They deliver anything ... for a small charge

Sarah Lohman Daily Egyptian

SIUC students use a variety of tools to make money.
They use computers, beetroots and hamburger buns to earn cash to pay for the costs of loans to handbooks.
All Adam Milton and Luke Orr need is a set of wheels.
The two sophomores recently started their own bicycle delivery service as a way to earn extra money.
They started delivering anything.
"If we can carry it and it’s legal, we’ll deliver it," said Milton, a sophomore from Urbana studying cinema and photography.
Their original plan was to get a job delivering for Jimmy John’s Gourmet Subs on their bikes.
Jimmy John’s wouldn’t bite, they said.

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Bicycle delivery service rider

The pair then hatched a plan to start “On The Fly Deliveries,” in which they deliver anything within a reasonable distance on their bikes.

Orr, a sophomore from Chicago studying geography, said he would pick up an order in his car if it was too far to deliver.
They have made about seven deliveries since posting flyers a week ago.
Milton said they have turned down several deliveries because both students were too busy or it was too early.
"People call for breakfast, but we just don’t do that," Milton said.
Delivery hours are 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Thursday and 3 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday through Sunday.

Milton and Orr will not deliver any further north than the Tres Hombres area, further south than Hitch on Illinois 13, further west than the Mundale Shopping Center or further east than Lewis Park.

Orders have ranged from groceries to cigarettes. Orr and Milton buy the item and charge the customer the amount of the receipt plus several dollars for the delivery.
"We charge by size and how much we have to ride," Orr said.
Prices for on-campus delivery range from $2 to $4.

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They delivered for Jimmy John’s Gourmet and photography.

Mamadou Maman, a student from Niger studying mining engineering, said he would not deliver anything for a small charge.

"The boy is from a good family — a wealthy family — and he is a strong student," Momoh said. "This boy does not deserve to suffer."
Mamadou Maman is being held in Jackson County Jail on a $10,000 cash bond.

"We’re in the process of finalizing information that would connect him to Faner, Rehn Hall and the Ag. Building," he said.

While Mamadou Maman has already been charged, Sigler said more charges could continue to add up as the investigation continues.
"The rest of the charges, any other that are pending, are still perhaps going to be forthcoming as we pull together more of the information," he said.

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Mediacom might lose FOX station
Sean McGahan Daily Egyptian

Mediacom customers might return from winter break to the absence of the nation’s favorite yellow family and aspiring singers if negotiations are not met between two cable giants.
Sinclair Broadcast Group — the nation’s largest operator of broadcast stations in the nation and owner of local FOX affiliate KBSI and My.
Network affiliate WDKA — has announced plans to pull its programming from Mediacom Communication Corporation — the nation’s eighth-largest cable provider — if the two do not come to an agreement over retransmission fees by Jan. 5.

The two companies have been in negotiations about the fees Sinclair charges Mediacom to retransmit its commercial programming for several months. On Sept. 28, Sinclair sent Mediacom a letter of its intention to pull programming if an agreement was not met by Nov. 30.

The loss of Sinclair programming would affect more than 700,000 Mediacom subscribers in 12 states, including Illinois.
If negotiations are not met, customers wishing to watch popular FOX shows such as “American Idol” and “The Simpson” will have to use a satellite dish system or try to get an antenna to pick up the KBSI signal.
Both parties reached an extension agreement on Thursday, several hours before the scheduled halt of programing.

Mediacom Communications Manager Phyllis Peters would not comment on the financial state of the negotiations Monday but said they are ongoing.

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CALENDAR
Poverty and hunger in Africa: Think Globally, Act Locally
7 p.m. today at the Law School Classroom.
Learn about global poverty with a focus on Africa; no fee; "poverty meal" will be served.
SIU Amateur Radio Club
7 p.m. today at the Engineering Building, Room A-131.
Meeting to be followed by F.C. Amateur License Examination session – all classes.
Huge holiday sale
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday at the University Museum Store.
• 40% off all merchandise.

NEWS BRIEFS
Mitsubishi Electronic tour:
• 7 to 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Renaissance Room.
• 2 to 4 p.m. Friday at the Engineering A-131.
• 7 to 9 a.m. December 11 in the Library at SIU.
• Please RSVP to arramak.

