Celebration cancelled

Colts tame Bears in Super Bowl XLI

Sean McGahan

Celebrations ranged from sparse to non-existent throughout Carbondale Sunday night after the Indianapolis Colts defeated the Chicago Bears 29-17 in Super Bowl XLI.

Police presence was heavy throughout town, but most of the detected fans stayed inside the bars and drowned their sorrows or quietly walked home without incident.

The Carbondale Fire Department reported a quiet evening, and SIUC and Carbondale police declined to comment on any incidents.

Carolina Panthers quarterback Jake Delhomme, who did gather downtown to chant for us against the victorious Colts were quickly told to keep moving by police stationed along the Strip.

Jim Graham, a junior from Napa Valley studying radar-television, stayed inside Gatsby’s II after the game ended.

He said he wished the Bears had put forth a better effort, but he would celebrate the NFC champions’ season regardless.

Graham said the night would have been much more entertaining otherwise.

“This place would be wild and crazy if the Bears won, but I’m still here having a good time,” he said.

He said he guaranteed the night would be different when the Bears win next year.

“It’ll be a beautiful thing,” said the ever-optimistic fan.

Tom Dwyer, a freshman from Chicago studying political science, said the loss killed the potential for a party.

“It changed the whole outcome of the night,” he said. “I was going to party after this. Now it’s just depressing.”

Kevin Cunniff, a senior from Chicago studying physical education, was working the door at Gatsby’s II. He said the roughly 125-person crowd was large for a Sunday, despite the outcome of the game.

“I think a lot more people would be out, but they lost,” he said. “You still get the same old drunk girls, no matter if they won or lost.”

The eyes have it

Neighbors help police, each other in watch programs

Danny Wenger

Several years ago, Robin Russell’s home was burgled.

High school students broke into her house while she was away, load-ed a pickup truck with her belongings, and took off she said.

But thanks in part to the watchful eye of her neighbor, Russell, a longtime neighborhood watch participant, was able to get everything back.

Due to the observation of her neighbor watching, observing what was happening and calling the police they were apprehended and I got all of my stuff back,” Russell said.

The idea of neighbors knowing and watching out for one another is the principle behind a neighborhood watch.

Residents can organize watch groups and receive information about crime prevention from police. Watch groups can also increase the safety of an area by working with the city.

“I definitely think it’s beneficial to know your neighbors, to know what their schedules are, to look after their homes and to have a speaking relationship with them,” Russell said.

Carbondale Police Officer Randy Mathis said he thinks the groups help make residental areas safer.

“It’s an extra set of eyes and ears out there for neighbors to keep themselves safe,” he said.

Mathis, Carbondale’s commun-ity resource officer, serves as a police

President calls for college cuts

President looks to boost coffers, instill pride on campus

Sarah Lehman

SIU President Glenn Poshard on Friday asked the College of Education and Human Services to look within its budget for extra revenue for the university.

The meeting with the college was one in a series Poshard is set to hold on campuses to encourage an inclusive atmosphere, the presi-dent said. He outlined his goals for the university and discussed some financial considerations.

“We need a campus dialogue on all of these things,” he said. “These are important questions for us to ask.”

Poshard said SHUC cannot run without money, and new streams of revenue will not com-pensate for the short-age the university has encountered. He said he would ask all of the col-leges to look for ways to run more cost-effec-tively.

The university has run short by $9 million on the Morris Library renovation and $3 mil-lion short on utilities, Poshard said.

Poshard recommended the col-lege make cuts to plug more money into the university.

He said it was up to the college’s dean to figure out how to make cuts. When asked for suggestions Poshard said he had none.

Several faculty, members said they thought indicators such as research or enrollment should determine indi-vidual funding for each college, so more pro-ductive departments would receive equal funding.

Patricia Elmore, interim dean of the College of Education and Human Services, said the college has overproduced research despite heavy cuts, a statement with which Poshard agreed.

“This college produced more research than other colleges,” Poshard said, but the research does not count towards ranking because it is not sponsored by National Science Foundation money.

Poshard, who, among other rea-sons, demoted former Chancellor Walter Wendler because of poor teamwork, has said he wants to alleviate communication problems and instill a sense of community, among students, faculty and staff.

Nancy Mundschak, an associ-ate professor in educational psychology and special education, said the College of Education and Human Services is comprised of excellent citizens who want to engage in community, but who don’t have the time to do it.

“We need the faculty power to do that, and we don’t have that,” Mundschak said.

