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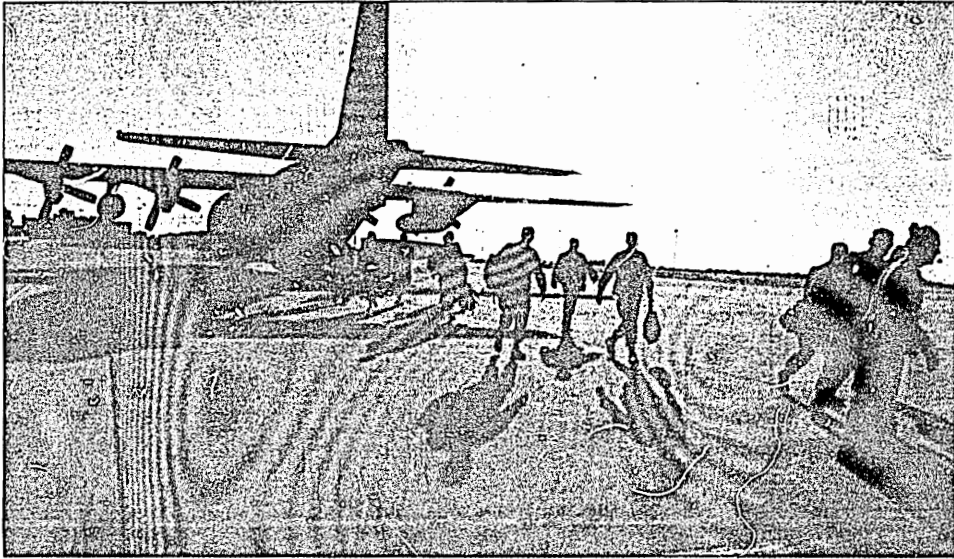
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Members of the press and the Illinois National Guard step off of a C-130 Wednesday in Springfield, as they return from a trip to Fort Gordon in Georgia. The group was flown to Fort Gordon to tour new communications technologies being issued to the Illinois National Guard. The new Warfighter Information Network-Tactical (WIN-T) communication network is a secure means for members of the Guard, as well as other branches of the military to communicate in the field of battle as well as during national disasters. FOR FULL STORY PLEASE SEE PAGE 10.
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Cheng addresses state of university

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Chancellor Rita Cheng said the university would have to do what it could to "tighten our belts" and improve, even if it means taking an additional 1 percent budget cut and taking several administrative leave, or furlough, days.

Cheng addressed more than 200 administrators, faculty, staff and students Thursday in the Student

Center Ballroom to give her "State of the University" speech. While she focused on many positives of the campus, Cheng said the university is still facing a total structural deficit of \$5.6 million. Among the proposals to make up the shortfall are a hiring freeze and the proposed unpaid administrative leave, or furlough, days.

Cheng said she told all non-academic units to cut an additional 1 percent from their budgets for the

coming fiscal year. The proposal was given to the vice chancellors several weeks ago to prepare, Cheng said.

"I feel very strongly that we need to protect the academic core of the instruction and research activity that is going on," she said. "And by asking non-academic units to take a little bit more of a pay cut, it makes sure our classrooms stay at a reasonable size and the research activity continues. It's not easy on the non-academic units, but usually there is

less impact on the students." Kevin Bame, vice chancellor for administration and finances, said discussions have begun about the implementation of the additional 1 percent cut, but nothing has been finalized. He said he was unsure which units would have to make the additional cuts.

"I don't have that kind of detail right now; that's part of the discussion," he said.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for

student development, said the 1 percent cut would be in addition to the 4 percent cuts already required. He said that meant those units would have to cut 5 percent of their original budget.

Cheng said leave days have been used across the nation as a stopgap measure so the quality of the university would not "erode."

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Student Center cuts hours to balance budget



JACOB MAYER
Daily Egyptian

The Student Center has cut its hours and laid off a full-time employee because of the campus-wide budget cuts, said Lori Stettler, director of the Student Center.

The Student Center now opens Sundays at noon instead of 10 a.m. and

closes at midnight Fridays and Saturdays instead of 1 a.m., Stettler said.

She said the university has switched to a direct deposit program for all university employees and the Athletic Department moved all its tickets to SIU Arena, which eliminated the need for the check-cashing service at the Student Center. She said the employee who was laid off was a cashier at the check-cashing window.

The Student Center also has three unfilled positions, Stettler said. Two of the positions have been left open for the past two years, while the third has remained open for three years, she said.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the university worked hard to try and hire people into some

of the vacant positions to keep them at the university.

"To go through that tough of a time and only result in a handful of people being laid off, even though a handful is tough for those individuals that represent that handful, for an institution of this size to only have a few people laid off at that last process was pretty phenomenal," he said.

Stettler said 65 percent of the Student Center's budget comes from student fees, while the other 35 percent comes from revenue such as commission fees businesses pay to operate in the building.

As the university faced an \$11.5 million shortfall coming in to fiscal year 2011, Chancellor Rita Cheng said in an e-mail to university

personnel Aug. 2 that she had asked each department on campus to submit plans for an average 4 percent reduction in its budget for the fiscal year. The Board of Trustees approved this year's budget Sept. 16, which listed the 4 percent cuts as saving \$7.3 million.

Cheng said at the State of the University address Thursday that she told all non-academic units to cut an additional 1 percent from their budgets for the coming fiscal year.

Dietz said Cheng asked the Division of Student Affairs to develop a 5 percent reduction plan along with the 4 percent plan. He said the division has known about the plans since the 4 percent cuts were discussed and it will implement the 5

percent plan as necessary.

"I don't anticipate that you're going to see further, major reductions of a huge magnitude mainly because she gave us enough lead time up front to help plan for all of this," Dietz said.

In total, Stettler said the Student Center cut approximately \$250,000 to meet the original 4 percent reduction, and she does not anticipate the additional 1 percent cut to force the Student Center to make changes during the semester.

"We will continue to be very conservative and proactive in how we spend our money so that we're prepared in the event that more than 1 percent is requested," Stettler said.

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Terri Harfst named interim director of financial aid

JACOB MAYER
Daily Egyptian

John Nicklow, assistant provost for enrollment management, named Terri Harfst as the new interim director of financial aid Thursday.

The move comes after previous director of financial aid, Linda Clemons, was reassigned to another position within the department several weeks ago, Nicklow said.

He said a search was conducted after Clemons was reassigned. He said Harfst, who was the academic scholarship coordinator, was chosen as interim director because of her ability to lead and help the department reach its goals.