South American birds found to be more likely to carry H5N1 virus
WASHINGTON — Birds from Latin America — not from the north — are most likely to carry the H5N1 virus, said A. Marm Kilpatrick, lead author of the study.

"The risk is actually higher from the poultry trade to the Americas than from the north," said Kilpatrick, of the Consortium for Conservation Medicine in New York. Other researchers on the study came from the Smithsonian Institution.

If bird flue arrives in Mexico or somewhere farther south, it could be a matter of time before migratory bird carries the virus to the United States, Kilpatrick said.

"It's not just a matter of worrying about who you trade with, but it's a matter of thinking about who you do your trades with and who do your trading partners trade with," Kilpatrick said. "We need to be looking both south and north."

The study concluded that "current American surveillance plans that focus primarily on the Asian migratory bird pathway may fail to detect the introduction of H5N1 into the United States in time to prevent its spread into domestic poultry."
Council hear Halloween report

Alicia Wade
DAILY EGYPTIAN

People hoping for a wild Halloween celebration on South Illinois Avenue next year may have to think again.

The City Council will discuss a recommendation to keep the current Halloween restrictions for Carbondale at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The current ordinance closes bars in the South Illinois area — the Strip — and bars during weekend and on Halloween.

City Mayor Jeff Doherty said the history of problems during the holiday caused him to write the recommendation to keep the restrictions. His report outlines a number of historical instances of crime dating back to the 1970s during Halloween weekend. He also cites occurrences in 2000 when restrictions were lifted by the City Council because the members thought, “the crowds were manageable, and the problems could be prevented.”

According to the recommendation, crowds between 2,000 and 2,500 people caused the closing of South Illinois Avenue. On Halloween night, a Tuesday that year, a fight broke out in the street, and police who were attempting to resolve the situation were forced to use tear gas to get the hostile crowd dispersed.

“It’s a historical situation where we have experienced some real problems over time,” Doherty said. He also said the ordinance has been successful because bar closings prevent people from gathering and spilling onto the street. No problems such as those in 2000 have been experienced since the current ordinance went into effect, Doherty said.

As far as students being unable to find places to celebrate over Halloween, Doherty said the city was not shut down — just South Illinois Avenue. On Halloween night, a Tuesday that year, a fight broke out in the street, a dozen people were taken to hospitals near this area, and also said other bars and house parties were opened.

“I don’t know if anyone is lacking an outlet to celebrate that time of year,” Doherty said.

According to the recommendation, bars shut down by the ordinance are compensated by the city for their economic loss by not being required to pay the annual liquor license fees.

Carbondale Police Chief Bob Ledbetter said the restrictions have been effective in preventing incidences of street closings, property damage and personal injuries during Halloween.

“Halloween has become the kind of Halloween that can be celebrated in the community with kids trick or treating and not worrying about crime,” Ledbetter said. “The ordinance is making a safe Halloween for everyone.”

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Halloween recommendations
For more information on the Halloween recommendation, look online at www.ci.carbondale.il.us.

Missing family members found

Jeff Barnard
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — Three members of a San Francisco family missing for more than a week were found alive Monday in a remote area of southern Oregon, police said.

A search continued for the father.

Investigators said a helicopter spotted 30-year-old Kati Kim waving an umbrella about 1:45 p.m. PST. Her daughters Priscilla, 4, and Sahun, 7 months, were with her, but they were airlifted to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

The “are in good condition” Linda Rankin, vice president for patient care at the hospital, told The Associated Press. “Mom was in an ambulance smiling and waving.”

Det. Matt Lemmon said.

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Chemicals leak from derailed freight train

A dozen people suffered from mild symptoms

Jim Suhr
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHRISTOPHER, Ill. — Residents who evacuated their homes a day after a freight train derailed and leaked 20,000 gallons of petroleum products were allowed to return to the area in late afternoon, officials said.

The spill for the evacuation of more than 70 homes and sent a dozen people to hospitals near this city of 2,800, about 20 miles north of Carbondale, officials said.

Two of the cars that derailed from the 83-car Union Pacific train leaked a petroleum product used as an additive for lubricating oil and a petroleum diesel-type lubricant, Union Pacific spokesman James Barnes said.

He said rail service through the area was expected to resume by noon Tuesday.

Early air-quality tests around the derailment site came back clean, but it will take time before the area is back to normal, said Environmental Protection Agency spokesman Kevin Turner.

