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## Nicklow targets local students

RYAN VOYLES  
Daily Egyptian

John Nicklow said the answer to the university's enrollment problems is right in its own backyard.

Nicklow, associate provost for enrollment management, said his department would add emphasis on the recruitment of students from the southern Illinois region. While there have been attempts in the past to recruit locally, Nicklow said he wants it to be a focal point for future recruitment.

"These are the students who are in our own backyard, and yes, we are going to search elsewhere far and wide," he said. "But these are the students whose families are in the area and we have an invested interest to make sure these students succeed. This is where the university is, and we need this area to be successful and the students from here to get the education they need."

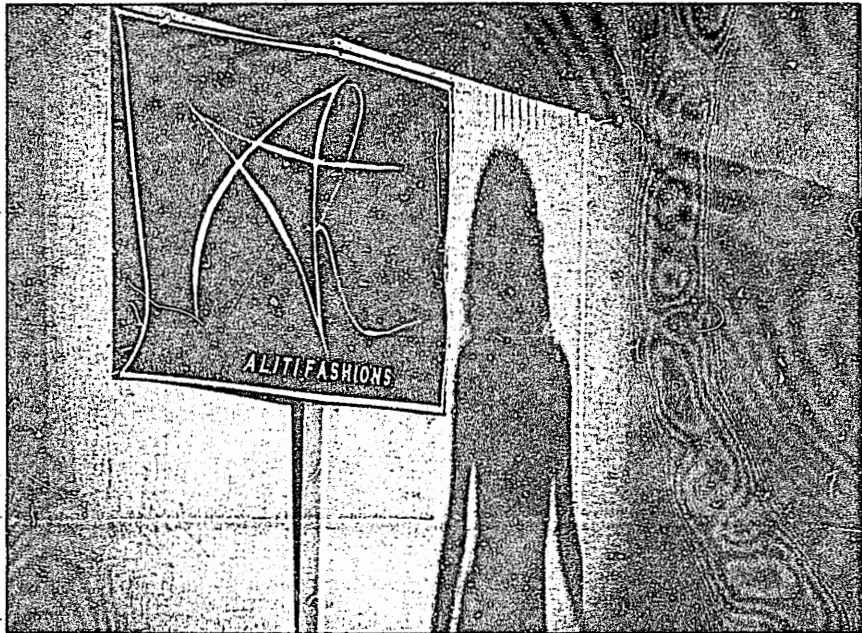
Enrollment at SIUC has dropped every year since 2005, with a total loss of 1,404 students in the past five years. Enrollment peaked in 1991 at 24,869, but has seen a steady decrease during the past two decades.

Chancellor Rita Cheng appointed Nicklow to head the enrollment management department June 15 after the reassignment of former Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Victoria Valle on June 11. Enrollment dropped all three years Valle headed the department. Cheng had said at the time the reassignment was the first step in changing how the university approaches enrollment.

According to an e-mail sent Sept. 20 by Nicklow to faculty, the department is "intensifying the search and fulfillment process for prospective students in southern Illinois, assigning recruiting staff exclusively to area high schools and community colleges, developing new recruiting events and better publicizing existing events and strengthening our partnerships with area community colleges through our SIUC Service Centers."

More than 9 percent of students enrolled at SIUC keep SIUC in fall 2008 were from Jackson County, the county the university is located, according to the Institutional Research and Studies website. Other than Jackson, the only county with an enrollment percentage higher than 5 percent is Williamson County, Jackson County's neighbor.

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STEVE BERCZYNSKI | DAILY EGYPTIAN

A model walks the runway at a fashion show for Allti Fashions on Saturday at the Student Center. The show, as well as the designs, were put together by Allna Liwo, a senior studying fashion

design and merchandising. "I'm very excited, and very happy and appreciative of everyone who's helping out to make it happen," Liwo said.

## Student inspires with fashion passion

REBECCA DULL  
Daily Egyptian

Allna Liwo caught the fashion bug from her mother at a young age.

"I hand-sewed my first dress when I was 7 years old," Liwo said.

Liwo, a senior studying fashion design and merchandising, was born and raised in Dubai in the

United Arab Emirates and said her mother has always been very fashionable and encouraged her to always look her best.

Her family had dresses custom made for special events and she began drawing designs for her mother and her seven brothers and sisters, she said.

Liwo said her mother taught her how to crochet and she learned

to sew and knit in her Brownie club after trying to wrap scraps of fabric from the tailor around her Barbie dolls.

