City crimes increase in October

Police chief: economy could be a factor

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A slew of residential burglaries and robberies during the past month have Carbondale police officers working overtime, said Carbondale Police Chief Jody O’Guinn.

More than 25 residential burglaries have been reported for October, according to the department’s online news releases. O’Guinn said the department has sent out extra patrols and undercover officers to catch the spike in crime, which he said could be the result of the economic conditions.

“There has been an increase in robberies more recently than anything,” O’Guinn said. “The total numbers are outrageous from years past.”

O’Guinn said police have taken individuals into custody for some of the robberies that occurred, none of whom fit a common description. Police have arrested juveniles, adults, home- less persons and non-public residents, he said.

“It all tends to lead one to believe it’s an economic-based issue,” O’Guinn said.

D. Gordon, ex-offices of the Arbor District Neighborhood Association, a group of Carbondale residents for neighborhood improvement, praised O’Guinn’s department for its increase in public communicat ion.

“O’Guinn has really kicked up the reporting schedule so were getting far more information than we used to before,” said Gordon. “As a result, we’re able to think a little more about patterns so that we can take those precautions in the neighborhood.”

Despite noticing increased patrols and plainclothes officers in his neighborhood, Gordon said it’s still not safe for college students to be out at 1 or 2 a.m.

“Nobody wants to go home at dark, it’s like you’re 12,” Gordon said. “They shouldn’t have to take their lives in their hands when they go out in the streets at night.”

The police may have stepped up patrols, but they still haven’t determined where these criminals are coming from, Gordon said.

Gordon said he disagrees with O’Guinn’s assessment that there’s not a common description among suspects, but officers have to be careful of profiling.

O’Guinn said one of the best ways to prevent burglaries, other than keeping doors and windows secured, is to make friends with your neighbors.

“They’ll be some of your best allies. Alarms are great and a huge deterrent to individuals, especially to opportunists,” O’Guinn said.

O’Guinn said the police department’s resources are stretched thin but isn’t understaffed.

“Our guys here are hard work- ers and very tenacious and I have confidence ... that we’re going to get these (crimes) resolved,” he said.

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October robberies reported in Carbondale

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Conference connects students, innovators

Fourth annual SIU Innovative Systems conference brings industry leaders to campus

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What began as a small seminar with four or five speakers has now grown into a three-day conference aimed at giving students the chance to mingle with top industry professionals.

The Southern Illinois University Innovative Systems conference, which began Thursday and ended Saturday in the Engineering Building, featured lectures by 20 top industry officials, such as Florio Bonomi, a leading researcher at Cisco Systems, and Dewanye Hendricks, chief executive officer of the wireless telecommunications corporation the Dandrin Group.

The conference also held demonstrations of student projects, such as laser align- ment systems, solar-powered planes and a spine stabilization system.

Anil Mehta, co-found- er and chairman of the SIU Innovative Systems Conference, said the confer- ence is a student-run initia- tive aimed at connecting stu- dents with professionals in the engineering industry.

Mehta, a doctoral student in electrical and computer engineering from Bombay, said the conference began in 2006 with him and two friends trying to bring in peo- ple with experience in elec- trical engineering to network with and learn from.

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Student named veterans coordinator

Senior brings experience to newly created position

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Chris Piba has gone from being the unofficial point person for veterans to the official coordinator job.

Piba, a senior from Carol Stream studying history, began his duties as the new veteran’s coordinator today, filling a new, state-man- dated position.

Piba said his job would be to assist and ensure ve- terans know about and have access to the multitude of services avail- able to them.

Piba said having one central location available for all veterans to receive help would smooth the transition from being in the military to going to school.

"This is a different environment. There’s a lot of structure in the military," Piba said. "It can be challenging for someone who’s been in the military for four or six years."

Interim Provost Don Rice said he want- ed to put a veteran into the position, and Piba’s "idea fit the veteran," along with his background in the Air Force, made him an ideal candidate.

"Another thing is that he brings some real compassion," Rice said. "In my talks with him, it was quite clear that he cares about veterans’ issues and veterans’ success on campus."

Rice said the position would start out as an extra help position, which means Piba could stay in the role for 900 hours before he has to step down or the position is turned into a full-time position, which Rice said would eventually happen.