“On top of everything else, there was a gas leak that one tank car was spewing gas,” Turner said. “It’s going to take a long time to clean up.”

About a dozen people were taken to two area hospitals for mild symptoms related to the spill, including burning or irritation of the eyes, nose, and throat, said Tracey Karnes, a spokeswoman for Benton County Health Services.

The victims included residents and emergency responders, but the injuries weren’t serious enough to require hospitalization, Karnes said.

The Union Pacific train was on its way to Chicago from Houston. The train derailed near a crossroads between a Burlington Northern Santa Fe track and Union Pacific railroad about 2:15 a.m., said Barnes.

A cause has not been determined, said West Frankfort Fire Lieutenant Craig Lemmon.

“Several cars are piled on top of each other, 40 feet in the air,” Lemmon said.

More than 70 homes in the area of Mitchell Lake were voluntarily evacuated as a result of the derailment, said Franklin County Emergency Management Agency Director Ryan Buckingham.

The American Red Cross set up a shelter for evacuees at the Christopher Civic Center.

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Michael Tarm
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Bush meets with Shiite leader

Terence Hunt
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush told an Iraqi power broker on Monday that the United States was not satisfied with the progress of efforts to stop the sharp escalation of violence in Iraq.

Bush met at the White House with Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, the Shiite leader of the largest bloc in Iraq's parliament.

Al-Hakim said that he "vehemently" opposes any regional or international effort to solve Iraq's problems that goes around the Iraqi government in Baghdad.

"Iraq should be in a position to solve its own problems," al-Hakim said. "We are not satisfied with the progress of efforts and we want to continue to work with the sovereign government of Iraq."

Bush's remarks were his clearest indication that the United States would not back another regional or international effort to solve Iraq's problems that does not include the Iraqi government.

Bush's remarks come as the United States is facing rising expectations that a new wave of violence in Iraq will lead to a fresh round of international efforts to find a way out of the conflict.

The latest showed that Donald Rumsfeld called for a "major adjustment" in U.S. tactics on Nov. 6 — the day before an election that cost Republicans the Congress and Rumsfeld's job as defense secretary.

President George Bush, right, shakes hands with Sayeed Azz Al-Hakim, an Iraqi Shiite leader, in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Thursday. (AP Photo/Ron Edmonds)

"We have not failed in Iraq," Hadley said as he made the talk show rounds Sunday. "We will fail in Iraq if we pull out our troops before we're in a position to help the Iraqis succeed." He added: "The president understands that we need to have a way forward in Iraq that is more successful."

But, with the leak of another insider's secret memo, the second in a week, the administration found itself on the defensive.

"We told reporters in Arabic that 'we have a way forward in Iraq that is more successful','" senior administration official Andrew Bacevich said.

Bacevich, who served as a four-year sentencer in Yekaterinburg in the Ural Mountains for reporting secret states, said in a letter from prison that he had served a few years and was concerned about the president's security.

"We should be cautious," Bacevich said. "We need to have a way forward in Iraq that is more successful."
Save the Strip

The issues surrounding Carbondale and its Halloween celebrations have spread over a four-decade period.

Periods of peace in relation to these festive occasions have always given way to years of riots, mass arrests and tons of bad publicity for the city. Since Halloween night in the year 2000, when riots on the Strip had to be contained with tear gas from the police, those in town during that time of the year have seen that vital part of the social scene become a ghost town.

Fortunately for those who have represented this decision by our local government, the time has come for the Carbondale City Council to think over its restrictions on bars and other Strip businesses during Halloween. A report on the city’s Halloween restrictions was requested earlier this year by Mayor Brad Cole and is scheduled for discussion at tonight’s City Council meeting.

In the interest of fairness and the spirit of good fun, an opposition to the restrictions should be made, or at least some sort of manageable middle ground that could make the Strip functional and still safe.

In years past, Halloween in Carbondale has gone from a free-wheeling street party to an organized city event with stops everywhere in between. SIUC has tried to do its part by establishing midsemester breaks during Halloween week, but nothing has curbed mischief during the end of October better than closing the bars on the Strip. It wouldn’t be surprising to see the restrictions extended for another several years — the last thing that Carbondale or SIUC wants is to have everything open for Halloween 2007 and see another headline-grabbing incident on the Strip.