She won her first fashion show when she was in high school in Dubai, where she worked with professional tailors to design the entire line for her high school, she said.

Liwo said she studied computer science at University of Missouri-

Kansas City and transferred to SIU after her sister told her she could major in fashion design. She said she liked the campus, the school and the nice people, which made the transition easy.

"I'm extremely happy. I love the program and I love the professors," Liwo said.

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## Enrollment department manages budget cuts



JACOB MAYER  
Daily Egyptian

John Nicklow said the department of enrollment management could take the negative of budget cuts and turn them into a positive.

In some sense, budget re-

ductions are never a good thing — they're difficult," said Nicklow, assistant provost for enrollment management. "But if you use them to become more efficient and a leaner, meaner machine without negatively affecting your constituents, it's not a bad thing."

The department of enrollment management cut \$236,000 from its budget for this year and reassigned two people to other departments at the university as the offices within enrollment management are restructured, he

said. In addition, Nicklow said he cut positions that were vacant.

Within the department of enrollment management, which includes undergraduate admissions, financial aid, new student programs and transfer student services, Nicklow said he spread the cuts across several offices to limit their effects.

As the university faced an \$11.5 million shortfall coming in to fiscal year 2011, Chancellor Rita Cheng said in an e-mail to university personnel Aug. 2 that she had asked "each depart-

ment on campus to submit plans for an average 4 percent reduction in its budget for the fiscal year. The Board of Trustees approved this year's budget Sept. 16, which listed the 4 percent cuts as saving \$7.3 million.

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

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Liwo said she started an online portfolio at [altifashions.com](http://altifashions.com) in May 2009 and named her label after her dad, Abdlallah Liwo Talen. She organized fashion shows with the African Student Council in spring of 2008 and 2010. Liwo said she also showed her work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the spring.

Jane Workman, a professor in the School of Architecture, said she has taught Liwo in several classes. Workman said it is uncommon for students to display their fashions on their own website and organize their own shows.

"It's been a real pleasure having her in class. She shows a lot of initiative and I predict that she will be

successful," Workman said.

Liwo's most recent fashion show was held Saturday at the Student Center and will be featured in African Prestige Magazine, which is a national magazine about African culture. She said she presented three of her own lines and two from other designers. The show was titled Blue Lagoon, which was also the title of the last line shown.

"A blue lagoon is just so calm, so colorful and beautiful, and I wanted to try and take that and have my audience experience that with a touch of African culture," Liwo said.

Liwo said she worked with the Young Business Leaders in Fashion Club at the Boys & Girls Club of Carbondale and incorporated some of the children into her show. She also donated some of the pro-

ceeds to the club.

"I felt like I was giving back and there was a connection with the kids because when I was that age I just loved it and I wanted them to feel that and enjoy that," Liwo said.

Tina Carpenter, program director of the Boys & Girls Club, said Liwo is going to continue to volunteer and the children are going to start making their own sketches and take things to the next level.

"She is very inspiring because of her story and how she started out at a young age. She has inspired the kids to start thinking about what they want to do when they grow up," Carpenter said.

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**Corrections**

In the Monday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story "Volunteers create habitat for dream" should have said Swinney-Prude and her family will receive the keys to 406 East Burke St. on Saturday. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

In the Monday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story "Cobden, Alto Pass crows captured in camera" should have said 10 visiting professionals were involved in the workshop. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

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# Thompson Woods restoration provides learning experience

LEAH STOVER  
Daily Egyptian

Phil Gatton said the present state of Thompson Woods is a constant reminder of the devastation caused by the derecho more than a year ago.

"Walking outside after the storm, I felt like a piece of me had died," said Gatton, director of the Physical Plant. "The beautiful wooded area and the trees surrounding the lake just weren't there."

Gatton said the plant and agriculture students began the second to last phase Monday in restoring Thompson Woods to what it was before the May 8, 2009, storm, which downed hundreds of trees and caused massive property damage in the southern Illinois region.

Instead of allowing nature to take its course, Gatton said he and Charles Ruffner, associate professor of forestry, would involve several agriculture students in the plant-succession process, which would eventually happen over time naturally within the areas affected.

"I think in 30 years it would look like that anyways, but I don't want to wait that long," Gatton said. "I'm not going to be here that long, and I think that most people would like to see some closure to the storm."

The primary reason for the jumpstart is not only to finalize the construction process, but to give agriculture students hands-on experience, Gatton said.