Piba said he was excited to have the freedom to create some of the duties the position would have as the first veteran’s coordinator.

"I’m going to be the one kind of starting the novel and then hand it off and train the next person who’s going to be taking the position," Piba said.

Piba said he graduates in December 2010, so he would hold the position until then at the latest.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said Piba would report to Dean of Students Peter Gitzos.

"It will be a good service for veterans and I think it will be a good opportunity for Chris," Dietz said. "We’re delighted that he’s opted to stand in this role until we can get it further defined."
(We weren’t) trying to get folks from Chicago, St. Louis, who work in the real world, to come and network with us and tell us what to do, what are the skills required,” Mehta said. “So, 2006, this has grown into a much bigger deal, it has started to get folks from other aspects of engineering.

Mehta said he hopes the conference would enable students to get better jobs after graduation and forge a stronger bond with the university. Students graduate and never look back, he said, and that’s not good for the university.

Brent Ritzel, director of public education at Equitech International, a renewable energy systems development company — said he met Mehta about three months ago and wanted to get involved in the conference as soon as he heard about it.

“For one, this is the event of the fall in southern Illinois, quite frankly, not just for the SIU campus or Carbondale, but the whole region,” Ritzel said. “This is really momentous.”

Michael Wellang, co-founder and a doctoral student in electrical and computer engineering, said the conference enables students to show where their mind and leadership in their industry.

Ritzel said the salary for the position would come from his office, while any other expenses would come from Dietz’s budget.

Phia said he would be willing to do whatever it takes to make sure veterans make a seamless transition to college.

“I want to be that guy that goes above and beyond,” Phia said. “I want to make sure that, when they get out of the military, they have someone they can call and know is going to take care of them.”

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“He is more than willing to start increasing the publicity on what’s available, where is it available, where vets can actually go to learn about the services, and also where they can go to do regular things that students do,” Rice said. “He’s a good choice right now.”

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International students introduced to Halloween

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Carla Coppis said her most recent Halloween celebration was a nice change from the violence of past festivities.

Coppis, interim director of International Programs and Services, attended the first Halloween bash given by the International Student Council Friday in the lower level of the Student Center, but said the party was low-key compared to past Halloween festivities.

Srikanth Uppalaunchi, vice president of International Student Council, said the council attempted to introduce a traditional, American Halloween to international students who aren’t familiar with the holiday.

Uppalaunchi said some international students have never seen any Halloween celebrations in Carbondale, and the U.S. has many differences in its celebration of the holiday.

“This is a great opportunity for international students to (learn) about Halloween, and how it’s celebrated,” Uppalaunchi said.

Coppis said the mood of a traditional Halloween might be less apparent to international students because Halloween celebrations in Carbondale happened the weekend before the actual holiday. She said Halloween used to be the most fun time of the year, and people from surrounding counties would bring their kids to see the magnificent costumes.

“You were odd if you weren’t in costume and then, at the end, you were odd if you were,” Coppis said.

Ron Daniel, coordinator of the Craft Shop, offered face painting and Halloween-related crafts as part of the festivities. He said he remembers great past Haloween, including his favorite in 1978.

He said Carbondale attracted a large crowd of out-of-towners for both a Bob Dylan concert as well as Homecoming. From then on, Carbondale became known as the place to be on Halloween, Daniel said.

But out-of-towners began swarming Carbondale—particularly the Strip—on Halloween, he said. Violence began to take over, and the holiday became the most dangerous time of year, Daniel said.

“People were burning cars and jumping off roofs, and (Carbondale) was making the news all over the country,” Coppis said. “What was a really fabulous time of year became a nightmare.”

Carbondale put the traditional Halloween party on the Strip to an end by shutting it down and banning the sale of kegs the week before Halloween. The weekend prior to Halloween became known as the “unofficial” Halloween, Coppis said.

Ali Chehade, a graduate student in media management from Lebanon, said he was surprised by the Halloween history because he heard Carbondale was a safe town. He said Halloween is celebrated in Lebanon but on a much lesser scale.

“You won’t see people move around the streets (of Lebanon) in costumes,” Chehade said. “People go to specific places to celebrate.”