From the 32-page report that will be deliberated today: “Carbondale and SIUC cannot afford new negative publicity for a problem Halloween. The community has invested six years into having success at Halloween; one bad year would render that success moot.”

Yes, it would, but are we so sure the students of this university and the residents of this city are so willing to throw the goodwill of recent years away and put Halloween in Carbondale back into a dark age?

There is a chance of seeing relaxed restrictions, but the bars could still be affected. For instance, they wouldn’t be open after sunset, but is that enough? There is a middle ground to be found to this issue, but there’s no chance of it coming to fruition with only this report to go on.

Like SIUC on a bigger stage, the University of Wisconsin and the city of Madison have had their share of Halloween riots in which, for the past four years, police have had to use pepper spray to detain out-of-control crowds. This year an estimated 35,000 partiers spent their time having fun but with a strong police presence and an admission fee charged by the city. With those actions, Madison saw 30 fewer arrests during Halloween weekend.

As the university doesn’t want to talk about it, SIU has a rich tradition of being one of the most rowdy, raucous party schools in the Midwest. It has even gained national attention of people who claim the Salukis were among the nation’s elite when it came to partying harder than everyone else.

I know when I told people back home in Freeport, six hours from here, that I was going down to Carbondale for college, the most common response from just about everyone was, “Are you going down there to party, or are you going down there to go to school?” One guy even told me that Carbondale was the “best seven years of his life” and reminisced about how he was there when they pulled down the goal posts in ’83 and threw them into the lake after SIU had just won the I-AA football championship.

In 1987, Playboy magazine ranked SIU the 17th best party school in the country ahead of Texas, LSU, Florida and even that university up I-57 in Champaign that still refuses to play us in basketball and football. More recently in 2002, SIU received an honorable mention in the poll, but its status as being among the top 20 had dropped significantly.

Over the past few years, the university has been attempting to shed the whole “party school” image and is now aspiring to be one among the top research institutions in the country. It’s as if administrators woke up one day and decided all of a sudden that we are going to be this great research institution. Last time I checked, I don’t recall traditionally academic institutions having a cumulative student GPA of 2.72.

I think we all need to admit to ourselves that, outside of a few select programs, most students aren’t choosing SIU for academic reasons. They come here because it’s cheap, it’s just far enough from home, and there’s always something to do any night of the week.

That has to be a tough pill to swallow — what the school has to offer won’t be attracting Rhodes Scholars anytime soon. Instead, the social atmosphere of Carbondale is attracting the state’s and region’s best drunks and alcoholics.

We should all be comforted that at least there still are parts of the party school left on campus. Of course, they’re the part of campus that’s falling apart because they haven’t been updated since 1971. With so much calculated neglect on campus, you almost wonder who was doing more partying, the university administrators or the students?

As long as the rest of the state views us as a giant cocktail party down south, we’re never going to get away from the party school stigma. It shouldn’t be a big shock that enrollment is down over the past few years. When you try to take the party out of the party school, the partiers go elsewhere, along with their tuition money.
For some home-style cooking in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere without having to take a trip home, look no further than the Helen Celeste Mabus Pottery Studio and Restaurant.

The restaurant, located on 1525 Walnut St., in Murphysboro, instantly brings to mind images of a cozy family gathering as soon as customers walk through the archways leading to any one of the restaurant’s dining rooms. Helen Mabus started the restaurant with her husband Merrill Mabus and their son Kory. The restaurant, which offers healthy, homemade dishes, also doubles as Helen Mabus’ pottery studio.

Patrons can come to the restaurant to dine or peruse the many works of pottery on the walls, which range from tealike to mugs to plates. The pottery is all made in-house and ranges in price from $15 to $150.

The house, which had fallen into disrepair in the five years it was vacant, was restored by the Mabus’ themselves. They spackled and painted the chipped walls, replaced the leaky roof and restored water-stained ceilings to their original shine.

Though the restaurant has only been open for a little more than a week, it has already earned its share of loyal customers. Julie Shaldemore works for Ozburn Insurance Agency in Murphysboro. She and her co-workers have ordered carryout from the restaurant on several occasions.

“It’s delicious,” Shaldemore said. “You can tell everything is homemade — it’s very tasty.”