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Astronauts start second of three spacewalks

NASA ALAN STAFFORD, FLA. — Spacewalking astronauts began their second session of the day Sunday, the second of three spacewalks in the next 10 days, to upgrade the international space station's cooling system.

The liquid ammonia, which freezes into flakes when it hits the vacuum of space, did not appear to touch Michael Lopez-Alegria or Suni Williams. The second spacewalk is set for Thursday, marking the first time three spacewalks will have been conducted in such a short time at the space station without a space shuttle docked to it.

If the schedule stays on pace, both U.S. astronauts would hold spacewalking records by the end of the month. Williams will hold the record for the most by a woman, and Lopez-Alegria will be the U.S. champion, surpassed only by Russian cosmonaut Anatoly Solovyov for the all-time record.

FOX back on Mediacom as companies reach agreement after months of debate

The Mediacom cable company reached an agreement with Sinclair Broadcast Group Friday, immediately putting KFVS 12 in Cape Girardeau and KFVS 42 in Cape Girardeau off the air.

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A child’s trip to the dentist is rarely something to smile about, but Kristie Schuler said on Friday the Community Dental Center made the venture far less troublesome.

Schuler’s three children were among about 250 between the ages of 2 and 18 who took advantage of “Give Kids a Smile Day” at SIUC’s Community Dental Center Friday.

Between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., about 100 dental hygiene students and several local dentists performed exams, filled cavities and provided other services to the children free of charge.

“Give Kids a Smile Day” is a nationwide program sponsored by the American Dental Association. SIU-Edwardsville’s Dental School in Alton also participated.

Schuler, who lives in Murphysboro, has taken her children to the annual event for three consecutive years. Before the program, she said she was forced to spend far more money on her family’s dental care.

“If somebody had a tooth problem, we would call whoever we could find in the phone book,” she said.

The center, which serves primarily Medicaid recipients and uninsured children, normally charges $15 for an exam. An exam at a typical dental clinic costs about $40, said Dawn Breeden, a dentist from Benton.

Breeden, who volunteered for “Give Kids a Smile Day,” said the other services provided for free at the clinic Friday, such as X-rays and sealants, would be more expensive elsewhere.

She said the event prepared dental hygiene students for what they will deal with after graduation.

“Kids are a difficult population to work with,” she said.

Some of the children had never been to a dentist before, Breeden said. The clinic changed protocol somewhat to accommodate the large number of patients, said Alicia Eckart, a senior from Red Bud studying dental hygiene, who worked at the clinic Friday.

“We took X-rays right away instead of waiting to look and see if they needed X-rays, she said.

“Since a lot of these patients have never been to a dentist, that was probably the best way to approach it.”

Johnston City native Shannon Morris brought his 13-year-old son Tyler to the center Friday.

He said his family visits a dentist as often as possible, but the high cost of dental care makes it difficult.

“When something like this happens, you have to take advantage of it,” he said.

Morris said he would not have been at the dental center Friday if he could afford dental insurance.

He said southern Illinois doesn’t offer enough programs similar to “Give Kids a Smile Day.”

“There’s not enough done for the kids,” he said.

Schuler, a native of Cicero, said free clinics are more common near Chicago. The services are not advertised as well in the Carbondale area, she said.
WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Arrest made after man dies in elevator

NEW YORK (AP) — A man died after falling down an elevator shaft during a dispute at a swanky Manhattan nightclub.

Police early Sunday arrested Granville Adams, 43, and charged him with criminally negligent homicide in the death of Orlando Valles, 15.

Investigators said the two men fought early Saturday morning at BDD New York, a club known for providing beds for its lounging patrons.

Police said a fight against sixth-floor elevator doors, which opened, causing Valles to fall into the shaft, police said.

Valles' body was found several floors below landing on top of the elevator car at the second floor and then another month targeting space, police said. Valles, of the Bronx, was taken to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead.

IRAQ

Bomber levels Baghdad market, killing at least 132

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Stunned Iraqis loaded coffins onto minivans and picked through the rubble of buildings Sunday after a suicide truck bomber obliterated a central Baghdad market area, killing at least 132 people in the deadliest single strike by a suicide bomber since the war began.

The explosion Saturday was five major bombings in less than a month targeting predominantly Shiite districts in Baghdad and the southern Shiite city of Hillah. It also was the worst in the capital since a series of car bombs and mortars killed at least 215 Iraqis in the Shiite district of Sadr City on Nov. 23.