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Dalton Kennerly, right, dressed as Casey Jones, Alex Columbo, middle right, dressed as a zombie, Courtney Stick, middle left, dressed as a vampire, and Sam Klickner, left, dressed as Ash Williams, dance at Booby’s Saturday during Booby’s official Halloween party. The bar featured local bands including The Black Fortys, The Himalayas, Nighty Night, Mistress and Australian band Batrider. Not officially deemed on the Strip, bars such as Booby’s and PK’s were able to stay open Halloween while their neighbors had to close their doors.

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Economy rebounding, but job growth lags

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner acknowledged the federal budget deficit needed to be brought under control, but the post-9/11 priorities now are economic growth and job creation.

Asked repeatedly on NBC’s “Meet the Press” whether this means taxes will have to go down or spending will not be allowed to add to the tax burden of people making less than $250,000 a year.

The New York Times reported Thursday that the administration has decided to raise the red ink, Geithner said in an interview broadcast Sunday.

“Right now we’re focused on getting the economy back on track,” he said. “And we’re not at the point yet where we have to decide exactly what’s going to take.”

He acknowledged that the economic recovery, while showing positive signs, is taking longer than expected and that there is no unemployment.

A “lot of damage was caused by this crisis. It’s going to take some time for us to get out of this. It could take decades,” he said. “This is an economic revolution that will have to be addressed.”

The plan’s one-year proposal is to increase the burden on the government, he said. The administration has proposed spending cuts to increase the burden on the business sector, he said. He said large businesses are now

able to borrow again.

“The banking system is dramatically more stable than it was three months ago, six months ago, a year ago,” he said.

But Geithner said more needs to be done to ensure small businesses can raise capital and the administration is working to help open up credit to millions of businesses.

Early financial institutions were widely blamed for assuming too much risk. They made huge losses and cut back on credits.

“The big risk we face now is that banks are going to overcorrect and not take enough risk,” he said. “We need them to take a chance again on the American economy. That’s going to be important to recovery.”

House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio, citing the government’s unemployment rate, said Sunday that the president’s economic stimulus plan has “done nothing but increase the size of government.”

He said businesses are “sitting on their hands” because of government spending and proposals for health care and other initiatives he contended would increase taxes.

“Business people are afraid to invest in their business, afraid to grow their business, because they don’t know what’s going to happen next,” Boehner said at an event in the Union.”

Geithner acknowledged the economy remains tough for many workers who have lost jobs and

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Search for Calif. crash survivors now recovery

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LOS ANGELES — The search for nine people missing when a small commuter jet that collided with a Marine Corps helicopter over the Pacific Ocean is now a recovery mission, officials said Sunday.

Pilot First Class Petty Officer Allison Conroy, 24, of Hamilton, Mass., said Saturday he had found the remains of finding survivors among the seven military personnel aboard the Coast Guard C-130 and the two in the Marine Corps AH-1W Super Cobra helicopter.

“We always hold out some hope, but at this point the Coast Guard has suspended the active search for survivors,” Conroy said.

The two aircraft collided Thursday evening off the coast of Crete, and each had been searching for a missing boater. The Marine helicopter was flying in formation with another Cobin helicopter and two transports on a night training mission.

The Coast Guard has begun its investigation into the cause of the crash, Conroy said.

Kenneth Claiborne, the father of Lawrence, said his son, 1st Lt. Thomas Claiborne, had been declared deceased. He declined to comment further because Claiborne had called in an order to the Marine spokesperson.

But the mother of Lt. Aden, 29, of San Diego, who was a copilot on the Coast Guard plane, said she hadn’t given up hope despite the Coast Guard’s announcement.

“Miracles do happen,” Nina Bryant said Sunday. “Miracles every day.”

Aden, Joseph Castillo said Saturday evening that the chance for finding survivors would be slim, even though the Coast Guard had access to heat-detecting devices and were in excellent physical shape. Water temperatures were in the low 60s at the time of collision.

“We don’t ever want to suspend

the case prematurely, because there may be someone out there,” Castillo had said. “But hope gets less every day. You can’t say it’s not what it was yesterday.”

The Coast Guard search for the missing boater, David Jines, 50, was called off Saturday evening.