Harfst said the position was vacant for a short time, and the associate directors and staff filled in with the day-to-day operations of the office. She said she served as interim director in the past and looks forward to enhancing the services the financial aid office provides.

"My first few days on the job will be spent meeting with staff and discussing how the office is going to move forward," she said.

In addition to Harfst, Nicklow named Katharine Suski as Interim director of undergraduate admissions and Tiffany Spencer as director of the registrar office in late August.

Nicklow said he appointed Suski to a position that was previously held by Patsy Reynolds before she was reassigned to another position within the unit.

Suski said she expects to be interim director until a search is done for a permanent director in approximately one year.

Before she became interim director of undergraduate admissions, Suski said she worked as associate director of admissions and oversaw all recruitment activity.

Suski said she has several goals she would like to accomplish as Interim director.

"The main thing is to be a lot more

aggressive with our recruitment," she said. "That's our main goal, to get out there and do more."

Suski said the undergraduate admissions office is behind at this point, and she is evaluating the office's policies.

In the registrar's office, Spencer said she worked as an assistant director when former registrar director Tina Collins left in June 2009. She said she took over the interim director duties at that point and now is full director.

"I'm basically doing the same job that I was doing before in addition to the registrar duties," she said.

Nicklow said the new directors are highly qualified people with good leadership abilities.

"Their selection is in line with the unit reaching our enrollment goals and our outcomes," he said.

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Doctorate programs in mix with national rank

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

SIUC administrators said they are honored by the university's placement in the latest ranking of doctorate programs across the country.

The rankings, put together by the National Research Council, cover 5,000 doctoral programs in 62 fields at 212 universities, and are billed by the NRC as the largest comparative analysis of its sort to date. This is the third time national doctorate programs have been ranked, but the first since 1995.

The NRC assessment of research doctorate programs rated SIUC's programs higher up in the "S" rankings, a ranking scale based on faculty votes of their universities' own programs, said John Koropchak, vice chancellor for research and graduate dean. He said 21 doctorate programs at SIUC were ranked, including

zoology, mechanical engineering and mathematics.

Faculty members also had the opportunity to rank up to 15 programs in their own field as to quality in comparison to others, which the documents called "R" rankings, Koropchak said.

"I think it reflects on how good of a institution we are, with how much our faculty and our students care," he said.

Unlike previous rankings, the NRC did not simply grade programs, but rather used percentile rankings to give a variable of where the program ranked. After using a statistical technique called "random halves," the group took a particular institution and eliminated its best and worst rankings, or the top and bottom 5 percent, according to the council's website. The end result lists the program where it could rate.

SIUC doctoral program in physiology, for example, has a ranking of No. 52 to No. 61 in the

"S-Ranking" group. So, according to the Council's website, the program -- with 90 percent confidence -- can say it is between the 52nd and 61st best program in the nation.

Koropchak said the information is much more complicated than in the previous doctorate program report.

"There's a lot more data, and it's a lot more complicated than previous ratings," he said. "There is not one set ranking for each discipline."

Data was collected between the 2005 and the 2006 academic year.

Koropchak said what stood out the most to him were the doctorate programs in the agricultural sciences.

According to the "S-Ranking," the zoology program is between the 32nd and 57th best program in the nation, while the plant biology is rated between the 12th and 41st top program in the nation.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said she was pleased with the rankings

that she saw, and that the numbers would be used to help improve the quality of the program.

But there were plenty of SIUC doctorate programs that were middle of the road, if not below, the national average. The philosophy program was between the 80th and 87th best out of 90 programs, and the mathematics program was between the 105th and 122nd best out of 127 programs.

Koropchak said unless it is an elite program, it is not unusual for some doctorate programs to be in the middle area.

"It would be hard to imagine that every one of our programs would be there at the very top," he said. "But there's this: There are over 4,500 institutions in the country, and only 212 participated in this survey. Just to say you have some doctorate programs puts you in an elite category. Even though some are in the middle, to be there is not insignificant."

Cheng said it is important to remember the date is from several years ago and may not represent the current state of the graduate programs. She said several doctorate student programs are now going over the numbers and deciding what to do with them.

Although he said it might take several months to be able to decipher all the information, Koropchak said he was pleased with SIUC's placement nationwide.

"That really makes me feel good," he said. "As an academician, I can't think of anything that makes me feel better than not only do we have nationally competitive programs, but these nationally rated programs take the students interest first. And not only is this based on heres, but it is on nationally collected numbers by the National Research Council."

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Cheng: Provost candidates to be announced next week

LAUREN LEONE
Daily Egyptian

Chancellor Rita Cheng said she hopes to announce finalists for university provost by the middle of next week.

The provost position is the university's chief academic advisor, said SIUC spokesman Rod Sievers.

Cheng said the provost search committee, consisting of faculty and staff across campus, has submitted a list of finalists to the chancellor's office.

"There was an illness in the office, so we are a couple of days later than I would have liked," Cheng said. "I would have really liked to announce it (at the State of the University address)."

Cheng said on-campus interviews

with finalists will be scheduled for mid-October.

"Once we get those dates finalized, then we will announce the list of finalists," she said.

Interim provost Don Rice said he is among the candidates for the position but did not wish to comment on the search.

Rice has held the position as in-

terim provost since Dec. 2006 when John Dunn was appointed interim chancellor.


Three chancellors have come and gone since while Rice has served as interim provost.

Sievers said the position would not only have a new face but a new title, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor.

"Cheng wanted the provost's title to reflect its true role as second in command to the chancellor," he said.

Cheng has said the position should be filled by the end of the fall semester.

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She said letters have been sent to all bargaining units to see whether they want to sit down and negotiate. The university would "just move ahead" even if they do not hear back from the bargaining units, Cheng said.

"You saw the numbers; we don't have the money," she said. "It would be great to be able to talk to all of the bargaining units and get their thoughts on alternative ways we can manage our budget."

Randy Hughes, president of the Faculty Association, said after the presentation that he did not wish to discuss the specifics of negotiations to the public. He said the best solution would be to sit down with administrators and find the fix together.

"I'm not prepared to say furlough days are not an option, but I think the best way to solve a problem is to come together with the people who work at the university," Hughes said. "And if these people can work together at the bargaining table and find the appropriate way to solve problems, then I think the best way to do that is the negotiation table."