The restaurant is Wi-Fi connected, so any patrons who want to bring their laptops to browse the Internet can do so.

“Rome is definitely a place where I can just come in and hang out,” Arms said. “This is one of the most perfect atmospheres for studying.”

The Helen Celeste Mabus Pottery Studio and Restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for lunch and from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. for dinner.
Solution to Friday’s puzzle

LANKY GOOSE MUFFLE FLAUNTY esterday’s Jumbles:

Answer:

Yesterday’s Jumbles: FAIRY KNIFE BESTOW WALRUS

What the diners turned into at the busy restaurant — “WAITERS”
Tired Saluki picks up his teammates at U.S. Open.

Hedo finishes 16th overall in two events
Matt Hartwig, Sean McGahan

Without any expectations, sophomore Dennis Hedo had found his chance to make a mark on the SIU swimming and diving team.

When the swimmers were handed out before the U.S. Open, Hedo was picked to finish no better than 46th in any event.

But of the six members of the Saluki team who attended the three-day meet, Hedo shined with a pair of 16th-place finishes in the 50- and 200-meter freestyle.

Head swimming and diving coach Rick Walker said Hedo was by far the most impressive performer from the weekend-long event — especially after coming off an exhausting month.

"This has been a crazy month for him because he’s been trying to keep up grades in addition to a slew of competitions," Walker said. "It really shows how hard he has been working lately, and it was good to see him step up."

Hedo competed in the Missouri Dual Challenge, the Northwestern Invitational and a national team time trial in Sweden in addition to the U.S. Open. The four events came one after another for a month straight.

In his efforts to qualify for the Swedish national team, Hedo finished fourth in the 200-freestyle.

Hedo’s time of 1:54.38 in the 200-freestyle and 23.9 in the 50-freestyle wasn’t his best of the season, but he got the job done.

He gave some hope to a struggling teammate as well.

Junior Stephen Ackermann had a rough weekend. He didn’t qualify for the finals in any of his three events and said he suffered two asthma attacks while in competition.

Ackermann is a chronic asthmatic but hadn’t had an attack all season. Despite the issue, Ackermann finished the race with his teammates.

Ackermann said watching Hedo compete makes him want to push harder.

"I’m inspiring to watch. Donnis go on such short rest and do so well," Ackermann said. "I had my asthma attacks, I still finished the race because I want to be strong in front of everyone."

Hedo, Alex Mannucho, Antonio Santoro and Ackermann combined to finish 14th in the 400-meter freestyle relay with a time of 3:35.28.

Mediacom vs. Sinclair

"Mediacom has offered compromise in several proposals, and we need to continue to reach the kind of agreement that would be fair to everyone," Peters said. "In negotiations, you strive to close a gap between two parties, and that’s what we’re doing." Sinclair did not return multiple calls for comment, but Sinclair Vice President and general counsel Bart Adams is said in a written statement released Thursday the gap was "wide enough that we are not optimistic about getting a deal done."

Mediacom disagreed and said the implementation of an extension shows progress.

Drop zone for On The Fly Delivery
Or and Milton won’t deliver any farther north than Tres Hombres, south of Huck’s on Illinois Route 13, west of Murdale Shopping Center or east of Lewis Park.

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Many buildings on campus remain unlocked until 10 or 11 p.m., and Sijler said this could have provided Mamam Maman entrance. He said Maman Maman had been a student custodian and could have gained access to the buildings in that way.

Since 2005, Mamam Maman has faced nearly a dozen citations and misdemeanor charges, with charges including criminal trespass, unauthorized computer access and resisting a peace officer, among others, according to Jackson County court records.

He is set for a Jan. 2 jury trial for previous charges and is scheduled for a Dec. 21 preliminary hearing in regard to the textbook thefts.

Cards sign Carp to five-year deal

Jimmy Golen
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — St. Louis Cardinals general manager Walt Jocketty looked at the price of pitching on the free-agent market and decided to throw his money at a guy he already had.

The Cardinals announced a five-year deal with NL Cy Young Award winner Chris Carpenter on Tuesday, locking him up through the 2011 season for about $65 million. The deal also includes a club option for 2012 that would bring the total value to $77 million.

"It was important for us to show what we think of him," Jocketty said on the first day of baseball’s winter meetings.