Hospital officials said 132 people were killed in the second of two attacks in central Baghdad that targeted bustling markets on a rainy Sunday and sent a column of smoke into the sky on the east bank of the Tigris River.

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Britain: 15 underage soldiers may have gone to Iraq

LONDON (AP) — Fifteen British troops under the age of 18 have been “snuck away” sent to Iraq, violating a U.N. protocol on children’s rights, the government said Sunday.

Defense Minister Adam Ingram, who gave the figure in a written statement to lawmakers, said the “vast majority” of the young troops had been within a week of turning 18 when they were deployed, or had been removed from the war zone less than a week after arriving.

Ingram noted that soldiers under age 18 had been sent to Iraq since July 2005, and new measures were in place to ensure it did not happen again.

Teenagers can join the British military at 16 with parental consent. In 2003, Britain signed an optional protocol to the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child setting an age limit of 18 for compulsory recruitment and direct participation in hostilities.

WASHINGTON

Nader not against White House run

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ralph Nader and his allies are not ready to close the door on another presidential run.

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Tornado recovery pauses for service at destroyed church

Kelli Kennedy

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

L A D Y  L A K E , Fla. — Tornado victims and their support- ers turned out for Sunday service at a church that was buried in the killer storms that waylaid cen- tral Florida, trying to stay optimistic about the long recovery ahead.

The cleanup that began not long after Friday’s destruction took a brief pause as the faithful and oth- ers gathered under bright sun and clear skies to pray for what was left of the Lady Lake Church of God. Its splintered remains have become a rallying point in this rural area hit hard by the three tornadoes that killed 20 people and destroyed hundreds of homes.

A gospel choir sang and clapped on a makeshift stage where the church’s broken cross was propped up next to an American flag.

“It’s sad, because you know, you think, ‘Next Sunday, I’m going to go to church, but it’s not there anymore and the building can be replaced. We still have the family of people,’ said Jay Newton, 53, whose home in The Villages retire- ment community nearby had no damage.

Gov. Charlie Crist, handling his first natural disaster since tak- ing office last month, attended Sunday’s service, having canceled plans to attend the Super Bowl on Sunday night in Miami.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league planned an obser- vance for the victims during pre- game ceremonies.

The recovery began in ear- ly Saturday morning, when Lake County Sheriff Gary Borders said he did not expect to find any more victims and President Bush designated four counties disaster areas eligible for millions of dollars in aid.

National Guard troops, neigh- bors and residents cleaned up in the rain, pulling blue tarps over houses that still had walls in this area about 50 miles north of Orlando.

Showers soaked roofless homes and piles of twisted aluminum siding, belonging, tree limbs and lumber. Victims from the second-dead- liest series of tornadoes in state history ranged from a 92-year-old man to 17-year-old Brittany May, killed by a falling tree that crushed her bedroom.

Forecasters said Saturday that there are at least three tornadoes, with winds as high as 165 mph, hit between 3 and 4 a.m. Friday, when few people were awake to hear tornado warn- ings on radio and TV.

Bush’s disaster declaration for Lake, Sumter, St. Johns and Volusia counties also frees up loans and other assistance to individuals. Early estimates showed at least $65 million in property losses and about 1,200 homes and buildings dam- aged or destroyed.

20,000 homeless in Jakarta floods

The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Flooding that has killed at least nine people and forced about 200,000 others into shelters left the capital showed no sign of abating Sunday, as overflowing rivers from four days of unceasing rain sent muddy water gushing into homes and shops across the city.

The government dispatched medical trains on rubber rafts into the worst-hit districts around fears that disease may spread among residents living in squallid condi- tions with limited access to clean drinking water.

Jakarta is now on the highest alert level,” said Sihar Sumanjuntak, an official monitoring the water levels of the many rivers that criss- cross the city of 12 million people.

Incessant rain over Jakarta and hills to its south from Thursday triggered the city’s worst floods in recent memory, highlighting the country’s infrastructure problems as it tries to attract badly needed foreign investment.

Rivers reached 13 feet high in places inundated more than 20,000 homes, schools and hospital- tals in poor and wealthy districts alike, forcing authorities to cut off electricity and water sup- plies and paralyzing transport networks.

U.S. troops in Afghanistan could signal harder line

Jason Straziuso

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — Gen. Dan McNeill, the high- est-ranking U.S. general to lead troops in Afghanistan, took command of 35,500 NATO-led soldiers on Sunday, vowing an American face on the interna- tional mission after nine months of British command.