Cheng also said the university needs to re-examine the Southern at 150 proposal, which was created in 2003 by former Chancellor Walter Wendler to pinpoint goals that should be achieved by SIUC's 150th anniversary in 2019. Cheng said the Higher Learning Commission, in its accreditation report in June, told the university that although it had achieved some of the goals it aimed for, serious reevaluation was necessary.

"To quote the final report: Southern at 150 has reached a point where its vision, priorities and goals must be



STEVE BERCYNSKI | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Chancellor Rita Cheng addresses members of the staff, students and community at the State of the University address Thursday in the Student Center. "What I have found since arriving on campus is that your passion, energy and spirit are inspiring and contagious," Cheng said.

re-evaluated to ensure that the university not only maintains unambiguous alignment with its mission, but also establishes realistic goals consistent with changed times," Cheng said.

She said the process must be completed by 2013 and must address "budgetary situation, student access, enrollment management, our research mission, marketing and branding and employee relations."

Despite the negatives, Cheng said there were many great things taking place on campus. She said SIUC's education program was recently recognized by the U.S. News and World Report as the 71st best in the nation, along with the entire university receiving recognition in the same magazine as one of the top colleges in the nation. SIUC was also named the second best college in the nation for veterans by Military

Times EDGE magazine.

Cheng also spoke about the changes being made in the office of enrollment management under John Nicklow, interim assistant provost of enrollment management. She said Nicklow has already rearranged many offices in the department and created a more "collaborative" effort inside the department in order to improve recruitment and retention.

Cheng said although there are many challenges still faced by the university, they can be fixed by everyone working together.

"In my four months here, I have become keenly aware — and deeply appreciative — of the talent, resiliency and dedication of our faculty, staff and students," she said. "I feel privileged to be a member of this university community, and I am confident in the future that we can achieve together."

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Of the \$250,000, she said \$140,000 came from salary money, and the other \$110,000 came from savings such as reduced utility costs because of the shorter operating hours.

Dietz said he would rather see the Student Center, which is a department of the Division of Student Affairs, have higher quality service for fewer hours than mediocre service for longer hours.

"I think people have a right to expect quality service," he said.

Stettler said the Student Center employed around 300 students, and it had to cut six student positions for this year.

The decrease in student fees because of lower enrollment has also affected the Student Center's budget, Stettler said.

"Enrollment is down, which means student fees are down, which means there's fewer students that are purchasing food, that are using the bookstore, spending their money in our facility," she said.

Dietz said a larger percentage of auxiliary units' budgets are devoted to operating expenses because they pay their own utility and insurance costs.

Tena Bennett, associate director of operations and maintenance at the Student Center, said the Student Center staff monitors its utilities and makes sure it runs as efficiently as possible. For low-traffic areas such as the ballrooms, she said they only run certain heating and cooling units around times when those rooms will be used.

Bennett said the Student Center maintains a tight maintenance budget and tries to keep in stock what is necessary.

"We have to keep the building lit. We have to keep it clean," she said. "So we keep products in hand, but we don't keep excessive amounts and we order on more of an 'as need' basis for a lot of things."

Bennett said it may take longer for some things to be fixed, but a lot of maintenance work is being done behind the scenes.

"We have to curtail some projects and really try to be as efficient as we can when we're doing maintenance projects or larger projects for the building," she said.

Stettler said another round of cuts would significantly affect the services the Student Center provides. She said the operating hours would likely be cut further, and the center would probably have to cut employee positions.

Dietz said the Division of Student Affairs is one of the largest student employer on campus, but further cuts would likely affect more student positions, as well.

"We have particularly been sensitive about students needing jobs, but if we go much further on cuts we'll have to look at that," he said.

Dietz said he thinks the university will continue to face financial pressure until the state recovers, but the university is working hard to turn things around.

"I'm optimistic about the future of that, but there's a lot of hard work ahead of us," he said.

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STAFF COLUMN

Suicide risk reduced with stress, anxiety tests

Barb Elam
Wellness Center

National Depression Screening Day will be held Thursday, with free, confidential screenings across the country and at SIUC.

Anyone can receive a confidential in-person screening at the Student Center that day. There will be a table there with information on depression and anxiety from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Depression and anxiety are the most common mental health disorders among college students, and also the most treatable. No one has to suffer alone, because there are resources on campus to help. If you wonder whether

you are simply stressed out or whether you have symptoms of depression or anxiety but cannot come to the screening, an online screening is available 24/7 at <http://www.shsiuc.edu> (click on wellness, then online screening). Anyone can screen himself or herself on this site anonymously anytime and receive feedback on resources available for students on the SIUC campus and in the community.

Signs of depression include feeling inadequate, sad, discouraged, losing interest, having low energy, trouble making decisions, appetite or sleep problems or being self-critical much of the time.

Additionally, some people who are

depressed may have suicidal thoughts. Anyone who has thoughts of suicide should be seen immediately by a health professional. On the SIUC campus, students may go to the Counseling Center in the Student Health Center and walk in without an appointment for an emergency or urgent situation. If the situation is not immediate, students may call to schedule a regular appointment for services from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily at 453-5371. After hours, if you are concerned about your own or someone else's safety due to self-harm, go to the emergency room or call police for help. There is also a national 24/7 suicide prevention hotline at 800-273-TALK.

Warning signs of suicide include feeling hopeless, acting reckless, risky behaviors, feeling trapped, increased alcohol or drug use, withdrawing from others, experiencing dramatic changes, feeling agitated, suffering sleep problems, seeing no reason or purpose for life, talking or writing about death, threatening to kill oneself, looking for ways to harm oneself by access to firearms, pills, etc., or seeking revenge. These types of thoughts and feelings may be intense and if someone you know is experiencing problems, call the Counseling Center for advice on how to handle the situation. Often, just asking the person if they are thinking of ending their life,

listening and referring them to help is useful. Suicide is preventable.

Take care of depression before it becomes severe. Seeing a counselor or physician is a good first step to self-care.

Anxiety disorders may take different forms, but if your stress or anxiety level is interfering with life functioning, it may be time to seek assistance. The Wellness Center Stress Management program offers help in learning to deal with stressors in a positive way. Surveys show stress is students' top health reason reported as interfering with their academic progress. While worry and anxiety are common, making changes can help you be more successful at SIUC.

STAFF COLUMN

Race issues could damage university credibility

Jack Platt
Daily Egyptian

I read Bryant Payne's letter to the editor Thursday about the suspension of the hip-hop radio show "The Remedy" on WIDB and I applaud him for speaking out about this important, yet sensitive issue. I have faith the university will properly give this matter a more thorough scrutiny.