"These types of disasters hap-

pen, and it's important for them to understand the process and observe the timeline first-hand of restoration to natural settings," he said.

Led by Ruffner, forestry students are expected to not only clear the vegetation that has taken over the woods, but eventually plant native trees in place of those destroyed during the storm.

Karen Midden, professor of landscape designs in the department of plant, soil and agriculture, said if nature was to take its course, it could take decades for the forest to reconstruct itself, and for a majority of the individuals who actually witnessed the storm, that's past their lifetime.

"We have the talent to (reconstruct the forest), and I think it will be educational for the students who are involved with it," Midden said.

For years, Thompson Woods has struggled because of smaller storms that have subtly impacted the trees by tearing off the tops, and other issues that have resulted in the woods not being in the best form, Midden said. She said she believes Thompson Woods gives SIU character, and for many students it's an important aspect of the campus itself.

Nick Wangelin, a graduate assistant in plant, soil, and agricultural systems from Princeton, said nature is what brought him to SIU and the scenery in and around the campus sets the school apart from other Illinois universities. He said this ap-

preciation for the woods inspired him to volunteer in November during a community-wide campaign that encouraged students to plant trees throughout the campus.

Gatton and Midden both said this process will not only give every student the value of learning about nature on campus, but will specifically benefit agriculture students educationally through land planning and management. Incorporating student participation not only gives them a chance to be involved, but is beneficial financially because it eliminates the help of outside contractors, Gatton said.

Unlike the campaign that took place in November, which focused on replanting trees around campus buildings, Gatton said the construction isn't financed through insurance, and therefore money is limited.

"There is \$50,000 for our fall project, and this is a pretty big fall project," Gatton said.

The money is what was allotted by Chancellor Rita Cheng for one fall project, and this is a pretty big fall project, Gatton said. He said they are trying to get more from the chancellor's office, but nothing has been guaranteed. The restoration project would be done by students, therefore Gatton said no contracts to outside parties need to be signed.

In the long run, Gatton and Midden said they agreed the campus would end up looking better than it did before the storm.

"Any time people put a value on



DANIELLE MCGREW | DAILY EGYPTIAN

A passer-by uses a route Wednesday in Thompson Woods which was previously blocked off for workers to clear trees damaged by a derecho on May 8, 2009. "We're removing fallen trees (and) leaners," said Phil Gatton, director of the Physical Plant. "They're safety hazards."

the land and the aesthetics of the land, it's a good thing," Midden said. "I get excited that it's valued because I think that our environment is a huge part of our culture and our college."

From a student's perspective, Wangelin said he is looking forward to being involved in the process.

"I really like the fact that students are involved," he said.

Wangelin said in the November process, he learned an extensive amount not just about tree restoration, but also how people on campus work together to accomplish goals. He said the advisers on the committee made sure students were given the opportunity to have input on the decisions made.

"Instead of us sitting there and listening to what the plans were for restoration, they asked our opinions," Wangelin said.

Gatton said he hopes to initiate a similar campaign in November where students and faculty are given the opportunity to help plant trees, not only speeding up the process but also giving the community a chance to be part of campus.

"A lot of people are really excited to be involved in it, and have the ability to look back and say 'Yeah, I helped restore that campus,'" Gatton said.

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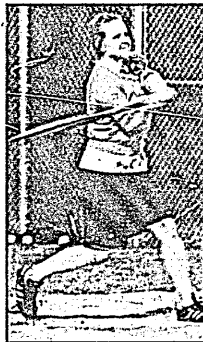
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Numbers for 2009 and 2010 local enrollment were not available on the website.

Nicklow said he and the department are determined to make the university a stronger presence not only in the southern Illinois region, but also in border states like Kentucky and Missouri.

"We want to make sure we're investing in these students. There are a lot of strong performers that we can capitalize on and bring in and support," Nicklow said. "I hate to see them migrate away from the area."

Sandy Brown, guidance coordinator at Carbondale Community High School, said her school has always had a strong relationship with the university, but she said she had not noticed any increase in recruiters to the high school. She said the university usually comes out to the high school to tell them about available programs.

"At this point, I don't know of anything different that they're doing now than they did in the past," she said.

Bringing high school and transfer students to the university is not only important for the university, but is important for the city's economy as well, said Katharine Sudd, interim director of undergraduate admissions.

"It's critical, students leave the area and they're less likely to come back," she said. "Keeping our local students is vital for the economy of our area. So we have to be keeping these bright students here."