The transition comes after a year of sharply increased violence following the alliance’s push into the Taliban’s southern heartland, and military officials said pri- vately they expect McNeill to take a harder line with militants than his predecessor, Gen. David Richards.

Richards backed a peace deal in the southern town of Musa Qala that crumbled in his last days in command when an estimated 200 Taliban fighters overran the town on Thursday. NATO said a targeted airstrike Sunday killed a key Taliban leader causing the upheaval.

One senior Afghan military official who labeled McNeill a “warf- gether to the bone” said his arrival likely signals the end of such deals, saying they would go under “much greater scrutiny.”

A senior Afghan military offi- cial, meanwhile, said the Defense Ministry expected McNeill to implement a policy of “strong military action.”

The appointment of McNeill, one of only 11 four-star generals in the Army, raises the profile of the American mission here two days after the Defense Department extended the tour of its 2,000 Army Division soldiers.

There are now 26,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan, the highest number ever. About 14,000 American forces fall under the command of NATO’s International Security Assistance Force; 12,000 troops focused on training Afghan forces and special operations fall under the U.S.-led coalition.

By comparison, there were only about 9,500 U.S. troops in Afghanistan in 2002, the year after the Taliban’s ouster.

Col. Tom Collins, an ISAF spokesman, said McNeill’s arrival and the increased troop levels underscored the American com- mitment.

“We have a lot of work that still needs to be done,” Collins said. “It’s important we get more forces here. The United States has stepped up.”

Staff Sergeant Trenton Tharp, 31, of New Castle, Colo., stands in front of a group of Iraqi children during a series of house searches in east Baghdad, Jan. 25.

Darman Baysinger stops to rest on what once was his mother’s front porch on Cooter Pond Road in unincorporated DeLand in Lake County, Fla., on Saturday. Baysinger lost his mother, sister, and 9- year-old niece in the tornado that struck Lake and Volusia counties on Friday.
Wendler applies for LSU presidency

Former SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler is attempting to return to work as an administrator after being removed from the campus’s top post in November.

Wendler has applied for the presidency of the Louisiana State University system, and is one of five known candidates for the position, according to the Baton Rouge, La-based Advocate newspaper.

Wendler, who still receives his $256,000 executive salary until July, was demoted to professor of architecture in November.

SIU President Glenn Poshard cited a lack of leadership skills, poor communication and low enrollment when announcing the decision.

Wendler, who started working at SIUC in 2001, said after his demotion that he planned to stay at the university and was “looking forward to stepping up into the highest purpose of the university where raw opportunity flourishes — the classroom.”

Wendler did not return calls for comment.

Wendler, a former LSU professor of architecture, was a candidate in December 2004 for the chancellor position of LSU’s flagship Baton Rouge campus while still chancellor of SIUC.

Interviews with candidates are set to begin in two or three weeks, the Advocate reported.

Laura Leach, chairwoman for the LSU president search committee, did not return calls for comment.

Other candidates for the position include Larry Lemanski, vice chancellor for research at Florida Atlantic University; Warren Jones, assistant dean for the College of Non-Traditional, Adult and Continuing Education at Chicago State University; Terrance Hitchcock, a business professor at Argosy University’s Minnesota campus; and LSU Agricultural Center Chancellor Bill Richardson.

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Rising number of children exposed to online porn

Lindsey Tanner

CHICAGO — An increasing number of children and teens are being exposed to online pornography, mostly by accidentally viewing sexually explicit Web sites while surfing the Internet, researchers say.

Forty-two percent of Internet users aged 10 to 17 surveyed said they had seen online pornography in the past year. Of those, 66 percent said they did not want to view the images and had not sought them out, the study by University of New York State researchers found.

"It’s beyond the wild west out there. You’ve really torn away the age of innocence," said Dr. Michael Wasserman, a pediatrician with the Ochsner Clinic in Metairie, La., who was not involved in the study.

Online pornography was defined in the study as images of naked people or people having sex.

"It’s so common now, who hasn’t seen something like that?" said Emily Dahoyon, 17, The Marlboro, N.J. high school senior said X-rated images pop up all the time when she’s online.

In the survey, most kids who reported unwanted exposure were aged 13 to 17. Still, sizable numbers of 10- and 11-year-olds also had unwanted exposure — 17 percent of boys and 16 percent of girls that age.