No search was conducted over a 644-square-mile patch of ocean in waters about 2,000 feet deep. Debris was found, but there was no sign of the crew members.

All seven aboard the Coast Guard plane are stationed at the Coast Guard Air Station in Sacramento, Calif. Among the other missing crew members on the plane were Lt. Claudia, Chief; Chief Petty Officer John F. Sennath, 43, of Carmichael, Calif.; Baltimore Fire Officer 2nd Class Carl P. Gregonis, 35, of Mayfield Heights, Ohio; Petty Officer 2nd Class Monica L. Beacham, 29, of Decaturville, Tenn.; Petty Officer 3rd Class S. Montgomery, 26, of Norristown, Pa., and Petty Officer 3rd Class Danny R. Redder II, 22, of Elm, Mont. Texas.

May 27. Leigh, 35, of Belgrade, Maine, was the other crew member on board the Marine Corps helicopter.

“These brave men and women dedicated their lives to ensuring our safety, and we truly are tragi-

cally reminded of the dangers they face while protecting our state and nation,” California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said in a statement Saturday. “I’m very proud of all Cali-
fornians in expressing our respect and gratitude for their service and sadness over their deaths.”

The investigation will be con-
ducted jointly by the Coast Guard and the Marine Corps, Petty Of-

ficer Henry Dunphy said Sunday. The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transpor-
tation Safety Board will be available in a support role, Dunphy said.

The accident happened in airspace uncontrolled by the FAA and inside a so-called military warning area, which is at times open to civilian aircraft and at times closed for military use, FAA spokesman Lee Gregor said. He did not know the status of the airspace at the time of the crash.

Minutes before the collision, the FAA told the C-130 pilot to begin communicating with military con-
trollers at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego Bay, but it was not known if the pilot did so, Gregor said.
The need for consumer financial protection

However, people absolutely needed this money so the government basically took control of AIG and gave it money to give out to policyholders.

During the subprime mortgage crisis, AIG provided insurance for mortgage-backed securities — mortgage from around the U.S. bundled with stocks, bonds and other things — in case they went bad.

And when people started defaulting on their mortgages and the subprime mortgage crisis started, those mortgage-backed securities did go bad. So many people wanted to get their insurance money from AIG that it ran out of funds to give out.

However, people absolutely needed this money so the government basically took control of AIG and gave it money to give out to policyholders.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were too interconnected to fail. These companies were created by the government — and sponsored by the government — to deal with the creation of mortgages/mortgage-backed securities and money lending for homeowners.

Any business that deals with mortgages is dependent on the stability of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

So when these companies went under, everyone else in the housing industry was basically doomed.

This is not OK. There should never be any business that big, with that much of the peoples’ money involved in it.

If it were to fail, the effects would be completely devastating.

In addition to this, there should never be any business with so many other businesses and entire industries at risk.

Bills for financial reform need to give the government more monitoring power and more control to regulate so it can prevent this from happening again.

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A farewell unﬁt for a king

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“This Is It”
Rated: PG
Release Date: 10/28
Runtime: 112 min.

Directed by: Kenny Ortega
Starring: Michael Jackson
Rating: C+

Kenny Ortega’s Michael Jackson documentary opens up with a message saying it is “his fans,” and for nearly two hours, those fans get a rare look at one of the greatest performers of all time.

It is amazing to see a man — who was supposedly quite ill — dancing and singing and directing a huge stage production with such drive and energy, but the footage was never supposed to be put out there for public consumption and it is obvious at times.

The footage follows Jackson rehearsing at the Staples Center in Los Angeles for what was supposed to be a 50-show run at London’s O2 Arena.

Jackson enlisted Ortega to record three rehearsals for the purpose of reviewing them and finding ways to improve his performances. The tapes were then to be placed in Jackson’s private collection, not screened in multiplexes everywhere — this is where the film suffers. Ortega has pieced together a nice look at these rehearsals, but nothing worthy of Jackson and his creative prowess.

The whole thing comes across as more of a DVD bonus feature or something NBC would run commercials for three months in advance and show on Saturday night instead of “Law & Order” reruns.

