Carbondale granted high speed internet

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Carbondale will soon be one of the few communities in Illinois with high-speed Gigabit Internet service.

Gov. Pat Quinn announced Aug. 23 that Carbondale was a winner of a grant through the Illinois Gigabit Communities Challenge, part of the Illinois Jobs Now development program.

The application for the project was submitted by a partnership between the, Frontier Communications, Southern Illinois University and Connect SI. The upgrade will make Carbondale one of the few communities in the country with Internet 100 times faster than what is currently available.

The contest awarded Frontier Communications, the company constructing the project, with $3.5 million in state aid through grant money. City Manager Kevin Baity said the town incurs next to no cost in the project.

“The cost to the city is actually nothing as far as actual dollars,” he said. “We might have to process permits (for the construction), but as far as hard dollars, the city is not putting in any hard cash.”

The project will run from University Mall on Illinois Rte. 13 to the east side of town. A leg will run south on U.S. Route 51 to the SIU campus and calls for at least 1,000 end users.

The university now has around 3 gigabits of Internet service but the project will increase the speeds by nearly one-third.

“The project’s goal is to create and attract jobs to southern Illinois via technology advancement. According to David Blanchette, a spokesman for Pat Quinn, the project will create jobs.”

“(The jobs) will come from the actual construction of the network, but it will also attract businesses who need to be served by this ultra-high-speed Internet,” he said.

According to Eric Shadley, general manager of Frontier Communications for southern Illinois, the project should immediately create up to six new jobs during construction.

Businesses in the city will be able to upgrade their websites with higher resolution graphics and expanded service.

Kathy Lively, executive director of the Connect SI Foundation, said new industries will be attracted to the area by the gigabit service.

“When you talk about high speed broadband, you’re talking about the knowledge-based economy,” she said. “People are going to be able to do their jobs more quickly and more efficiently. Research can now occur that couldn’t occur before ... this is a very significant investment in our region and in our future.”

There is no immediate timetable for the project. An announcement is expected later this week.

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The U.N. experts investigating last week’s alleged chemical weapons attack outside Damascus left Syria early Saturday and crossed into neighboring Lebanon, departing hours after President Barack Obama said he is weighing “limited and narrow” action against a Syrian regime that the administration has bluntly accused of launching the deadly attack.

An Associated Press crew saw the U.N. personnel enter Lebanon from Syria through the Masnaa border crossing and then drive in a 13-car convoy to the Beirut airport. After four days of on-site inspections, the team wrapped up its investigation Friday into the suspected chemical weapons attack on rebel-held suburbs of Damascus on Aug. 21.

The experts take with them blood and urine samples from victims as well as soil samples from the affected areas for examination in laboratories in Europe.

The inspectors’ departure brings the looming confrontation between the U.S. and President Bashar Assad’s regime one step closer to coming to a head. Obama has said that if he opts for a military strike, any operation would be limited in scope and only aimed at punishing Assad for his alleged use of chemical weapons. But any U.S. action carries the potential to trigger retaliation by the Syrian regime or its proxies against U.S. allies in the region, such as Jordan, Turkey and Israel.

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However, the administration was bluntly accused of launching the deadly attack. The U.S. has already run exports to the country and in Lebanon. The Syrian government said the attack was aimed at punishing Assad for his alleged use of chemical weapons.

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The Syrian government said administration claims were "totally lies" akin to faulty Bush administration assertions before the Iraq invasion that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. A Foreign Ministry statement read on state TV late Friday said that "under the pretext of protecting the Syrian people they are making a case for an aggression that will kill hundreds of innocent Syrian civilians."
Jo Poshard has earned a reputation of being dedicated to helping abused children, but she said she gets just as much from giving back.

“Service is an art in itself,” Poshard said. “It’s very meaningful to me.”

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services presented Jo Poshard and her organization, the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children, a humanitarian award Aug. 25 in recognition of her 15 years of service to families and children of southern Illinois. Despite her husband Glenn Poshard’s upcoming retirement, Jo Poshard said she is still planning on showing up in the foundation’s office every morning ready to work.

The foundation started after her husband, SIU President Glenn Poshard, lost the race for governor in 1999 and the two were deciding what to do next.

“We are both pretty good about looking back, and I had experiences in my campaign that influenced me to want to help children,” Glenn Poshard said.

Jo Poshard taught elementary education for 34 years at a public school where she realized many children were in situations of crisis or need. She said even when she was teaching, she was not as acutely aware of how many children are in poor circumstances.