There is quite a bit more at stake here than just a radio show being forced off air for two weeks: the university risks losing the credibility and faith of a large percentage of its student population. No matter the outcome of its findings or what the final verdict is on the suspension — how the university handles the investigation and the sincerity of its efforts are paramount.

This is just a microscopic symp-

tom of a much more macro problem. Whether racism is visible right out in the open or behind closed doors, the civil rights movement, though accomplished with great strides in the last four decades, still has a long and challenging stretch of road ahead. The movement can't just find success in the political realm; it has to win the battle in the social arena as well.

If that means winning one heart at a time, then that is a beginning that leads to real change. It all comes down to individual understanding and perception.

If there is only one race, the human race, then every war is a civil war.

Sometimes I feel ashamed to be a white person even though I know I am not a color. The color of my skin does not define me. Yet, the actions of others that wear the same skin cloak I wear makes me bristle every human was blue

with green polka dots. I have friends with different colors of skin who think this too, not because they aren't proud of their culture, but because groups of people within their own race embarrass them with their actions and statements.

It has always amazed me how masses of people can be so ignorant and full of hate for anything, let alone a fellow human being. I wonder how I can stand next to someone who seems otherwise normal and civilized and find they are polluted with such a shameful belief system.

I am also not so ignorant as to think that this is a "color" issue. It is a "human" issue. It is an "individual" issue. Hate is a disease spread among all humans of every color. I believe we all as individuals get to make a choice every day we wake up as to what we believe is right and how we act and treat oth-

ers. Where and how we are raised as children is a tired and overused excuse that should finally be put to bed once and for all — even though I do believe it begins with how we teach our youth. None of us have to accept someone else's teachings as reality.

I was raised to believe in a particular religion as a young child, but as I grew to be a young man and started thinking for myself, I came to realize on my own accord that it was up to me what I would believe.

Deep down, we all know what is right and wrong, and hate is never right — and love is never wrong. The only way we will ever be able to conquer this disease called hate is for each and every individual person to take responsibility for his or her own beliefs. We have to own our values and principles; we cannot borrow them from the past or

from our neighbors. Today is a new day. Yesterday holds no power lest we give it power. We all have a choice in this very moment to look at everyone and everything around us unconditionally and choose love instead of hate. It really is that simple. If anyone thinks it is not, they are, simply put, wrong.

It's time someone says they are wrong. Forgiveness is the only way to strip away the painful part of the past.

This is not a matter of personal preference to be debated by opposing sides, like religion, politics or which sports team is the greatest. This is a universal truth.

Hating our own race, the human race, is wrong.

It is time we graduate from this elementary classroom and move on to bigger and better ideals and actions.

This means all of us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Education majors, quit before system falls you

DEAR EDITOR:

I graduated from SIU with a degree in business education and a minor in elementary education in 1969. I transferred, for my last four quarters, from the School of Business to the School of Education and it was the biggest mistake of my life.

At that time teachers made about the wages as new business graduates, but now they make about half of what business graduates make.

Where I am in Florida, there is a surplus of teachers who are out of work or are forced to work as a substitute teacher for \$11 per hour.

With the media now poised to make

teachers the fall guys for all of the problems in the schools nationwide, this creates a clear red flag for all students to read. The media and the public think teachers run the schools when, in fact, teachers are employees and are told what to do, when to do it and what materials to use.

Students have no respect for teachers, and assaults and deaths of teachers are not reported in the media. Assaults in Newark, N.J., were so bad the teachers' union paid for a large billboard to let parents know teachers resigned each day because they did not feel safe in school and they were being assaulted. Here in Florida, teachers who do not have the protection

of a union signed a letter to the superintendent of Pinellas County Schools to say they were not safe in the high school where they worked. Here, there are 50 applicants for each elementary school teacher opening.

I hope I am painting a clear picture here: transfer out of education majors now. Find another major. I would consider some kind of health care profession from nursing to hospital administration.

Don't be stubborn. I know you just "love kids," but that's so over.

Phil Weissburg
1969 SIUC alumnus

Irresponsible cyclists create unnecessary risk

DEAR EDITOR:

If you're going to ride a bike on the street, obey traffic rules.

This is response to Lloyd T. Rich's letter that appeared in the Sept. 29 edition of the Daily Egyptian.

Lloyd, if you want drivers to respect you and your fellow cyclists, then maybe bicyclists should learn to obey the same traffic laws vehicles do.

I don't know how many times I've come to a stop sign, made my stop, and started to go and then had to slam on

my breaks because a cyclist was going full speed in front of me through the stop sign.

The bottom line is that drivers are going to get mad at cyclists because cyclists in this town are obnoxious and think they have the right to roll through stop signs, stop lights and right in front of other cars.

It's a wonder more cyclists haven't been hit.

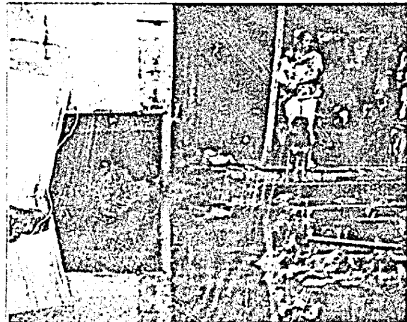
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Junior studying education

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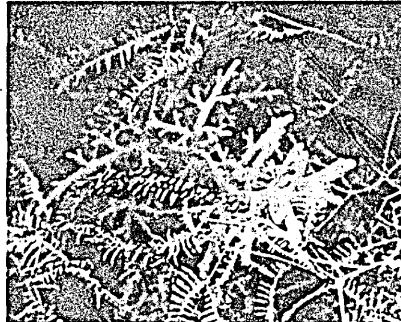
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(LEFT) A woman and her daughter stand on their porch in Koror, the capital city of Koror state in Palau, the morning of a high tide. Low-lying neighborhoods near the sea are beginning to be threatened with water, with homes occasionally becoming surrounded and some roads flooding. Not only are the tides growing higher, but tide charts are becoming less precise, meaning locals can't always anticipate how high the water will be. (RIGHT) Palau's many medicinal plants are used by Islanders as the main form of treatment for many ailments and also in traditional ceremonies. Like taro, though, the plants are being effected by climate change, particularly the heat, which is forcing them to grow in more remote areas on the island where they can find shade.



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Daily Egyptian

My immediate reaction to being stung by the jellyfish was to leap into the boat and yelp for somebody to pee on me. Nobody would.