Even if the film is a cash-in on the memory of Jackson, it is still a wonder when glimpses of his former self are seen. There is a quick part when Jackson and a backup singer get in a near sing-off, with Jackson singing at full strength for the first time. Hearing his high-pitched voice, off the cuff and not pre-recorded, is a great moment. He then goes on to chastise the backup singer for making him use his full voice during a rehearsal.

This is not to say the film portrays Jackson as a ruthless dictator. For the most part it is quite the opposite. He is so focused on creating the greatest show possible, he almost seems on the same level as those working for him.

As a stand-alone feature, “This Is It” is a fun look at a special performer.

And while the footage shows one of the greatest performers of all time, it just is not enough to make a strong film.

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Devil’s Kitchen serves student authors

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Grassroots’ authors and editors celebrated the deadline of their next volume with the Devil’s Kitchen Literary Festival.

The annual festival brought established and student writers to campus to read their literary works, answer questions and sign books. The three-day fest was sponsored by Grassroots — the undergraduate literary magazine — Crab Orchard Review and SIUC’s Creative Writing Program.

The eighth annual festival drew a small crowd of students and authors Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Student Center Auditorium, by featuring several authors from Crab Orchard Review — a biannual journal of creative works.

Allison Joseph, editor of the Crab Orchard Review, said the journal receives more than 12,000 poems and 4,000 prose yearly. She said the journal is considering submissions for the next issue, which will be called “Land of Lincoln: Writing from and about Illinois.”

“This issue is all about Illinois, and I still haven’t received a Red Blackgoose poem,” Joseph said.

Jane Alison, a novelist from Miami, read from her book “The Sisters Antipodes,” a memoir about her life after her parents switched spouses. She said when she was 4 years old, her parents met a family almost identical to theirs and decided to trade partners, tearing her family apart.

“I’d rather have it in a book then in my head,” Alison said.

Amy McKenzie, Grassroots editor-in-chief, said the undergraduate journal should be published by the end of February. She said she has already received more than 50 submissions from students in different majors. She said available money would decide how many pages the journal could be, but she expects to publish a 200-page book. Grassroots receives a portion of the fine arts activity fee from the university, she said.

McKenzie said the festival was a good experience for undergraduates to spend time with authors. She said she hoped students found their own writing routine and were able to pick up tips on the writing process.

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Gym stretches out

Ryan Oleszkiwicz, a 2009 SIU graduate and private gymnastics coach, helps Landon Kennel, a senior from Arthur studying agribusiness economics, get up on the still rings Wednesday at Ultimate Gymnastics & Activities. Owner Jessica Jimenez said the gym offers classes for age groups from pre-school to high school, hosts birthday parties and hosts competitive events. On Nov. 14 and 15 it is relocating to a new location that offers 10,000 square feet with in-ground pits and trampolines. Jimenez said the gym has outgrown its present location and will be able to offer more classes in the new place.
Today's Birthday — This year you find yourself believing that you know exactly what to say in every situation. However, when you decide to think about it, you get better results from asking others what they think, then sharing your opinions. Others come to you for answers. Here again, you need to figure it out for yourself.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — Adapting to your partner's desires can be tricky. Try to satisfy the words, but also try to satisfy your partner. You get better results.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Focus on the deeper meanings in your relationships. Imagine a world where you can say “I love you” every day.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Keep your eyes open. You're likely to discover things. It's all about imagination now.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Focus on the desires of the other. As you imagine a world where you can say “I love you” every day.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — If you want to code, get into it. If you need to take it easy, take it easy. If you need to focus on tension and focus on composition action.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Imagine yourself inRetirement. You can get the weight of love in your environment. Say, thank you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Be ready to change your tone. Your partner is playing a different instrument. You love the duets.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Make real art like signs shown, listen. Listen to her story. There's a message in it for you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Imagine yourself in a situation. Listen to each person and release a complete story.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Focus on the deeper meanings in your relationships. Imagine a world where you can say “I love you” every day.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — Cash flow out now. You see that making more money is possible but don't want to adjust your behavior accordingly.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Focus on the deeper meanings in your relationships. Imagine a world where you can say “I love you” every day.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Krueck

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.
The 2009-10 SIU men’s basketball team started its season Saturday as the Salukis showed off their new players. Three different players took the court for the Salukis as SIU defeated Henderson State 82-55 at the SIU Arena in an exhibition game. Even with the new Salukis playing the majority of the first half, the outcome was rarely in doubt.