“I look back with what I know now and I think how many kids came into the classroom every morning who slept on the floor the night before, listened to the adults in the house fighting, witnessed domestic violence, witnessed drug abuse, or didn’t get a hot meal,” Poshard said. “And then I was expecting them to have all their homework done and have their books and be ready to go for a full day of work and activities.”

Poshard said seeing children without coats in the winter or without appropriate shoes were easier to spot compared to other types of abuse or neglect that are often harder to recognize.

The Poshard foundation provides anything from eyeglasses to medical equipment, she said. It also provides specific counseling needed for a sexually abused children or therapeutic camps that couldn’t be afforded otherwise.

“What I’ve come to believe is that there are a lot of children who are hurting and in difficult situations,” Poshard said. “Our mission was always to be helpful, abused, neglected, and abandoned children in southern Illinois and that is still our mission.”

Poshard said she is passionate about helping abused children because when identified, abused children avoid falling into systematic behaviors like drug abuse, depression, violence and live unhappy lives.

“If you can support the child, get them into counseling, and deal with the family, then these children can begin healing and lead productive lives,” Poshard said.

Poshard said specifically southern Illinois has an issue with abuse.

“DCFS has had a lot of articles out in previous months that we have about ten counties in southern Illinois where the child abuse rate is double,” Poshard said.

Besides her work with the foundation, Poshard also plays an active role in the Prevent Child Abuse Illinois Board, Children Advocacy Centers of Illinois, Women for Health and Wellness Board, Carbondale Community Arts Board, McLeod Theater Board, and the American Association of University Women.

Poshard is a large help for child advocacy,” Betti Mucha, director of the Perry-Jackson Child Advocacy Center in Pinckneyville, said. Jo Poshard has been a huge asset at the center. Poshard has helped provide training for how methamphetamine usage, domestic abuse, and trauma affect children Mucha said.

“She’s always there to help,” Mucha said. “She’s a great person.”

Poshard said the agencies contact her when they can’t afford a need for an abused or neglected child.

“We are not talking about new beds or equipment, she said.

Poshard said her foundation is asking the public to pay attention to the children around them and be their advocate.

“Everyone needs to be involved,” Poshard said. “The people in southern Illinois are caring people and they need to recognize that they may be the only safety line for a child.”

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Bakery expands to feature local items

One area bakery has expanded to become much more than cookies and donuts within the Carbondale community.

Cristaudo’s opened originally in 1977 in the Murdale Shopping Center and after a five-year closure reopened in 2011 with four previous employees as co-owners: Rachel Cristaudo, Jennifer Rollinson, Leah Maciell and Nicholas Stewart. The bakery will now be connected to a restaurant, designed to support local farmers and growers, as well as a gift shop to showcase local art and talent.

The owners want to create a place people can come, shop, eat and drink while helping out the community, Rollinson said. “We are trying to keep everything we sell from the Illinois area and as much local as we can,” Rollinson said. “We are trying to bring more locally made items into the shop.” The four co-owners reopened the bakery with a specific vision in mind. They said they wanted a place that would support the community and local businesses.

The store is now located on 51 N. near Yesteryear, five miles from the previous location. The gift shop, known as 6Pence, features unique, hand-crafted, new and vintage gifts, Cristaudo said. The gift shop is located next to The Dayshift, which also sells locally made items such as gifts, purses, leather and more. Rollinson said they want to work in harmony with The Day Shift and support the business by having a complimentary gift shop which attracts people’s attention to locally made items.

The gift shop isn’t the only new addition to the bakery; Cristaudo’s opened a new seating area in August designed to become a full service restaurant featuring locally grown items. Stewart hopes to have the restaurant open by the end of the year but is waiting on a few minor details to be finished.

“We’re making some final touches on the wait station and the beverage station,” Stewart said. “We are making repairs to the espresso machine so we will be ready to serve espresso drinks as well.”

Cristaudo’s makes bread every Friday but once the restaurant opens it will have fresh breads every business day. Some of the other services they offer include catering, cakes and cookies for various events.

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Where were the smiles, the flowers? We'd expected, in a modest way, to be greeted as liberators. This was many years ago, Chu Lai, South Vietnam, 1966, in one of the early disasters of the United States' post-World War II attempts to fight wars for virtue. People in the villages refused to meet our eyes, and they only smiled if they were selling us something. How disappointing. The war was young then, and so were we, but not so young that we hadn't seen newest footage of the cheers from the giddy uniforms of Naples, the French doing their tipToe waves.