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The results come from a telephone survey of 1,500 Internet users aged 10 to 17 conducted in 2005, with their parents’ consent. Overall, 34 percent had unwanted exposure to online pornography, up from 25 percent in a similar report five years earlier.

Online use that put kids at the highest risk for unwanted exposure to pornography was using file-sharing programs to download images. However, they also stumbled onto X-rated images through other “normal” Internet use, the researchers said, including talking online with friends, visiting chat rooms and playing games.

Filtering and blocking software helped prevent exposure, but was not 100 percent effective, the researchers said. They noted that more than half of families with home Internet access use some type of software to block kids’ access to unwanted sites online.

Better methods are needed “to restrict the use of aggressive and deceptive tactics to market pornography online” without also hampering access to legitimate sites, the researchers said.

Hirsch said exposure to online pornography could lead kids to become sexually active too soon, or could put them at risk for being victimized by sexual predators if they visit sites that prey on children.

Other candidates for the position include Larry Lemanski, vice chancellor for research at Florida Atlantic University; Warren Jones, assistant dean for the College of Non-Traditional, Adult and Continuing Education at Chicago State University; Terrance Hitchcock, a business professor at Argosy University’s Minnesota campus; and LSU Agricultural Center Chancellor Bill Richardson.

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Weight-loss surgeries become more common as obesity increases

NEW YORK — As the popularity of stomach surgery has skyrocketed among obese adults, a growing number of doctors are asking, “Why not children, too?”

For decades, the number of kids trying weight-loss surgery has been tiny. The operations themselves were risky, with a death rate of about 1 in 50. Children rarely got that far, and when they did, pediatricians hesitated to put the developing bodies under the knife.

Only 330 U.S. kids had such an operation in 2004, according to federal statistics. But improvements in surgical technique and huge increases in the number of dangerously obese children have begun fueling a change of heart.

A group of four hospitals, led by Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, are starting a large-scale study this spring examining how children respond to various types of weight-loss surgery, including the gastric bypass, in which a pouch is stapled off from the rest of the stomach and connected to the small intestine.

Three more hospitals have approval from the Food and Drug Administration to test how teens fare with a procedure called laparoscopic gastric banding, where an elastic collar is installed around the stomach limiting how much someone can eat.

The FDA has hesitated to approve the gastric band for children, but surgeons at New York University Medical Center reported in the Journal of Pediatric Surgery that this month the device holds promise.

The 53 boys and girls, aged 13 to 17, who participated in NYU’s study shed nearly half their excess weight over 18 months, while suffering relatively minor complications.

Crystal Kasprzick, of St. James, N.Y., said she lost 100 pounds from her 250-pound frame after having the band installed at age 17. “I’m a totally different person,” she said.

Similar studies are underway at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago and at the Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital of New York-Presbyterian, which recently opened a weight-loss surgery center for teens.

Doctors there expect to conduct about 50 operations this year.

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**Our Word**

**Dodging a potential bullet**

By LeNie Adolphson

A ll the anticipation. All the preparation. All the gut feelings that something bad was going to happen.

The extra authorities from both campus and city police squads were a necessary measure, and fortunately, they were not needed after the Bears’ meltdown in Miami.

When the Chicago White Sox ended their 89-year World Series drought in 2005, the celebration went away with out-of-line rioters at SIUC tearing down light posts, causing thousands of dollars in damage and tainting the image of a school trying to move on from much wilder party days.

The university’s public safety director Todd Sigler — whose team had the daunting task of containing the White Sox insurrection — said it best last week when discussing his department’s preparations: “Large crowds tend to result in a tragedy or a problem, and that’s what we want to avoid,” he said.

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After choking down the last of their beer and giving their Bears consolatory slaps on the back, Chicago devotees made their way home with only thoughts of what could have been.

But maybe Bears fans might have proven the worried locals wrong had the game gone the other way. Maybe light posts would have gone unscathed, pepper spray would have remained in cops’ holsters and this city and campus could have enjoyed a big win the way it should have been enjoyed — with respect and responsible celebration.

We might have to wait another 22 years to find out what a Bears victory in the Super Bowl would bring.

Nonetheless, we say congratulations to the Chicago Bears and their fans for one heck of a season. It was an exciting time to follow the team, and camaraderie was ever apparent among people from all over who shared a common admiration for the guys from up north.

Let us forget, congratulations most of all to the Bears and their faithful followers — a relatively forgotten lot in this area. After more than 30 years, this is your time to bask in the glory.

