Students walk across the icy bridge between the Brush Towers and West Campus Monday. Students returned to classes this week as temperatures dropped below freezing. According to Weather Channel’s website, temperatures are expected to be in the high 40s through the weekend, but they will return to near freezing as classes resume next week.
The Weather Channel® 5 day weather forecast for Carbondale, IL

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Correction

In Monday’s edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story “Carbondale chooses green energy option” should have said residential and small business rates will be 4.4 cents per kilowatt-hour, which is a unit of energy equal to the work performed by 1,000 watts operating for one hour. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

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Sievers said general building updates are routine on any campus.

"I'd say there's always some minor construction projects going around any university," Sievers said. "You got to maintain your buildings, you got to do repairs and of course you're always trying to improve campus for students, staff and faculty."

However, the ongoing campus construction has also led to mixed student reaction.

Stephanie Mendoza, a freshman from Chicago studying theater, said she had issues navigating campus when the Brush Towers were under construction, but she hasn't had problems with student services construction and could understand why people get confused when they search for student service offices.

"It was hard because we had to go all the way around Trueblood, but now that it's over, we can cut through very fast," she said.

Nick Kaiser, a senior from Normal studying speech communications, said the construction has not obstructed him.

"Last semester (construction crews) had a bit of a block between getting into the Student Center, which was a minor inconvenience, but they've kind of fixed that since then," he said.

Kaiser said he thinks the Student Services building's, construction has been quick and will provide the campus with much needed convenience.

"I used to work in Woody Hall, and getting anything around there is kind of weird because it wasn't built to be an administrative building," he said.

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Rosemary Leija, left, a junior from Romeoville studying foreign language, and Karla Esquivel, a junior from Norridge studying fashion design merchandising, look at the new posters Monday at the Student Center's poster sale. "I figured I'd come by and check it out while I have a break," Leija said. The poster sale continues this week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Student Center's first floor.
Tony Jou, a senior from Bartlett studying radio-television, center, and Jared Kingry, a senior from Mahomet studying philosophy, right, help gather audio and adjust lighting Saturday during the Movie Camera Militia’s 48 Hour Film Festival. The festival involved three groups of students who wrote, filmed and edited a short film within 48 hours. Jou said the process is exhausting, but it is a great opportunity for students to prove their ability as filmmakers.

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Chicago man accused of spitting on agent

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A Chicago man has been charged with spitting on a Secret Service agent who was guarding President Barack Obama’s home last month.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported that Kevin Lawrence is accused of spitting into the agent’s vehicle on Dec. 29 outside the Chicago home, hitting the agent in the face and neck. He’s charged with aggravated battery of a peace officer.

The 46-year-old Lawrence is jailed on $50,000 bail. Cook County Jail records show he was booked Sunday. The records don’t list an attorney for him. His next court date is Friday.
Armstrong admits to Oprah he used enhancing drugs

Associated Press

Lance Armstrong ended a decade of denial by confessing to Oprah Winfrey that he used performance-enhancing drugs to win the Tour de France, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press.

The admission Monday came hours after an emotional apology by Armstrong to the Livestrong charity that he founded and turned into a global institution on the strength of his celebrity as a cancer survivor.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the interview is to be broadcast Thursday on Winfrey's network. She tweeted afterward, "Just wrapped with @lancearmstrong. More than 2 1/2 hours. He came READY! She was scheduled to appear on "CBS This Morning" on Tuesday to discuss the interview.

The confession was a stunning reversal for Armstrong after years of public statements, interviews and court battles in which he denied doping and zealously protected his reputation.

Even before the taping session with Winfrey began around 2 p.m., EST, Armstrong's apology suggested he would carry through

on promises over the weekend to answer her questions "directly, honestly and candidly." The cyclist was stripped of his Tour de France titles, lost most of his endorsements and was forced to leave the foundation last year after the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency issued a damning, 1,000-page report that accused him of masterminding a long-running doping scheme.

About 100 staff members of the charity Armstrong founded in 1997 gathered in a conference room as Armstrong arrived with a simple message: "I'm sorry." He choked up during a 20-minute talk, expressing regret for the long-running controversy over performance-enhancers he had caused, but stopped short of admitting he used them.

Before he was done, several were in tears when he urged them to continue the charity's mission of helping cancer patients and their families.

"Heartfelt and sincere," is how Livestrong spokesman Katherine McLane described his speech.

Armstrong later huddled with almost a dozen people before stepping into a room set up at a downtown Austin hotel.