But not the Vietnamese. It seemed that in Chu Lai, at least, the beneficiaries of our liberation hated us, or were too scared to show they liked us.

But why? Weren't we fighting a war of liberation, another great war in the American tradition of good war? Wasn't our mission clear to those of us born after World War II, and so youthfully innocent that we could trust the N.D.C. to keep us from making mistakes?

The giveaway lasted two days. The SweetTarts you could buy in American movie theaters giving candy to children, the same tradition of good wars? Wasn't my Marine civic liberation, another good war in the American history with its atrocity, conquest, pillage and extermination? Our love of war is the problem.

But could we be Americans. We renamed the Department of War as the Department of Defense. We had Atoms for Peace, and love peace. We launched our missiles and said: “We're the best we can do is to cripple and kill us. We're the best we can do is to...” They flung the SweetTarts back at us. We flung them back at them, no doubt losing a heart here, a mind there. The Battle of the SweetTarts. At the end of the day you'd have to say we lost it, another case of American virtue unwarred.

The good war, the virtuous war. We believe in it. We have to believe in it or we wouldn't be Americans.

As John Updike wrote: "America is beyond power, it acts as in a dream, as a face of God. Wherever America is, there is freedom, and wherever America is not, madness rules with chains, darkness strangles millions. Beneath its patient bombs, paradise is possible."

The United States doesn't fight for land, resources, hatred, revenge, tribute, religious conversion — the usual stuff. Along with the occasional barrel of oil, we fight for virtue.

Never mind that it doesn't work out — the Gulf of Tonkin lies, Agent Orange's waterboarding, nonexistent weapons of mass destruction, the pointless horrors of Abu Ghraib, a fighter plane wiping out an Afghan wedding party, our explanation of civilian deaths as an abstraction: "collateral damage."

Just so. We talk about our warmaking as if it were a therapeutic science — surgical strikes, precision bombing, graduated responses, a homeopathic treatment that uses war to cure us of war. "Like cures like," as the homeopathic slogans has it; "the war to end all wars" as Woodrow Wilson is believed to have said of World War I.

We send out our patient bombers in the manner of piling on blankets to break a child's fever. We launch our missiles and say: "We're doing it for your own good."

After World War II, I was taught in school that humankind, especially Americans, hate war and love peace. The United Nations rose on New Year's East River, a foundry beating swords into plowshares.

We renamed the Department of War as the Department of Defense. We had Atoms for Peace, CARE packages, UNICEF boxes at Halloween and York's East River, a foundry beating swords into plowshares.

And yet Americans still believe in the idea of the good and virtuous war. It scratches our Calvinist itch; it proves our election to blessedness.

Thus God is on our side. Strangely enough, though, we keep losing. Since World War II, we have failed to win any land war that lasted more than a week: Korea (a stalemate), Vietnam, little ones like Lebanon and Somalia, bigger ones like Iraq and Afghanistan.

Ah, but those were all intended to be good wars, saving people from themselves.

The latest target of opportunity for our patient bombers is Syria. The purity of our motives is unassailable. We would fire our missiles only to punish sin, this time in the form of poison gas.

No land grab, no oil, not even an attempt to install democracy.

Oscar Wilde said: "As long as war is regarded as wicked, it will always have its fascination. When it is looked upon as vulgar, it will cease to be popular." He didn't foresee a United States that would regard war as virtuous.

What a dangerous idea it is.
Organic ideas grow on campus

Above: Sydney Klein, left, a graduate student in geography from Hickory, N.C., educates Dominique Crespo, center, a sophomore from Quito, Ecuador, studying agriculture, and Tomas Finkenkeler, a senior from St. Louis studying physics, Friday about hornworms. Klein, the garden manager at the Local Organic Gardening Initiative of Carbondale, said the hornworm is a common pest that eats tomatoes.

Right: Dania Laubach, left, a graduate student in public health from Denver, Karen Schauwecker, center, a graduate student in geography from Carbondale, and Patrick Marek, a senior from Downer’s Grove studying geography, work Friday at the Local Organic Gardening Initiative of Carbondale. LOGIC is a Registered Student Organization that aims to educate students on the benefits of organic food and how to grow it. Crops grown at the LOGIC farm are sold Wednesdays in front of Faner Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Despite the loss, Coach Dale Lennon said he liked the way his offense never gave up and fought until the end. “I was very pleased with the way we battled back,” Lennon said. “We showed a toughness on offense that every coach wants to see.”