*Adolphson is an SIU alumna.*

**Guest Column**

**Democratic Party: Failing on Iraq**

LeNie Adolphson

On Nov. 7 American voters went to the polls to oust the Republicans who were largely seen as puppets and rubber stampers for George Bush’s failed policy in Iraq.

The election proved that Americans wanted a change of direction. However, since the election, most Democrats have failed to aggressively challenge the White House and use their congressional power to end the war. Why? Because they are afraid. They fear being called unpatriotic, they fear that the right-wingers on Fox News will say they didn’t support the troops and they fear Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity. Their fear paralyzes and stymies them. However, their biggest fear is that they will lose their power at the next election because they stood up for righteousness.

While the analysts, pundits and talking heads mused about the “real reason” the Republicans were kicked to the curb, everybody one with a pulse and a brain knew that it was the Iraq war. The New York Times reported, “Most Americans expected Democrats to reduce or end American military involvement in Iraq if they won control of Congress.” Americans have grown weary and frustrated with the daily press reports of car bombings, suicide bombings, roadside bombings, murdered Iraqi civilians and above all the daily reports of dead American soldiers.

Consequently, voters overwhelmingly voted for change. Clearly, most Americans viewed the war as a dangerous quagmire and a gigantic flop. American voters had enough, and gave the Democratic Party a chance to drive the vehicle through which this change would come. However, what is clear now is that the change that Americans sought is not going to occur. Before Nancy Pelosi banged her gavel with grandstanding in tow, she made it clear that impeachment was off the table. Why is it off the table just like that, Nancy?

Nevertheless, it was not only Nancy Pelosi that sent the signal that the Democrats were going to mimic the Republicans; other notable Democrats have offered milquetoast solutions. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid recently announced the idea of bringing a non-binding resolution to the floor stating the Senate disagrees with sending more troops to Iraq. Ironically, even the non-binding resolution is in the process of being watered down to make it more palatable to the few Republicans who may support the impotent resolution.

The reality is that non-binding resolutions, mid-level talks, meetings, hearings, and all of the other do-nothing options are absolutely meaningless to Bush and Cheney. Last week, Vice President Cheney was asked whether the non-binding resolution passed by the Foreign Relations Committee that will soon be considered by the full Senate would dissuade the president from escalating the war.

He countered: “It’s not going to stop us.” The Democrats were elected to bring the war to an end, yet they sit passively, wringing their hands, fold their arms and hold press conferences where they say, “Aint it awful.” Many in the anti-war movement also felt that the Democrats would take decisive action. Nevertheless, their hopes were quickly dashed too. Because of the tentativeness of many Democrats, we see half-hearted efforts and weak hooted speeches. It is crucial to note that there are a few courageous lawmakers who have called for more forceful action to stop the war. Senator Feingold (D-Wis.) has called on Congress to use its power over the purse to end the war within six months. Senator Obama (D-Ill.), while not calling for Congress to continue funding the war, has at least called for a timetable in which the troops would be redeployed by 2008. Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) has called for legislation that would redeploy the troops within six months. To his credit, Senator Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.) also voted for the non-binding resolution and blasted his colleagues for their cowardice and failure to speak candidly about the reality of Iraq.

Indeed, the most heartbreaking aspect to this entire fiasco in Iraq is that the American people with their votes believed that a Democratic Congress would put vigorous pressure on George Bush to end the war. Sadly, we were all wrong.

*Adolphson is an SIU alumsna.*

**Mission Statement**

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
Parking during home basketball games unfair

Dear Editor:

I first want to say I love SIU’s basketball program. I am proud of the success they have had throughout the last few seasons and go to as many games as I can throughout the season, but the parking situation during game nights really spoils my fun.

I have night classes in ASA both Tuesday and Wednesday nights and I am upset that the university parking gives away my parking spots on game nights. These are parking spots that I pay to use each semester, but the parking division gives them to basketball game patrons. Not only do I lose all my space to SIU to get an education and the great basketball program is just a bonus of going here.

I should not be forced to get to class two hours early just so I do not have to walk across campus to get to class because of SIU’s basketball game that night. I feel sometimes this school is all about keeping a few people happy that donate money to the school and not worried about the students that still are here trying to finish their education. I love the tradition of SIU basketball, but parking privileges should not be taken away trying to go to class, not people wanting to watch the game. I don’t have to worry about losing points in class because I have to park in Greek Row and walk to class just because there is a basketball game that night.