I shouldn't have been surprised to be stung. It was night in Palau, and the Pacific Ocean was dark; the only lights came from the full moon, the two boats we had taken out and the eerie glow of flarlights from underwater as the men hunted fish with spears.

But the men didn't have much luck. There were fewer fish than there should have been. This is the reason I was there, tracking ice water down the angry red sting-lines across both my calves and fighting with a point-and-shoot underwater camera with instructions entirely in Japanese.

My experience began in June, when I answered a phone call from one of my professors. The first thing he asked was if I had a passport. When I told him I did, he gave me the few details he knew about a project for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about the effects of climate change in the Republic of Palau, an island nation of

only around 20,000. Two SIU alumni — Jerry Bush, an advertising instructor, and Mark Keim, Senior Science Advisor for the CDC — had arranged for a group from SIU to travel to Palau for a week, where they and Mollie Mahany, of the CDC, would interview individuals and document how hotter weather and higher tides were effecting life on the small collection of islands.

After spending the summer and every week up until the Sept. 16 take-off planning the trip, Jerry Bush and I, along with Joha Rendleman, a graduate student in professional media and media management, and Sarah Hubbs, a junior studying advertising, left for Palau.

The nation's economy is made up mainly of tourism, agriculture and fishing, all of which are being affected by global warming. The latter two also have close ties to the country's culture, and all are suffering from rising sea levels and increasing temperatures.

Pearl Marumoto, an employee of Palau's Bureau of Public Health, and her team acted as our guides and translators for our time there, introducing us to community members ranging from fishermen and farmers to one of Palau's

two queens, Bilung Gloria Sali. Marumoto said the higher and more unpredictable tides and hotter weather are causing the island's main cultural and food crop, a root called taro, to grow much more poorly.

Hilde Skang is one of many women whose taro crop is suffering. While showing us to her taro patch, Skang said the higher tides are causing saltwater to pool in the fields, inundating them with salt. Even when the water evaporates or soaks into the soil, the salt is still there, weakening and killing the plants. Even taro high enough to avoid the water is being baked and killed by temperatures that increase each year, she said.

The fish, too, are becoming scarcer and more difficult to locate.

Fishing is traditionally a male activity in Palau, just as tending the taro patch is a woman's cultural duty. But men across the islands, from those who fish just to feed their families to those who catch and sell fish for their livelihood, said they have noted the depleting amount of fish in the last several years. They may not be disappearing so much as seeking new areas of the ocean to live in, but men are still bringing in less of a catch.

This, in turn, increases islanders' dependence on canned food and rice for sustenance, items that they don't traditionally eat. Because of their changing diet, cases of diabetes and other non-communicable diseases are growing, Marumoto said.

But more than food and livelihood, the rising tides are beginning to threaten people's homes.

Hana Ingas' small house isn't far from the edge of the water, and until recently that was never a problem. Last month, though, an unusually high tide surrounded her house, killing the grass in her yard.

Ingas said nothing like this happened until a year ago, and the strangely high tides have been almost regular ever since. If she had known the waters were going to rise, she said, she would never have built her house so near the sea, and there are many others who share her problem.

During our time in Palau, we listened to individuals tell their stories, experiences that added up to shape the picture of a changing culture in Palau. There are signs throughout the islands promoting green living and taking care of the environment, but the responsibility

does not lie entirely with them.

The fields, hills and beaches of Palau are thousands of miles from Carbondale, but Palauans say what Americans do in their day-to-day lives affects them.

Dr. Stevenson Kuartei, Palau's minister of health, said he hopes the rest of the world, particularly developed nations, takes time to think about Palau and the sacredness of life and heritage. Kuartei said he hopes that his tiny island will have a voice in the global arena, and not be overlooked by nations too caught up in a life of convenience.

"While we have no direct control of all of these bad gases that smart people talk about, we hope that our voice will be heard," Kuartei said. "That at the end of the day, we are no less sacred than those who produce the carbon dioxide."

Even if I hadn't been stung by a jellyfish, a treacherous water at 9 p.m. and watching through foggy goggles as a Palauan man spears a parrot fish isn't something I'll soon forget. And though the men eventually caught enough to take back to the dock and prepare for everybody present, I wonder if that will always be the case.



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Bilung Gloria Sali, one of Palau's two queens, explains the many foods that can be made from the taro plant at her home in Koror, Palau. In addition to being important

culturally because of women's role tending it, taro is the traditional main food source of Palauans, and can be made into a variety of dishes.

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The Problem with Palau

Editor's Note: Genna Ord, a junior from Xenia studying photojournalism and photographer for the DAILY EGYPTIAN, traveled to the Republic of Palau, an island country of about 20,000 people, to do a project for the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. This is her story.

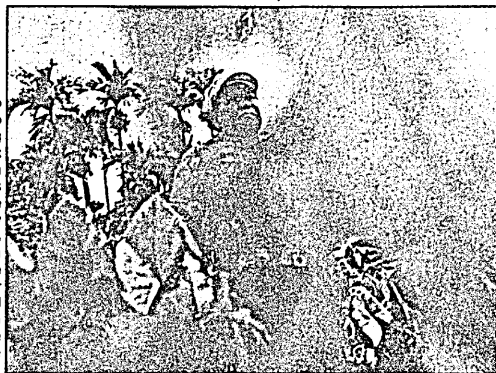


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A storm builds off the coast of Koror, the capitol city of the Palauan state of Koror. Pearl Marumoto, an employee for the Bureau of Public Health, said storms have been

more unpredictable recently. As climate change continues, there may be an increase in serious storms such as typhoons, she said.

Dominino Kunihiro stands in her taro patch in Palau, pausing after talking about how saltwater from unusually high tides is killing the crops. The plant, which is culturally significant for women, is also struggling from other effects of climate change, such as hotter temperatures. Mud lobsters that are driven further inland by the tides burrow and kill the taro plants.



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Misako Mareb scrapes the dirt off of a taro root as she explains how to harvest the plant. Mareb is helping with an initiative to introduce a form of taro that is salt-water resistant, something that officials hope will ensure the crop remains a major part of Palauan's food source.

Emanuel to resign as White House chief of staff today, to begin Chicago mayor bid

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Rahm Emanuel will resign as White House chief of staff today and will begin his campaign for Chicago mayor by meeting with voters in the city on Monday, two people familiar with Emanuel's plans said.