Faulkner said SIU was in the right position to score and potentially send the game into overtime, but the last play just didn’t work out in their favor. “Coach (Kalen) DeBoer made a good call (on the final offensive play),” Faulkner said. “We put ourselves in the situation, and it was all we could really ask for. We battled and got the opportunity, but obviously we didn’t complete it so I wish I had it back.”

The Salukis’ first big play of the game came from a 39-yard pass to senior wide receiver John Lantz who dove into the end zone for what looked like the Salukis’ first touchdown of the season. The play was later reviewed and it was determined Lantz was downed at the 1-yard line. The next play, junior running back Mika’il McCall ran it in for the score, which gave the Salukis an early 7-3 lead.

The Salukis carried that lead into the second quarter until Scheelhaase completed a screen pass to sophomore running back MyCole Pruitt, who dove into the end zone for a touchdown with just over 3:56 remaining in the third quarter to increase their lead to 17-7. Illinois capitalized on SIU’s first mistake by scoring a touchdown after two plays and 23 seconds to increase their lead to 17-7. Illinois scored again on a 7-play touchdown drive with 17 seconds left to go in the first half and took a 25-7 advantage into halftime after also converting the 2-point conversion.

With an 18-point lead in the third quarter, Scheelhaase made his first mistake of the game when sophomore safety D.J. Cameron intercepted Scheelhaase’s pass and returned it to the Illinois 8-yard line.

Three plays later, Faulkner threw a touchdown pass to senior fullback Tyler Williamson, who dove in the back of the end zone for the acrobatic catch to cut the lead to 25-14.

The Illini followed with a touchdown, and SIU responded with a field goal to make the score 32-17. Illinois defensive back V’Angelo Bentley returned SIU’s kickoff 100 yards for the score, tying the Illinois school record for longest kick-off return for a touchdown.

Faulkner said despite Illinois’ big lead, the Salukis still believed they could get back into the game and send it into overtime but fell just short with fourth-and-goal on the 3-yard line. “Our guys never gave up and found a way to get it down to one score at the end,” Lennon said. “We just came up three yards short.”

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Faulkner’s words proved to be right as the Salukis outscored the Illini by 14 points to crawl back into the game and Saluki fans chanted “SIU” throughout the stadium to motivate the team to finish the comeback.

On SIU’s next possession, Faulkner connected with Lantz for a 35-yard touchdown pass to cut the deficit to 39-24. The catch was Lantz first career touchdown reception.

After the Illini and the Salukis traded field goals to make the score 42-27, senior linebacker Tyler Williamson forced an Illini fumble and a Saluki recovery. The following possession, Faulkner threw a touchdown to junior tight end MyCole Pruitt, who dove in the back of the end zone for the acrobatic catch to cut the lead to 42-24.

With 44 seconds to go, the Salukis had one final chance to tie the game and send it into overtime but fell just short with fourth-and-goal on the 3-yard line. “We never even thought about giving up the whole time we were out there,” Faulkner said. “Maybe the Illinois fans thought it was over when they returned that kick, but we knew we just had to go out there and put points on the board, and that’s what we did.”

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Faulkner finished with 312 passing yards and three touchdown passes. It was Faulkner’s first career touchdown with three touchdown passes and no interceptions.

Lantz led the team with 99 receiving yards and senior linebacker Brian Presume led the defense with 10 tackles.

The Salukis will face No. 23 Eastern Illinois, Saturday at 6 p.m. in their home opener.

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Crossword

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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13 Baghdad's nation
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29 Many boats on the Mississippi
34 Montezuma II's empire
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40 Anger
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47 Animal symptoms
48 Lively Israeli circle dance
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56 Eve's husband
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62 Golf course cry
63 Writer Zane
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Crossword

Pick up the Daily Egyptian each day to test your crossword skills.

Aries — Today is a 6 — You're gaining respect. Friends give you a boost, especially regarding love. Appreciate and enjoy what you've acquired. A female works out details with useful suggestions.

Taurus — Today is a 6 — Gather support. Love emerges triumphant again. Find the money. It's a good time to sell and profit. Tardiness will be noticed. Do work you love. If it seems boring, focus on the fun part.

Gemini — Today is a 6 — Consider another opinion or trouble breaks out. Playful, and express delight. Count on encouragement, your career takes off. You've earned it.