John Kaufman

Phone number required to verify authorship (number will not be published). Student editors must include year and major, faculty must include rank and department. Non-academic staff include position and department. Others include hometown.
A one-ring circus of the absurd rolled into Carbondale in the trailer of a single big screen!

World Wrestling Entertainment took over SIU Arena for a non-televisioned “house show” in front of about 5,000 fans. What they saw was a bare-bones performance from a sports entertainment giant that, according to its Web site, racked up more than $400 million in 2006.

I must admit I went into the show with some notions of what I would find.

Visions of surgically-enhanced breasts, steroid-enhanced athletes and orchestrated stage shows swam in my head. I imagined a menagerie of manufactured menace pumped up by rock show theatrics and slick production techniques.

What I found was quite different.

No pyrotechnics, no rock show production. Instead of light shows and banners featuring the scheduled performers, there was a single ring surrounded by a barricade.

The crowd, though, was pumped. Fans repeatedly chanted for and against wrestlers. They stood; they cheered.

“WrestleMania,” were willing to fork over $21 to $61 for seats, suspend reality and enter a realm of larger-than-life caricatures of masculinity for seats, suspend reality and enter a realm of larger-than-life caricatures of masculinity for seats, suspend reality and enter a realm of larger-than-life caricatures of masculinity.

And the WWE supplied both staples of fan adoration. Breathtaking athleticism and stripper pole workouts were all over the place.

But titillation works for the WWE, if the audience gets a taste of what they are capable of, it’s terrifically engaging. Nice family entertainment for the children, I imagine.

For the most part, the crowds direct without flaw or panache, providing the atmosphere but not the scares. Every once in a while, the audience gets a taste of what they are capable of, and it’s terrifically engaging. The acting, as is most horror movies, is atrocious. Stewart has all the range of a piece of paper, and McDermott and Miller as her backside when it appeared they might cover something.

Karen Allen's career is a crazy. She’s a multiple Oscar-nominated actress, but here she’s reduced to baring her butt.

“The Messengers” represents a paradox. It is yet another movie to be exalted by rock show theatrics and slick production techniques.

It is a technically well-made film. But it’s not often enough. There’s a terrific scene in which the two kids are standing in the center of the ring. One woman even took pains to pull her panties farther up her, uh, backside when it appeared they might cover something.

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7. The Pursuit of Happyness $2,710,000
8. Dreamgirls $2,691,000
9. The Queen $2,522,000
10. Shrek the Third $2,495,000

For more movie reviews and to stay up to date on all that’s happening — siucd.edu/pulse
Poshard also said faculty pay is 10 to 20 percent less than what it should be and that faculty could easily make more money at another school.

Mark Kittleson, a professor in health education and recreation, said he was upset about the constant barriers preventing faculty from making more money.

He said there are ways to double faculty’s salaries through outside funding and that the university should look into this.

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**Watch**

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Contact with watch groups and said he serves as a conduit if there is anything that people want police to investigate.

He provides statistics and information on crime prevention programs by attending watch meetings and helps with the groups’ set-up.

“When we have members of the community step up we have a protocol on how to get a neighborhood watch started,” Mathis said.

Russell has been active in neighborhood watch for about 10 years. She said she has spent most of that time as a watch captain, organizing events and giving out information.

“Basically the duties are to connect with your neighbors and encourage neighbors to connect with each other and develop some kind of system to inform people of what’s going on,” she said.

Carbondale resident Robert Luebbers works closely with the watch group in his area. He said the group organizes walkthroughs to meet neighbors and check on things such as streetlights.

Last year, 22-year-old Ryan Livingston was stabbed to death in Luebbers’ neighborhood. After the death, which police are still investigating, Luebbers said a walkthrough was organized due to concerns of burned-out streetlights. A city official accompanied the group to report the lights.

“Eventually we got all the lights taken care of,” Luebbers said.

Russell also lives near where Livingston was killed and said her group has seen more activity since the incident.

“Recently we’ve tried to strengthen neighborhood watch in the area and of course that incident caused a lot more activity and awareness and I think that’s really good,” Russell said.

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“\[It\’s an extra set of eyes and ears out there for neighbors to keep themselves safe.\]”

— Randy Mathis

Carbondale police officer
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Hilltoppers sink Salukis

SIU dominates winners circle, WKU wins numbers game

D.W. Norris
Daily Egyptian

SIU men’s swimming and diving’s 114-92 Saturday home loss to Western Kentucky proved the importance of depth in the pool.

Though the Salukis dominated the Hilltoppers in the winner’s circle, taking seven of 10 swimming events, Western Kentucky had a two-to-one numbers advantage.