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The NHL saw a significant revenue decrease this year, the season is set up to potentially be the most exciting one in the last decade. Some critics think the shortened season could potentially harm the league, but others think it will even out in the end.

The NHL saw the most valuable part of the season, the playoffs, Jed Mancy, Temple University sport economist, said in a Fox Business interview. "I doubt there will be much of a hangover effect. Similar to the NHL last year and to the NHL lockout in 2004-2005, the league will bounce back and a lot of short-term losses will even out."

Unlike the nation's other professional leagues, hockey fans have dealt with a lockout a couple of times before in 1994 and 2004. Many fans are simply tired of waiting, and they eagerly anticipate the upcoming season.

"Honestly, I'm looking forward to drinking and watching some hockey," Johnson said. "For now, I'm most looking forward to the February 28 game against the Blackhawks."

The Stanley Cup finals could potentially be June 28, and all of the teams see the quick season as an opportunity to sneak into the playoffs. The previous two Stanley Cup winners were No. 8 seeds, so all that seems to matter is a playoff birth and anything can happen.

Needless to say, we are in for quite a skate through this NHL season.

A wall of improvements

Dave Hug, a senior from Waterloo studying forestry, reroutes the Recreation Center's rock wall Friday. Hug said he has also cleaned and added a better landing surface provided by the Recreation Center to improve the wall. "This really means hope, it's all starting to come together," Hug said. "I'll do everything in my power to improve the climbing atmosphere at the Rec."

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The SIU men’s basketball team is 8-8 in Missouri Valley conference play. There are still 13 conference games left to play, a Bracketsburners game against an overmatched opponent, the MVC tournament and a possible trip to the NCAA tournament.

Yet, the Salukis have already tied all of last season’s wins. Coach Barry Hinson has dealt with discipline problems, suspensions, countless injuries, and lack of depth at the post position in his first season with the team. He has witnessed some of those issues by keeping his team focused and humble.

Friday, Hinson said he would send junior guard Dismar Jackson, the team’s leading scorer, home and dismiss him from the team if his conduct didn’t improve.

“This is something that I just came in and told my staff, “This is what I’m going to do. I’m worn out. I’m tired of it. I’ve come to the point that this is what we’re going to do, and we’re going to make a decision,” Hinson said at a press conference Friday. “It doesn’t have anything to do with points. It has everything to do with effort and attitude and respect and punctuality and doing the little things right.”

The coach’s remarks came just days after Jackson scored 28 points in a close and doing the little things right.”

The first-year guard is still a raw talent and looks hurried in key situations, but he has played good defense coming off the bench this year.

Fellow freshman Anthony Beane Jr. has been phenomenal for the Salukis this year. He is the team’s third leading scorer and has become a consistent starter recently. Beane Jr. is often asked to defend the opposing team’s best player, which is usually a tough task for a first-year player. He accepted that challenge and managed to shoot well from the perimeter.

With Saturday’s win against WSU, SIU men’s basketball looks like it belongs in a very tough Missouri Valley conference. Junior guard Diamond Taylor is set to return tomorrow against Bradley, and the Salukis will need him to be the player he was when he was recruited if they plan to continue this season’s success. MVC teams will begin to double (or triple) team Jackson, and Taylor is the next best perimeter threat on the team.

Freshman guard Anthony Beane Jr. drives past Indiana State junior guard Dawon Cummings for a layup Saturday at SIU Arena. Beane Jr. posted 11 points and 6 rebounds for the Salukis as they defeated the Sycamores 76-71. SIU will face Bradley University 7 p.m. tonight in Peoria.

Despite center Ante Kupitar suffering a knee injury in Sweden, the Kings lost no key players this offseason. Depending on MRL results, Kupitar is expected to return by late January or early February. With a solid roster from top to bottom, the Kings are the West’s clear favorite. Chicago hopes to reach the playoffs for the fifth consecutive year to grab their second cup in four years. The Blackhawks were eliminated early in the last two playoffs, but that may change this season. The Hawks rearranged their struggling defense with veterans Sheldon Brookbank and Michal Rozsival. Forward Marian Hossa, who suffered a severe concussion from an illegal hit by forward Raffi Torres in last year’s playoffs, is expected to start in the season opener. Despite starting less than a week from now, a shortened season brings a great deal of excitement to almost every game. Squeezing so many games in three months will create a playoff-like intensity to each one. Every game this season will be in conference, which means an Eastern conference team will not face a Western conference team until the Stanley Cup finals for the first time since the 1992 conference realignment.

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