Carpenter was 15-8 with a 3.09 ERA last season, finishing third in Cy Young balloting and helping the Cardinals win their first World Series title in 24 years.

He was 3-1 with a 2.78 ERA in five postseason starts, including the clincher in the division series against the Padres and eight shutout innings in the World Series against the Tigers.

St. Louis has made the playoffs in each of his three years there, reaching the World Series twice.

"This is a place you’re going to have an opportunity to win every year," Carpenter said during a conference call with reporters stationed at the meetings outside of Orlando. "Winning the World Series is the goal. I’ve had good playing years. I’d love to do it again."

Carpenter had been signed for $7 million in 2007 with a $9 million option for 2008. But with pitchers such as Adam Eaton getting more than $8 million per year from the Phillies, Carpenter might have made more if he pitched out his contract and hit the free-agent market.

"I don’t know how much is enough," he said. "It’s comfortable here, my family’s comfortable here, and I don’t want to have an opportunity to win here."

Carpenter led the NL with a 1.51 ERA at home last season, and was tied for the lead with three shutouts overall. In three years with St. Louis, he has pitched 211 1/3 with a 3.10 ERA in 93 starts and the Cardinals are 65-27, a winning percentage of .707, during that span.

His 36 victories the last two seasons are tied for first in the major leagues with Jon Garland of the Chicago White Sox.

"Chris is one of the elite pitchers in all of baseball," Cardinals chairman William O. DeWitt said. "In addition to becoming just the second Cardinal to win a Cy Young Award, Chris has been the leader of our pitching staff and we are pleased that he will continue in that role for the next five seasons."

The Cardinals signed Carpenter as a free agent in 2003 even though he was recovering from shoulder surgery, and he missed that entire season. He rewarded them with a 15-win season in 2004 before a biceps injury knocked him out of the post-season.

"It’s nice to know they believe in me this much to keep me around for five more years," he said. "Walt (Jocketty) is good security, no matter how long it is. Getting here from the situation I’ve been in, it’s a great feel.

It lets you relax and concentrate on what you need to do, and that’s relax and throw. There’s no other worry."

Jocketty said taking a chance on Carpenter and Jeff Suppan made the championship possible.

"We wouldn’t have had the success we’ve had if we hadn’t signed those guys," he said.
**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Sweet home South Alabama**

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The SIU women’s basketball team looks to keep rolling tonight against the University of South Alabama after winning a nail-biter to begin a stretch of four straight road games.

The Salukis are coming off two hard-fought wins that head coach Dana Eikenberg called ugly and a dogfight. SIU (3-4) hopes to build on its two-game winning streak against the Lady Jaguars (3-4). The game will be in Mobile, Ala., and will begin at 7 p.m.

“It’s not an easy road,” Eikenberg said. “It’s a tough road, and our defense is going to carry us through it.”

South Alabama will be very athletic,” Eikenberg said. “We’re going to have to continue to work on and to develop our defense.”

Despite the recent strong play, Eikenberg said SIU can’t afford to overlook the Lady Jaguars.

“South Alabama will be very athletic,” Eikenberg said. “We’re going to have to be very disciplined. We always try to keep them at a minimum.”

Last season, the Salukis trounced South Alabama, 82-61, scoring 29 points off of 24 forced turnovers. SIU also out rebounded the Lady Jaguars, 36-32, in the 2005 game. In Saturday’s win over Weber State, the Salukis won the battle on the boards, 62-44.

Eikenberg said rebounding will be one of the keys in tonight’s matchup.

“We’re going to have to continue to board,” Eikenberg said. “It’s a critical game for us, and we’ve got to have the same kind of effort and also get a little bit more out of our post play.”

Eikenberg said the Salukis had “a sense of purpose offensively” against Weber State, keyed by junior point guard Erin Pauk.

Pauk didn’t score any baskets but had a 5-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio. Eikenberg said the game could have been Pauk’s best of the season.

“We know she can do that every game,” Eikenberg said. “She clearly communicated, she played great defense. It was good for her because she needed a game like that.”

Pauk said she played well within her role Saturday, which is to take the shot or drive to the basket when the opportunity is there. Otherwise, she said her role is to set up the offensive and defensive sets, which she said her role is to set up the opportunity is there. Otherwise, she played great defense.