The two people, who spoke Thursday on condition of anonymity because they did not want to pre-empt Emanuel's announcement, said he will return to Chicago over the

weekend and begin touring neighborhoods Monday.

"He intends to run for mayor," one of the people told The Associated Press.

Both people said they did not know when Emanuel would make an official announcement about his mayoral bid but that he would launch a website with a message to Chicago voters in the near future.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said President Barack Obama plans to make a personnel announcement Friday.

Good news for couch potatoes: Senate votes to ban annoyingly loud TV commercials

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Legislation to turn down the volume on those loud TV commercials that send couch potatoes diving for their remote controls looks like it'll soon become law.

The Senate unanimously passed a bill late Wednesday to require television stations and cable companies to keep commercials at the same volume as the programs they interrupt.

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Illinois National Guard receives communication equipment

ISSAC SMITH
Daily Egyptian

FORT GORDON, Ga. — After years of hand-me-downs, the Illinois National Guard has received brand new communication equipment.

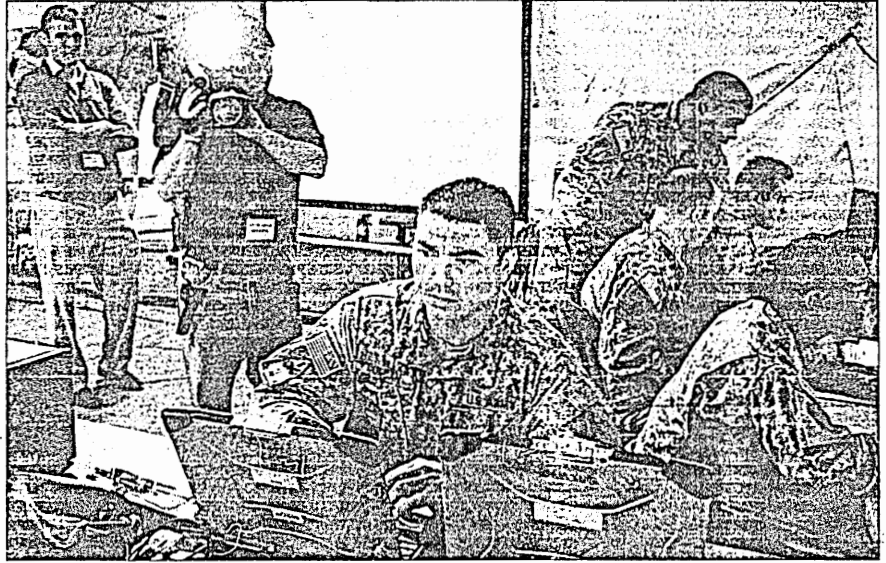
"Before, when we got new equipment, it was already outdated with active Army. Now we are actually getting some of this stuff before active duty is," Staff Sgt. Brett Dobbs, communications supervisor of the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, said.

The guard began a 10-week training course July 26 on the new Warrant Officer Information Network-Tactical (WIN-T) communication equipment, which carries a price tag of 20 million. The new technology allows National Guard members to communicate and respond quickly to both national disasters as well as respond quickly to the challenges of war.

The equipment operates using satellite and broadband technology, giving the guard members the capability of not only communicating with one another, but anyone else connected, wire or wireless, to the network.

"What the equipment does is allows you to speak non-line-of-sight using satellite technology... to be able to communicate with anybody anywhere in the United States," Col. Paul Hastings, commander of the brigade, said.

In times of a natural disaster, such as last year's May 8 storm, when all lines of communication have been severed, the equipment would



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Members of the press take video of Warrant Officer Bryan Duncan Wednesday at Fort Gordon in Georgia as he and his team work through

Warrant Drills. The press was invited to the presentation of new communications technology assigned to the Illinois National Guard.

allow Guard members to establish a connection with the rest of the country.

"We can come in and set up in thirty minutes. That's phone, internet, everything in 30 minutes flat," said Sgt. 1st Class Janice Smith of the brigade.

As well as its use at home, the

equipment issued to the guard allows them to communicate more simply with other branches of military during cooperative efforts.

"This allows us to communicate with any other elements: army, navy, air force, even coalition forces," Dobbs said. "We were kind of conflicted with how we could talk

or if we could talk. Now (WIN-T) has the capabilities of working with everybody," he said.

WIN-T is the premier communications infrastructure that is being used by active Army, Hastings said. He said this new technology will be vital to the brigade's operations.

"If we can't talk and speak to our organizations below us, we can't command them, and therefore we won't be able to get the mission accomplished," Hastings said.

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Run raises money for Women's Center

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Rebecca Jones, director of Neely Hall, is making a difference two miles at a time.

Jones and Jim Payne, a senior from Hoffman Estates studying cinema and photography, said they organized and are participating in the third annual 50 Mile Challenge to raise at least \$1,000 for the Women's Center of Southern Illinois.

"I think it's a chance to show what we care about as a community," Jones said.

The event began at 7 p.m. Thursday and will continue until 7 p.m. today. Each leg of the run is two miles and leaves from Neely Hall every hour on the hour with six or seven paths through Carbondale, Payne said. He said each path takes 20 to 30 minutes and they rest until the top of the hour in preparation for the next journey.

Participants can run, walk, bicycle, rollerblade or skateboard for as little as two miles and are asked to donate one dollar for each mile they run, though it isn't required. People may donate

without running, Payne said.

"Any amount is appreciated. It can be a quarter or a nickel, it all adds up," Payne said.

Jones said he and Payne ran 50 miles in two-mile intervals during 24 hours in 2009. Other participants joined them for as many as thirty miles and this year several ROTC students are planning to run all 50 miles, Jones said.

Jones said he started the event at University of Wisconsin, where he got his bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology. He said he chose the Women's Center because his parents raised him to respect women.

"There's no reason we should have women who are victims of domestic violence. It's not a women's issue, it's a people issue because it affects everybody," Jones said.

Sheila Frampton, legal advocate for the Women's Center, said any donation goes to the most needed thing at the time. Sometimes it's as simple as shampoo for women staying at the shelter, she said.

"I think it's fantastic that an individual would take the time to organize this. The physical side would

be daunting for those who complete all 50 miles. They really have their heart in it to do this," Frampton said.

Payne said participants stay on the sidewalk so traffic should not be affected. He said students make up the majority of the participants, so the run was held on Thursday so they can participate and still go home for the weekend.

Matt Sparks, cross country coach, said members of the cross country team will participate but are unlikely to join as a whole because the event coincides with the team's season.