Head coach Chris Lowery said the team played much better after the first half and start to the game.

“I thought we did a good job after the first 10 minutes of the first half,” Lowery said. “I thought we had a lot of anxious energy, and it made us passive. I think if we had to do it again we probably would have tried to get them a little more fired up in the locker room.”

Newcomers Kendal Brown-Sturles, Jack Crowder and John Freeman helped set the pace for the Salukis, as they combined for 22 points off the bench.

“I liked how hard they played. I liked their energy,” Lowery said. “When John (Freeman) and Jack (Crowder) get in, they change how we are on the wing position. They’re both long and athletic. They allow us to get out in the passing lanes a little more.”

But it was the veteran backcourt duo of Kevin Dillard and Justin Bocot that set the pace for SIU, displaying an up-tempo style offense.

“Y’all are fun — I’m a transition kind of guy,” Dillard said. “I don’t like to slow it down unless I have to. With the athletes that we have and the big men that can run up and down the floor, it’s the best situation for us, because we get easy dunks and we have people shooting threes off the break.”

Dillard finished the game with 15 points and six assists with no turnovers, while Bocot finished with a team-high 16 points and three steals.

Bocot, who averaged 9 points in the last nine games last year, said his comfort level with the team and its system improves everyday.

“My understanding of the game and my role on the team has improved,” Bocot said. “I’m more comfortable in the system, and I think I bettered myself on both sides, offense and defense, since last season.”

The SIU frontcourt also had an efficient game.

Redshirt sophomore Nick Evans finished with 11 points, and 6-foot, 9-inch 290-pound freshmen Gene Teague plowed his way through the Reddies, finishing with six points and a game-high nine rebounds.

One returning member of the frontcourt who did not see any action Saturday was junior Carlton Fay. He dressed for the game, but did not take the floor. Lowery said Fay is suspended, but did not rule out the possibility of Fay playing next week.

“We’re going to wait and see,” Lowery said.

SIU will play its final exhibition game at 3:05 p.m. Saturday as it faces Southern Indiana at SIU Arena.

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SIU wins exhibition game over Quincy

The Missy Tiber era began with a win.

The SIU women’s basketball team won its exhibition game Sunday against Quincy 67-59, marking the first win as a Saluki for head coach Niki Serna.

Senior guard Christine Presswood said it was hard to prepare for the first game of the season.

“It’s tiring. No matter what you do in the offseason, no matter how hard you train, it’s never going to get you ready for the game until you’re actually in the game,” Presswood said. “It was tough, but I like it.”

Presswood had 13 points in the game.

SIU ended the first half of the game ahead by only three points at 19-16. Quincy shot 30.8 percent from three-point range in the half. Tiber said a focus of the game was to limit Quincy’s ability to shoot three-pointers.

“Our mindset coming into the game was to guard the three-point line,” Tiber said. “I wasn’t happy with that at halftime. We tightened up in the second half.”

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Senior guard Tony Freeman handles the ball during the 82-55 win over Henderson State Saturday at SIU Arena. Freeman finished with six points, one assist and one turnover in 22 minutes of playing during the exhibition game. The Salukis will play Southern Indiana Saturday.

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The Missy Tiber era began with a win.

The SIU women’s basketball team won its exhibition game Sunday against Quincy 67-59, marking the first win as a Saluki for head coach Niki Serna.

Senior guard Christine Presswood said it was hard to prepare for the first game of the season.

“It’s tiring. No matter what you do in the offseason, no matter how hard you train, it’s never going to get you ready for the game until you’re actually in the game,” Presswood said. “It was tough, but I like it.”

Presswood had 13 points in the game.

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Saluki end streak at 36
SIU defeats Indiana State and Illinois State in straight sets
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SIU’s victory over Illinois State was its first victory over the Redbirds since 1990, ending a 36-match regular season losing streak.

Senior middle blocker Chandia Roberson said the victory should establish the Salukis as a threat to the top teams in the Missouri Valley Conference.