Coach Rick Walker said in the days leading up to the meet that he believed Salukis would bring home top finishes in the majority of races. His concern, he said, was how SIU would compete for second-, third-, and fourth-place finishes.

His concern was valid. The numbers game caught up with SIU. Twenty-seven Hilltoppers finished in second- to fourth-place.

Quick turnaround times from race to race gave many Salukis a deep muscle burn. Ten swimming events were squeezed into one hour’s worth of pool time.

“I know that coming in here, Walker said. “Number one, we’re fewer in numbers so our engine had to be perfectly tuned and if you’re going to have a little spitter-spatter, it’s going to cost us.”

SIU’s engine was perfectly tuned early.

Sophomore Dennis Hedo carded the fastest time in the Sun Belt Conference this season for the 100-yard freestyle. He finished the event in 44.69 seconds, a career-best and SIU’s fastest time since the 1991-1992 season. His mark was a scorch 0.04 off the provisional time for the NCAA championships.

Hedo’s time almost came as a surprise to him – at least given how he started his day.

“I really felt strong today,” Hedo said. “I didn’t feel like that this morning but I guess I felt better than I thought.”

He swam with junior Stephanie Ackermann and Garrett McGregor, as well as sophomore Alexandre Mamouco, to win the 400-yard medley relay.

Sophomore Vinicius Wahid ruled in wins in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events and joined Ackermann, Hedo and freshman Tim Silkaitis in a 400-yard freestyle relay win.

Ackermann also swam into the winner’s circle for the 50-yard freestyle and junior Antonio Santoro joined him with a first-place finish in the 200-yard butterfly.

“Then the Salukis’ engine sputtered,” Walker said.

SIU trailed the Hilltoppers by only seven points, 69-62, but was swamped in the 200-yard backstroke. Western Kentucky finished with the top-three spots in the race – good for 16 points – and pushed out to an 85-65 lead.

“We just had a lull we couldn’t afford to have and still win the meet,” Walker said.

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SIU played a seven-player rotation but placed five players in double figures. Among the five, senior guard Jasmine Gibson. But unlike their game against Illinois State, said it was tough to make a clear call on the loose ball foul on Gibson.

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**STATE OF THE DAY**

**Men’s Basketball**

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- **Feb. 16**  Drake 7:05 p.m.
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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**BASKETBALL**

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**Defense leading the way**

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First-place Salukis

Salukis split weekend road trip, tie for first

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU women’s basketball team sits in first place in the Missouri Valley Conference — with a little help from Evansville.

The Salukis (13-9, 9-2) led 40-28 at halftime Sunday at Illinois State (16-6, 9-2) and closed out the Redbirds in the second half. SIU never relinquished its lead in a 79-66 win.

The Salukis had a chance to pull even with then-first place Illinois State opening the door Friday with its loss to Evansville, SIU was defeated by Indiana State the same night, 74-69, keeping the Salukis one game back in the conference race.

The Salukis then had a second chance at moving into first place by playing the Redbirds.

Saluki coach Dana Eikenberg, said in a postgame radio interview following Sunday’s win over Illinois State that she has a lot of joy in how hard the team worked after Friday’s loss to Indiana State.

“We really shut down a talented Illinois State team,” Eikenberg said. “Our defense plays an important role in what we do.”

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Jamaal Tatum attempts a three-point shot in Saturdays 54-46 win over Wichita State. Tatum scored 18 points to lead the Salukis.

Scott Mieszala
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The Salukis are making a habit out of silencing crowds of more than 10,000 people.

Wichita State had 10,478 in attendance for Saturday’s matchup between SIU and the Shockers. The Salukis started the game with a lay-up by junior forward Randal Falker 13 seconds into the contest and held the lead the rest of the game to defeat the Shockers, 54-46, who shot 27.3 percent in the game.

“We got after them,” SIU coach Chris Lowery said in a postgame radio interview. “We guarded about as well as any team I’ve coached here.”

The win helped SIU keep pace with Creighton for first-place in the conference. Creighton beat Drake 67-62 on Saturday.

Senior guard Jamaal Tatum, who scored a game-high 18 points against the Shockers, said in a postgame radio interview he could almost taste the MVC title.

“I just feel there’s a really good presence around this season and this championship run that we’re trying to make,” Tatum said in the radio interview. “I know it’s my last season and it’s going to be tough to leave that crowd, win 54-46.

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