**STATS OF THE WEEK**

**SIU FOOTBALL**

In their second-round playoff loss to Montana, the Salukis gained 129 yards on offense, including 37 passing yards and 92 rushing yards. All three totals are the lowest for SIU this season. The Salukis were also limited to just seven first downs in the game — another low for the season — en route to the 20-1 defeat.

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Recruiting:
From the field to the classroom

New requirements have changed the way college coaches recruit

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I
t won't be the same when SIU coaches hit the recruiting trail this year.

Suddenly, prospects' English courses will be measured comparatively with their athletic progress.
A new rule that takes effect with 2008 recruits requires prospective collegiate athletes complete 16 core courses in high school to become eligible to play in Division I sports.

The old regulation, which will be ousted after the 2007 recruiting class, required 14 core courses.

Saluki coaches looking to get a head start on 2008 recruits have taken notice of the fast changes — the already hectic world of recruiting just added another flaming hoop for coaches and recruiters to jump through.

Mario Moccia, SIU's athletic director, said coaches might be taking a different approach.

"Coaches aren't so much looking at a 40-yard dash time or a jump shot," Moccia said. "Now they're looking at the academic credentials of the kids."

Chris Lowery is in the process of doing just that.

The third-year men's basketball coach is in the thick of his 2008 recruiting.

Lowery has already finished next year's recruiting class and has seen the change while searching for prospective players to man his 2008 roster.

"It's become more of a gamble now. Will Player X finish that fourth year of English? Does Player Y have enough core courses?"

Chris Lowery is in the process of doing just that.

Lowery said it's these types of scenarios that have altered his recruiting philosophies.

"It makes you have to put a kid who's talented enough on hold who may not have enough core courses?"

Reliance on compliance
Going from 16 to 14 required courses can't be devastating — two courses is chump change, right?

On the contrary.

Requiring an extra year of mathematics and an extra year of an additional course — which can come from any core area — is a substantial increase in workload.

Case in point: Out of about 320 student-athletes at SIU, compliance director Christian Spears said only 19 would comply with the new requirement of 16 core courses. Of course, current collegiate student-athletes don't have to worry about such requirements, as the 2008 class is the first class to be affected.

Yet, the discrepancy of compliance, one Spears called "scary staggering," shows the stark shift in recruiting that will ensue.

Doug Elgin, the commissioner of the Missouri Valley Conference, said there would undoubtedly be an adjustment period until high schools, colleges and recruits can all be on the same page.

Elgin said there would be an adjustment period until the academic incongruity lessons; the requirement might have an adverse effect on some until the word gets spread properly.

In the meantime, 16 core courses exemplify the NCAA's new requirements — incoming student-athletes will be better prepared for a college workload.

"It will definitely send a message to students that are coming up through the pipeline that they have to be better prepared," Elgin said.

Not a perfect world
Chris Lowery calls it a flaw.

Some high schools, Lowery says, don't offer ample classes for students to satisfy the recently passed 16-course requirement.

"Why should one of the recruits shell out his own money for an online class or a class at a community college to get that 16th core course?"

Lowery doesn't get it.

"Kids in smaller schools who only offer 14 or 15 core courses, what do you tell them?" Lowery said. "You're penalizing their school system because they can't afford to have those types of cores."

Spears admitted the transition won't come without strife.

There's a cloud of confusion at the high school level concerning what is a core course and what is not.

"It's the high schools — in particular, Kill said, high school counselors — that have to adjust. Some counselors and some schools may not understand it," Kill said. "Then the parents don't understand it, and you have all kinds of problems."

Spears is taking an external approach to keeping those problems away from the SIU Athletic Department.

He's teaching the schools how to teach.

Spears said he's traveled to high schools throughout southern Illinois, including Marion, Mount Vernon and Murphysboro. SIU is also hosting a conference Dec. 20 to educate high school athletic directors on the subject.

Moccia said such action is necessary to ensure SIU recruits come in with a clean academic bill.

But in the end, Moccia said the burden would be on the Athletic Department to ensure high schools are doing their part to make a smooth transition for recruits into the college classroom.

Before the Salukis start instructing their highly touted recruits, they must first teach the high schools a thing or two.

"You would think that every school in the country would automatically know that there is a new rule change in core classes," Moccia said. "That may not be the case — especially if you're in a more rural school that's not producing Division I athletes on a regular basis."

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