Cancer — Today is an 8 — Grasp an opportunity. This will bring great satisfaction, with good reason. Re-affirm a commitment. Friends are there for you. Your partner scores. You can build what you want and need.

Leo — Today is an 8 — Replenish reserves for later. A female handles a tricky detail. Relax and keep momentum. Someone leads you to victory. Get into communication, and express what you're up to.

Virgo — Today is a 6 — Repay a favor. Provide leadership and visualize immense success. Great ideas for home improvement develop. Count your blessings. Set priorities. Others are in tune and harmonious.

Libra — Today is a 7 — Others ask your advice. Draw upon hidden resources to improve your living conditions. A compromise gets achieved. You're in tune and harmony is building.

Scorpio — Today is a 6 — Make it the time to get it right. Something that seems impossible won't take much longer. Keep momentum. Friends are there for you. Turn on your abundant charm. Accept a nice benefit.

Sagittarius — Today is a 7 — Prepare for a test. If career causes relationship problems, close up the books. A female gets philosophical. You're especially cute. Ask for help to have it all work out.

Capricorn — Today is a 6 — Your good service leads to security. Take care of family. Join forces with a female, and share the load. Accept encouragement. Enjoy the beauty around you. Find hidden treasures.

Aquarius — Today is a 7 — Your past work speaks well for you. Reinforce an old bond. Allocate resources. Discuss a good deal you've discovered with loved ones before buying. Get all the facts together.

Pisces — Today is an 8 — Make it a big work party. Don't push against the tide. Plan ahead, and provide delicious enticements. Work out a balanced agreement. Everything falls together.
The Saluki Volleyball team finished 1-2 in their first matches of the season in the Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne Hyatt Place Invitational in Fort Wayne, Ind.

After a five-set win against Connecticut on Friday, the Salukis dropped their next two matches on Saturday against IPFW and Duquesne.

The team opened their season against nationally known UCONN on a roll and took the first set 25-19 but dropped the second set 25-19. UCONN then took the third set 27-25 to take a 2-1 lead in the match with a tied fifth set. In the fourth set, SIU cruised and won 25-18, setting up a fifth set. SIU faced match points in the fifth and final set but didn't give up and came away with a 17-15 win in the final set. Junior Alex Rivera had two key service aces in the fifth set that helped the team battle back.

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Freshman Hannah Kaminsky said she knew just looking at her teammates that they weren't going up.

"You could look around on all of our faces and you could tell we were going to lose," Kaminsky said.

Head Coach Justin Ingram said his team displayed traits that can help them in future matches.

"There were portions of the match that the team really displayed some true fire and some grit, things that are needed to pull out close wins," Ingram said.

It was the first college match for freshmen Kaminsky, Meg Viggars, Katie Baki and Leah Edgerton.

With a team of nine freshmen and two transfer players, it's important for the seniors to lead their team. Senior Elly Braaten said she was pleased with the skills of the freshmen on the court.

"I was impressed, it's rough, it's a whole new atmosphere," Braaten said. "It's faster than high school ball, I thought they composed themselves well and I'm proud of them."

Kaminsky and Viggars each had the same reaction when describing how it felt being on the court.

"It was amazing, the atmosphere on the court was really good," Viggars said.

Kaminsky, who was named to the all-tournament team, said it was good to see all the work they put in is being rewarded.

"It's amazing, I'm really ecstatic about the win," she said. "We've been working so hard this past month and to see all of our hard work be put to use (Friday), it's an amazing feeling."

Senior Jessica Whitehead led the teams with 17 kills while fellow senior Elly Braaten finished with 16. Kaminsky had 45 of the team's 58 assists.

The team played host IPFW in the second-match of the tournament on Saturday at noon. The Salukis couldn't string points together and fell in three sets 25-16, 25-23 in sets two and three. IPFW junior Emily Spencer had a match high 19 kills in her teams win. Whitehead and sophomore Taylor Pippen chipped in with 12 kills apiece in the loss.

Pippen, the lone sophomore on the roster, said her team performed well during the tournament.

"We did some really good things and it's early in the season so if we keep working on the same things then the season will be very successful," she said.

The final match of the tournament pinned SIU against Duquesne. SIU was again unable to string together points and fell in three sets 25-23, 25-22, and 25-13.

Kaminsky led the Salukis in assists and digs for the second straight game. Senior Emily Less said she knows her team has room to improve.

"We know we have a lot to work on," Less said. "On the court, the level of intensity was there but things weren't going our way."

