the nation and unanimous pick to win the 10-team conference at MVC Media Day in St. Louis, said his players appreciate the distinction but realize it is simply added motivation for the rest of the teams to prove the voters wrong.

"It's something that you strive for, to be the best and to be respected by your peers, but its also nine other guys going back home with locker board material, saying, 'Look, these guys are picked here,'" Lowery said.

The vote — which is a compilation of league coaches, sports information directors and media — marked the first time since 1992 that a team was unanimously favored to win the conference, receiving all 39 first-place votes.

SIU was the last team to receive the unanimous distinction, but the team — led by then-point guard Lowery — finished second in the regular season and fell to Duke 105-70 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Since 1992 only five of the 15 picks to win the regular season actually came out the victor, but all but four went on to compete in the NCAA Tournament.

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2007-08 PRESEASON POLL

Men's	Women's
1. SIU (unanimous pick)	1. Drake
2. Bradley	2. Illinois State
3. Missouri State	3. Indiana State
4. Creighton	4. Evansville
5. Illinois State	5. SIU
6. Wichita State	6. Creighton
7. Northern Iowa	7. Missouri State
8. Indiana State	8. Northern Iowa
9. Drake	9. Wichita State
10. Evansville	10. Bradley

FANTASY

# Sleepers and surprises

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Every NFL season, there are players that come out of nowhere to put up huge numbers. Sometimes it's expected, sometimes it isn't.

This season, Braylon Edwards could have reasonably been expected to put up the kind of numbers he has. On one hand, the Browns stink, so they would presumably be playing catch-up all season. But with Charlie Frye out of the picture and Derek Anderson behind center, Edwards has put up monster numbers.

He's my No. 1 first-half surprise, but there are others.

Brett Favre gets the second mention on the strength of his high point totals in Weeks 2-4.

Favre was started by just 12 percent of NFL.com fantasy teams in the first game, and for good reason — he'd thrown 47 interceptions to 38 touchdowns the last two seasons.

Then after a subpar performance in Week 6 and then a bye, he came back Monday to throw for 331 yards and two touchdowns.

The second-half sleepers are harder to pin down, but I have already mentioned Lee Evans in this space.

Evans totaled 98 yards two weeks ago against Baltimore, then 138 yards and a touchdown Sunday against the Jets.

He's always been a strong player in the second half, and Evans will face the pass defenses of Cincinnati, Miami (twice) and Cleveland before the season ends. So Evans is officially a second-half sleeper.

As for the others, there are the easy selections of Brandon Jacobs and Anquan Boldin, just because they've been injured.

But look out for Jesse Chatman, who has already stepped in for Ronnie Brown in Miami, and Selvin Young, who will carry the ball for Denver if Travis Henry is suspended.

Kevin Jones has tallied 225 total yards and two touchdowns the last two weeks — enough to earn a spot on my all-surprise team and my second-half sleeper team, making the Lions' trade for Tatum Bell during the offseason even more questionable.

Now there's a perfect lead-in to "Who's Burning Detroit?," which delivered a dud last week.

The blame for that goes to Brian Griese, but this segment is not about to take a week off.

The Lions play the Broncos this week, and Brandon Stokley is available in more than half of NFL.com fantasy leagues. That percentage was a lot higher before Javon Walker got injured.

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15 MINUTES WITH ...

# Randal Falker

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The No. 23 SIU basketball team was unanimously picked Tuesday to win the Missouri Valley Conference. Senior forward Randal Falker was picked as the preseason player of the year in the conference. The DAILY EGYPTIAN sat down with Falker to discuss the biggest influences in his basketball career, his favorite pastime off the court and how much time he actually spends maintaining his prominent dreadlocks.



Randal Falker

**DAILY EGYPTIAN:** Who is your biggest basketball influence?

**Randal Falker:** I'd have to say my dad, my uncle and Coach Lowery — probably the biggest three.

**DE:** How old were you when you first learned how to dunk?

**RF:** Sophomore year of high school. I was a late bloomer.

**DE:** So we heard you're a serious mountain biker. What kind of tricks can you pull?

**RF:** I don't really do any tricks. You can get hurt doing tricks. I just like jumping off stuff. Doing tricks you can land sideways and flip over. I just try and keep it simple.

**DE:** Who would play you in a movie about your basketball career?

**RF:** (SIU senior forward) Matt Shaw. (Laughs)

**DE:** You were raised in St. Louis, so do you follow any of the local

sports teams?

**RF:** I try to watch the Rams, but it's a little tough right now. I watch a little bit of the Cardinals but I'm not a big baseball fan. And I try and watch Blues highlights.

**DE:** What's your favorite place to eat in Carbondale?

**RF:** Probably Mr. Lowery's house to be honest with you. (Laughs)

**DE:** Would you rather hit the game-winning shot or make the game-winning block?

**RF:** Oh, probably the game winning shot. I need to work on my arch and stuff.

**DE:** Your major is communication design. What's the coolest project you've worked on?

**RF:** We just got done doing a new logo for Kawasaki and that was pretty cool. I've done some designs for Harley-Davidson. A lot of the stuff I've done pretty recent has been fun.

**DE:** Let's talk about your teammates — who's the clown?

**RF:** The clown would definitely be (freshman center) Nick Evans.

**DE:** Who is the hardest-working on the floor?

**RF:** (Junior guard) Bryan Mullins.

**DE:** What's the lamest question you've ever been asked in an interview?

**RF:** Just being asked the same question about twelve times in a row.

**DE:** Last question: Everyone wants to know, how much time a week do you spend on dreadlock maintenance?

**RF:** I just try to keep it simple. Probably just like two hours every three weeks.



FOOTBALL

# Panthers squeak out win to stay on top



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Northern Iowa quarterback Eric Sanders gets the ball off as SIU defensive end James Cloud and defensive tackle Andre Tillman close in on him. The No. 1 Panthers still lead the Gateway, but the Salukis crept up in the national rankings to No. 6 after the bye week.

Northern Iowa has chance to clinch conference Saturday

Scott Mieszala  
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The top team in the Gateway Football Conference once again narrowly escaped a loss with a win at home to stay atop Gateway standings and national rankings.

No. 1 Northern Iowa beat Youngstown State 14-13 on Saturday, two weeks after SIU came within six yards of upsetting the

Panthers at home.

Northern Iowa (8-0, 4-0 Gateway) didn't score until the fourth quarter, taking the lead with 4:54 remaining in the game after the Penguins scored the first 13 points of the game.

"The way we were able to maintain poise was key to the game," Panthers coach Mark Farley said in a press release. "You never saw us lose poise and confidence."

Youngstown State (5-4, 1-3) regained possession with 1:36 to go in the fourth quarter, but Northern Iowa linebacker Brannon Carter intercepted a pass



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