“It felt really good to finally get that win,” Roberson said. “It shows that we are ready to step up and be one of the best teams in conference.”

Roberson said the win was important for the Salukis (17-7, 6-7 MVC) because it helped keep the momentum going from the previous weekend’s match against first-place Northern Iowa.

The first game in the match against Illinois State (10-9, 5-0) was not a memorable one for SIU, despite the win. The Salukis led 11 errors in the game and hit .020 compared to the Redbirds’ six errors and .071 hitting percentage.

Head coach Brenda Winkeler said the first game was sloppy. “If we wanted to win the game, we needed to play much better in the last two sets,” Winkeler said.

In the first set, junior outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger committed five of the Salukis’ 13 errors and had zero kills.

Berwanger said she tried not to think too much about her first set mistakes. “When coach told us we had 13 errors in the first set, I saw that I had five of those,” Berwanger said. “So I tried to steady myself over the last two sets and I think I did better.”

Berwanger finished the game with 12 kills and 24 digs.

The Salukis played much cleaner in the last two sets, committing only five errors in the second game and two errors in the final game.

The Redbirds had six errors in the second set and eight errors in the third set.

“I was really excited to beat Illinois State,” Berwanger said. “If we keep beating teams we may not usually beat, we will be setting pretty for the tournament.”

SIU managed to avoid being swept by Illinois State on the season. Illinois State beat SIU 3-1 in Carbondale on Oct. 2.

On Friday, SIU defeated Indiana State 3-0 (25-14, 25-15, 26-24), which earned the Salukis a season sweep as they defeated the Sycamores 3-1 in Carbondale on Oct. 3.

The Salukis did not trail the entire match and were only tied with Indiana State six times. SIU hit .381 in the match, while Indiana State hit .184.

“I thought we played very well tonight,” Winkeler said. “It was one of our best performances of the year, especially serving and passing, which allowed us to have a very balanced offense.”

Berwanger recorded 13 kills in the match and junior right side hitter Alicia Johnson had nine. Roberson led the Salukis with a team-high .714 hitting percentage; recording five kills in seven attempts with no attack errors.

“We had a really strong weekend,” Roberson said. “It was important for us to come out and win these games and we did.”

SIU returns home for the final time this weekend with a match Friday against Wichita State (18-4, 9-3) and a match Saturday against Missouri State (17-7, 10-2) for the team’s senior night.

Both teams beat SIU in straight sets earlier in the season with Missouri State beating SIU on Oct. 9, and Wichita State beating SIU on Oct. 10.

Berwanger said the team is coming into the last home weekend looking to make a statement. “The biggest statement we could make is to win against them both,” Berwanger said. “I would love to do that.”
Salukis stumble in championship race

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Muddy conditions slowed the Salukis in their quest for a three-peat as Indiana State pulled off an upset to win the cross country conference championship.

The men’s cross country team finished in second place at the Missouri Valley Conference Championship in Peoria Saturday while the women’s team missed out on a top-five finish, coming in at sixth place.

Cross country head coach Matt Sparks said the conditions the teams had to run in were the worst he has ever seen, but he still expected the team to perform better than it did.

“We didn’t have a bad race, but everybody on the team had somebody on the Indiana State team that they should have beat,” Sparks said.

Senior Jeff Schirmer said the muddy conditions were terrible and made it almost impossible to race in.

“The conditions were absolutely horrible,” Schirmer said. “I am still in disbelief of what happened and I don’t know what to say.”

Indiana State took the conference title with a team score of 32 points. SIU finished close behind with 33 points. Illinois State came in at third with a distant 74 points.

On the men’s side, Schirmer finished as second place overall with a time of 26 minutes, 4 seconds, followed by senior Mohamed Mohamed with a time of 26:09. Junior runners Kyle Karchner (26:22) and Dan Dunbar (26:23) were also among the top-10 finishing eighth and ninth place respectively.

The muddy conditions also hampered the women’s team, as it finished in a distant sixth place on Saturday with a score of 121. Wichita State University finished in first place with a score of 43 points followed by Illinois State University in second with 86 points.

Bradley University (93) finished in third place followed by Indiana State University (96) and Missouri State University (105).