Payne said the midnight run is the most fun because they wear costumes and run down the strip when the bars are packed so they get responses from people.

"It's just a fun way to break the monotony of running for 24 hours," Payne said.

Jones said approximately 80 people participated in 2009, and he has received a strong response this year.

Payne said he prepared for the event by starting slow with low miles and gradually adding more. He said he eats small meals throughout the run to maintain stability and does not



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Jonathan Kamber, a junior from Lake in the Hills studying aviation technology, runs the second mile in a 24-hour, 50-mile marathon to benefit the Women's Center. Participants run, walk, bicycle, rollerblade or skateboard for two miles at a time and are asked to donate one dollar for each mile they run.

recommend eating large meals.

Sparks said he wasn't sure of what type of stress the event could put on a person's body, but one aspect of the run would challenge most runners.

"Jones and Payne are both strong runners... The sleep deprivation is probably the biggest stress for

them," he said.

To see a video and interview, please see dailyegyptian.com.

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D.E. Daily Bark

The San Diego Padres are 2.5 games behind the San Francisco Giants in the NL West and are in danger of missing the playoffs after being in first place the majority of the season. What other collapse comes to mind that dwarfs the Padres in comparison?



The end of an era occurred when the Ohio St. Buckeyes and freshman sensation Maurice Clarett beat the once unstoppable University of Miami Hurricanes in the 2003 Fiesta Bowl. The Buckeyes continued to dominate the Big Ten but Miami fell at a power program college football with that one loss.

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The Cardinals took 12 of 18 from the division-winning Reds, but lost 10 games to the Astros. Absolutely pathetic.

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I argued with a friend about which team has been better: Sox or Cubs. One of his main arguments was the Sox led the American League Central Division and then bowed down to the Minnesota Twins to fall behind 12 games. This is definitely worse than the Padres.

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from the Pound

Today's question:
After Saturday's game against Illinois State, the Salukis will get their rival Northern Iowa for homecoming. What are you most looking forward to in that game?

Thursday's question:

Who should get more playing time for SIU against ISU Saturday: Chris Dieker or Paul McIntosh?

Your answer:

Chris Dieker has been given enough chances by *them*. He performed well enough against Quincy (an NAIA school) that it instilled perhaps too much confidence in the coaching staff. He has completely underperformed in the last three games. SIU needs to realize that it tried to establish a rhythm with Dieker, but it is just not going to happen. We have to grow as a team and move on. It's obvious that our tactics haven't worked, and our record shows it.
— Ian Fuchs, sophomore studying in management.

JUMBLE

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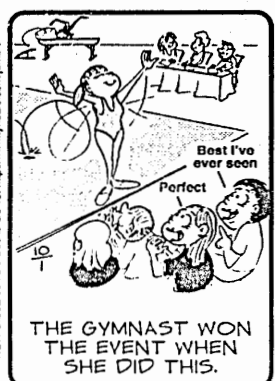
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



THE GYMNAST WON THE EVENT WHEN SHE DID THIS.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Thursday's Answers | Jumbles: FLAME JOINT HERALD JARGON
Answer: When she inherited the weaving device, she described it as an — "HEIR" LOOM

VOLLEYBALL

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Winkler said UNI setter Bre Payton, the 2009 MVC Player of the Year, is one of those weapons the Salukis must be aware of. In the Panthers' game Saturday against Drake, Payton was in multiple categories of the box score with 47 set attempts, six kills, 13 digs and a block attempt.

The Salukis have competed against each other in practice to see how they perform and make passing decisions in game time situations, Brown said. Besides the physical aspects of a match, the team has to have a steady energy level, she said.

"We have to stay consistent with our energy; it's our key to success," Brown said.

"The team still has a winning mindset and knows what it is capable of against Bradley and UNI, said senior right side hitter Alicia Johnson.

"We need to hold onto leads and stay consistent," Johnson said. "We just need to relax and be confident with ourselves."

The Salukis play Bradley at 7 p.m. Friday in Peoria and Northern Iowa at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Cedar Falls.

ENEMY

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"I probably critique myself harder than the coaches do," he said. "It means a lot that Coach is going to stick behind you through the mistakes."

Dieker said those mistakes are something he wants to eliminate from his game.

"(It's) just making better decisions and not always trying to make a big play," he said.

Spack said he's still planning for both Dieker and sophomore quarterback Paul McIntosh, who replaced Dieker Sept. 18 against SEMO.

"We have to because you see both quarterbacks, they're a little different," Spack said. "Any time you show something on tape you have to be ready for that."

Regardless of SIU's record or which quarterback it plays, Spack said he'll get the best from Lennon's team Saturday and he said he's looking forward to seeing how his team will handle its recent success against a tough conference opponent.

"Every game's a new situation," Spack said. "The jury's still out on the Redblinds, believe me."

Kickoff for Saturday's game is scheduled for 1 p.m. at ISU.

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Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's birthday — This could be your luckiest year to date. Maximize possibilities by following your passions, and by exercising your will in career and work matters. Soothe relationships with co-workers by identifying and explaining opportunities, including necessary details.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Critical thinking at work blends logic and intuition. You know when you have the right balance when changes flow seamlessly and tension eases.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Pay attention to minute details for any creative process, from cooking to career. A partner contributes by suggesting alternatives.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — Stresses at work involve both genders whose research produced very different results. Analyze and share the data from your own perspective.

Cancer (June 22-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Exchange feelings with loved ones out loud. They may not be able to guess how you feel otherwise. Get out of the house for emotional clarity.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — Males and females dash at home because of imagined slights. Bring this issue into the open, and it may dissolve in bright light as misunderstandings often do.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — Check your information before you begin a conversation. Others have unique ideas that may (or may not) match the facts. Extra care pays off.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — Logical intuition reveals a creative path toward change. Acknowledge to the group what's working already, and release what's not for this new direction.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — At last, you and a partner re-connect. Recent stress has kept you apart, but now you get to play together and enjoy the magic.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Group activities involve an older person with fresh ideas. Handle disagreements offstage. Allow someone else to be in charge for best results.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Awareness increases as you connect with an older person. That source of knowledge is integral to writing or other projects you have going on now.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — To overcome objections at work, issue questions rather than demands. That way, everyone's helpful input is allowed to contribute for harmony and efficiency.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9 — Say what's on your mind early. You'll be surprised at how little objection you received. Others appreciate your changes and go right along.