Braaten said there are positive things that her team can take away from this weekend's performance.

"The good news is it's still early," she said.

Ingram said he is familiar with their upcoming opponent in Middle Tennessee State and hopes there is a big crowd on hand to cheer on the team.

"We need to utilize Davies Gym," team said. "We need to have our home court advantage and make sure that the fans show up and are rooting for the Salukis."

The Saluki Volleyball Team hosts MTSU at Davies Gym tonight at 6 p.m.

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Blackhawks announce extension for G Crawford

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Associated Press

CHICAGO — Corey Crawford is having one great summer.

Five minutes in were when the Chicago Blackhawks stormed to their second NHL title in four seasons. Then he welcomed the Stanley Cup to his hometown of Montreal on Monday, and joined the team for the announcement of a six-year contract extension that officially stains his arrival as one of the league's top goalies.

"It's amazing," said Crawford, who recently got engaged. "I want to be in Chicago for my whole career and so this is amazing to be able to do this and get this deal done."

Crawford went 16-7 with an NHL-best 1.84 goals-against average while starting every playoff game for Chicago this year. The breakthrough performance came after he went 19-5 with three shutouts in the regular season, helping the Blackhawks to the best record in the league.

The extension is reportedly worth $56 million and runs through the 2015-20 season. Crawford, who's 28 years old, got one eight-year contract offer from Ottawa; another team offered seven years at $30 million, then the Blackhawks came in with an eight-year deal closer to $36 million, and Crawford accepted.

"It's amazing," said Crawford, who was 28 when he left for the NHL. "I've been playing for a long time, and it's nice to see our organization step up and give me a deal."

Crawford, 28, has been with the Hawks since being drafted in the second round of the 2003 draft. Crawford, who made his NHL debut in January 2006, is 83-43 with eight shutouts, a 2.40 goals-against average and a .913 save percentage in 152 career games with the Blackhawks.
Salukis pace for season’s race

SYMONIE WOOLRIDGE
Daily Egyptian

"Everybody on our team has leadership qualities, which is going to help us out by the end of the season. Every team has their faults, but SIU, we are always the ones who take care of them early."

— Cole Allison
runner

Three SIU men’s runners finished in the top 5 at the men’s and women’s cross-country teams opened their season Friday at the Saluki Early Bird meet.

Senior T.J. Heffelman finished first with a time of 12:33.93. Junior Cole Allison finished third at 13:01.25 and junior Kalyati Haji, finished in fifth place with a time of 13:38.44.

The Salukis were joined by Rend Lake College, where the runners ran a co-ed 4K-mile race around SIU’s home field.

Last season, the SIU men’s runners were Missouri Valley Conference champions.

"Everybody on our team has leadership qualities, which is going to help us out by the end of the season," Allison said. "Every team has their faults, but SIU, we are always the ones who take care of them early!"

Individually, Cole said he hopes to develop as a runner mentally and physically.

"The biggest part of running is your attitude," he said. "As a runner, I need to definitely work on my attitude."

Senior, Alyssa Allison, sister to 3rd place finisher Cole Allison was the first woman to finish the Early Bird race. Alyssa Allison finished the co-ed race in 14th place with a time of 15:16.47.

Alyssa Allison said she has been trying new things for this season.

"Coaches (Matt) Sparks took me on a different route this year, where I’ve been doing faster interval workouts," she said. "Last season I wasn’t running as quick in some of the workouts, so this year we decided to try something different."

Alyssa Allison is one of the oldest women on the team and said she considers herself as one of the leaders.

"A lot of the girls come to me with questions or advice," she said. "Coach Sparks is our head coach, but sometimes the girls want to come to another female to talk. So I like to see myself as a veteran."

Last season, Alyssa Allison’s teammate, sophomore Kelley Gallagher wasn’t able to compete due to injuries. This year, she is healthy, and said she is running strong, and looking forward to this season. "Individually, I am hoping to be better this season, and I am looking forward to meetings," she said. "I am a veteran this year, and since we have older girls I feel that we will be better as a team."

Sparks said the biggest thing they try to adjust every year is the intensity and the speed of the workouts his teams do to try and get faster as runners.

Sparks said he is hoping to pick up where he left off last year.

"The men were conference champions last year, and we want to follow suit again this year," he said. "The women went third a year ago, so we would like to battle for a conference title on the women’s side as well."

The Salukis’ will travel to Charleston Friday as they compete at the EIU Walt Crawford Open for their first official meet of the season.

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