Ryan Eichelberger led the Salukis as she finished in 12th place with a time of 19:39 followed by Megan Hoelscher in 16th place with a time of 20:36. Emily Terrazas (20:43) and Alanna Dolako (20:10) finished in 21st and 33rd respectively.

EIU’s Tabitha Wilson finished 19th with a time of 20:06 to round out the Salukis top-five finishers.

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**FOOTBALL**

SIU shuts down Indiana State

Hold ISU to 90 total yards

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The Salukis shut down the Sycamores’ hope of starting a winning streak Saturday as No. 3 SIU (7-1, 4-0 Missouri Valley Football Conference) beat Indiana State 33-0 in Terre Haute, Ind.

It was SIU’s first recorded shutout since beating Youngstown State 33-0 last season.

Head coach Dale Lennon said he was glad his team did not miss a beat even with redshirt freshman Paul McIntosh starting at quarterback for the first time in his career.

“I was definitely concerned coming into this week, just as our preparation was as a football team. Any time you lose your starting quarterback the week before, there’s a lot of concerns that you have,” Lennon said. “I really did feel that the team prepared well during the course of the week, and we came out and made it as business-like as possible.

That’s what I was hoping for.”

McIntosh showed off the same speed he displayed last week, rushing for 57 yards and two touchdowns against Southern Illinois.

He also showed off his arm, completing 15 of 22 passes for 159 yards and no interceptions.

The Salukis’ head coach Trent Miles said the Saluki quarterback impressed him.

“He’s a keeper. The more you play, the more confidence you’re going to get. When you have a lot of really good players around you, it takes the pressure off,” Miles said. “I thought he did a good job. I thought it was his first chance at playing a whole game, and he’s a good athlete. He’ll be fine.”

The Salukis finished the day with 360 offensive yards, 279 more than Indiana State (1-8, 1-5 MVFC), which looked to carry the momentum over from its 17-14 win against Western Illinois from the previous week. The win snapped the Sycamores’ 33-game losing streak, the longest in the nation.

Indiana State displayed some of its momentum from the Western Illinois win in the first quarter, keeping the Salukis scoreless.

But running back Deji Karim could not be denied for long.

The redshirt senior, who finished with 15 carries for a game-high 87 yards, put the Salukis on the board in the second quarter with a four-yard touchdown run.

“Deji ran hard today,” McIntosh said. “Once we started with the rollouts, and stuff like that, it opened up a lot more inside for us.”

SIU tacked on another touchdown on its next series, then another one with the help of Bryce Morris.

After the defense forced the Sycamores to a three-and-out, Morris blocked Braulio Martinez’s punt, which Beau Hoffman scooped up at the four-yard line and took to the end zone to put SIU up 21-0. It was the second straight week the Salukis have blocked a punt.

Lennon said everybody could feel the momentum turn with the block.

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Backup cornerback shines in win

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Even without their All-American cornerback, the Salukis’ defense chopped down the Sycamores’ offensive attack.

Backup Lance Caldwell, who played after preseason All-American Korey Lindsey left in the first quarter with flu-like symptoms, did his part to keep up the recent defensive tradition.

Picking off quarterbacks.

Caldwell’s third quarter interception off Sycamore quarterback Ryan Roberts was the Salukis’ conference-high 15th pick of the season, and their ninth straight game with at least one takeaway. Rashad Graham’s fourth quarter interception gave the Salukis their 16th interception of the year.

The interceptions helped the No. 3 Salukis (7-1, 4-0 Missouri Valley Football Conference) defeat the Sycamores (1-8, 1-5 MVFC) 33-0 Saturday at Terre Haute, Ind.

Caldwell said watching the Salukorns on film this week helped prepare them to defend against Roberts’ passes on the run.

“Everyday at practice were all so competitive, and everybody knows every down counts,” Caldwell said. “It was something that will serve us at practice. I saw him go up field, so I just went up field with him, and there was nothing for the quarterback to throw to.”

Roberts, who came into the game as the MVFC Offensive Player of the Week, finished 7-for-18 for 52 yards, and negative three yards rushing on 12 carries. Roberts was coming off a career-game against Western Illinois, where he rushed for 160 yards and two touchdowns.

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