VOLLEYBALL

SIU goes into matches at full strength

“We have to go into the match with nothing to lose and try to break up as many balls as we can from their powerful offense.”

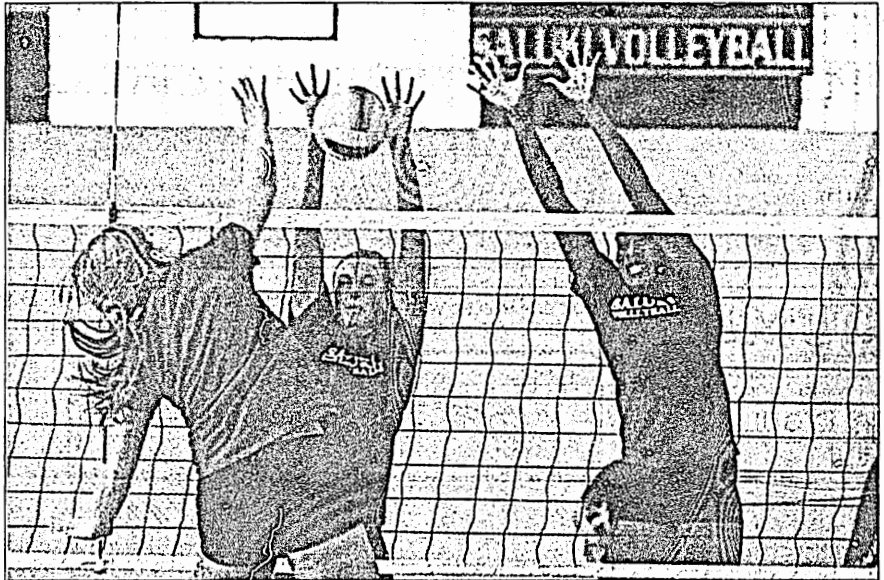
— Brenda Winkler volleyball coach

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Daily Egyptian

SIU has had a tough path in the Missouri Valley Conference this season, being swept in three matches. But in those games they didn't have the luxury they have now: a full depth chart.

Junior defensive specialist Lauren Blumhorst will be in the lineup for the first time since suffering a concussion in the second match of the season against the University of Iowa Hawkeyes. Blumhorst's return means the Salukis will have their full defensive lineup against conference opponents Bradley University (4-11, 0-4 MVC) and the No. 15 University of Northern Iowa (12-2, 0-4 MVC), coach Brenda Winkler said.

"She is kind of the glue at the libero position; she brings a lot of enthusiasm," Winkler said. "She is another player who plays defense. Bailey Yeager and Laura Thole play defense, but it's nice to have the full repertoire of defensive players." "The team had another scare when Yeager, a sophomore who was Blum-



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Freshman right side hitter Emily Less and senior middle blocker Jasmine Conner block a spike attempt by freshman outside hitter

Elly Braaten during practice Wednesday at Davies Gymnasium. The Salukis take on Bradley University at 7 p.m. in Peoria.

horst's replacement at libero, sat out a day because of a minor injury, but she will be ready to play, Winkler said.

Sophomore setter Rachael Brown said Blumhorst helps with passing, a problem area for the Salukis.

"Blumhorst is a good passer and

plays defense, she'll help us out on offense and defense," Brown said.

Winkler and Brown said Yeager did a solid job stepping in when Blumhorst was injured.

"The Salukis have had success in the middle on both sides of the ball

but need to work on the outside defense after a poor performance Saturday against Evansville, Winkler said. Against Bradley, SIU will focus on the middles, while it will focus on the entire Northern Iowa team, she said.

"UNI has a lot of weapons," Win-

kler said. "We have to go into the match with nothing to lose and try to break up as many balls as we can from their powerful offense."

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FOOTBALL

Redbirds ride close victories into battle with Salukis

NICK JOHNSON
Daily Egyptian



Illinois State coach Brock Spack said he doesn't believe the Salukis are bringing a 1-3 record to Bloomington for Saturday's game against his Redbirds. "I'm kind of lost for words. It's hard to believe that, because when you see them on tape they're very good, they're very well-coached," Spack said. "I think it's just bad luck. I think they've had turnovers in certain situations."

... IF SIU (1-3, 0-2 MVFC) has had

bad luck, then Spack's Redbirds (3-1, 2-0 MVFC) have been playing on a field of four-leaf clovers.

The Redbirds beat Central Missouri 55-54 in their season opener after they made a two-point conversion with slightly more than a minute remaining in the game. ISU then needed two overtime periods last week to seal a 44-41 victory over Missouri State in Bloomington.

Spack said his team, which lost to SIU 43-23 at Southern Illinois' homecoming last year, is still young but gaining confidence with each victory.

"They've figured out how to win a college game. You're not going to win in the first quarter," Spack said.

The Salukis gave up early leads of 21-3 and 14-0 in two conference losses to Southeast Missouri State and Youngstown State University.

"We were in a couple similar situations where we weren't able to close

the deal and they were able to close their deal, so that's the difference between being 1-3 and 3-1," SIU coach Dale Lennon said.

It's not just luck that drives ISU's recent success, Lennon said. He said the Salukis' biggest challenge Saturday will be defending ISU's balanced offense.

"A year ago we weren't all that great at running the football," Spack said.

But junior running back Ashton Leggett and sophomore running back Erik Smith, along with improved line play, have returned the Redbirds' running game to respectability, Spack said. Leggett and Smith, two transfers from Big Ten schools, are averaging 4.8 yards per carry on 108 carries between them. Leggett, who transferred from Michigan State, has six touchdowns in four games.

Spack said the running game has

given the Redbirds a strong complement to the arm of sophomore quarterback Matt Brown, who in 2009 threw for 2,369 yards and 11 touchdowns, and earned the MVFC Freshman of the Year award.

SIU sophomore nose tackle Kayon Swanson said Brown, a Marion native, is who concerns him the most about the Redbirds.

"He's from around here, too, so he's going to automatically have a target on this school," Swanson said.

SIU will start Chris Dieker at quarterback again, Lennon said.

In four games, Dieker has thrown four interceptions and lost three fumbles, which account for seven of the Salukis' 10 turnovers this season. While his play has drawn criticism from Saluki fans, Dieker's harshest critic may be himself, he said.



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Sophomore ISU quarterback Matt Brown earned the MVFC Freshman of the Year award in 2009 after throwing for 2,369 yards and 11 touchdowns. Brown and the Redbirds face the Salukis at 1 p.m. Saturday in Bloomington.

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