She said the enrollment management department has reached out to faculty to help in the recruitment process by asking them to recruit prospective students from the area they may know. Outreach workshops will take

place throughout the semester to teach staff the best ways to sell SIUC to these students, Sudd said.

Another program to recruit local students is the Southern Stars, which Sudd said would provide a 20 percent tuition reduction to students from the 34 southernmost counties in Illinois who meet several requirements, such as graduating from a secondary school program of study.

Nicklow said students who visit the campus, whether they are in grade school or high school, would begin to receive letters from the university to keep them interested in SIUC. Administrators would not stop contacting the student until they commit to a university, he said.

"We want them to come back, and we want to make sure that they not only had a good experience here, but follow up on whether they want to come and visit again," Nicklow said.

While the focus has shifted to southern Illinois, Nicklow said the university would still focus on recruiting in areas like Chicago and St. Louis. He said advancements to the admissions website would allow prospective students to see where certain recruiters are at a given day.

Nicklow said the university needs to sell prospective students on a personal level, and keep the sales pitch going until the student commits to a university.

"Our adjectives are aggressive and intentional, so we're going after these students," he said. "So until they tell us 'No,' that'll be something we do. SIUC has something for everybody, and I think that is what is going to be important. Getting our stories out there and letting students know what's available to them. And if we don't get that story out, if they're not aware of what the opportunities are, then they're not going to come."

FOR A LOOK AT HOW THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT RECRUITS LOCALLY, PLEASE SEE PAGE 8.



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Nicklow said it is not clear whether enrollment management would be subject to the additional 1 percent reduction.

Nicklow said the department has made several adjustments to save money. He said undergraduate admissions is a priority, and he has tried to limit the effects of the budget reductions on it.

"I'm not going to go take 4 percent of their budget when that is a key priority right now," Nicklow said.

Katharine Sudd, interim director of undergraduate admissions, said the office lost two people who were moved to other positions at the university because of the cuts.

"Every position is important," she said. "We're having to regroup and figure out who is going to do what."

Tamara Loyd Workman, director of transfer student services, said her office had to cut \$3,244 from its budget this year, most of which was in equipment and travel costs. She said the transfer student services budget does not include salary money.

Workman said the cuts made the office aware of what it needs the most, Workman said.

"It does force us to know what is absolutely imperative to the mission and what is just nice to have," she said.

Angie Royal, director of new student programs, which is an office within enrollment management that is funded through student fees from New Student Orientation, said the office was able to save about \$30,000.

"Because we were able to cut back in other areas, we did not have to cut any services or limit anything that we did," Royal said. "We were able to do more."

New student programs' revenue is tied to the enrollment numbers, she said.

Royal said she is confident the situation will improve and is willing to do what is necessary to move forward.

"I think we're all probably going to be asked to do more with less, and we're ready to take that on," she said.

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# Voices

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'The Remedy': discrimination accusations far-fetched

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in response to the letter to the editor "WIDB discriminated against black students' show" in the Thursday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN. That view may be a little far-fetched.

There are, unfortunately, racial issues in Carbondale, but we don't want to group our situation in that category. When "The Remedy" started this semester, we came up with a plan to make this a show that would bring more fans and listeners; a different experience than past Remedy shows. We wanted to be more hands-on with the campus, give the people a better variety of music and help the striving artists on campus get their music out to people. What better way to do that than on the radio?

We started cypher Thursdays and committed ourselves to bringing SIUC the best urban music. It started with "R.U.D.E. Radio," "The RadioKillaz," and "TRENDsetta radio". With us teaming up, we hit the campus running, and a month later there is a big buzz about The Remedy.

We believed the suspension happened right when the show was getting a huge buzz, and we didn't agree with it, but we sat down talked to the head staff of WIDB. We worked something out with them and now the show must go on. In addition, we also would like to add that the letter in the DAILY

EGYPTIAN did not express our total views on the matter. We did violate a rule and we did not have a clear understanding of the consequences violating it would have. Yes, we, and our fans, were disappointed, sad and believed the suspension was harsh. But, after several productive meetings following the initial suspension we and the administration of WIDB, recognized the gray areas and where the misunderstandings came from. Revisions and clarifications are being made to the station policies that were involved.

Other issues, such as not having a hip-hop director for The Remedy, were also addressed and, we hope, will be taken care of soon. We were unaware of our huge fan base and appreciate the passion those fans showed. I think it is safe to say we at WIDB were having family issues and not so much racial issues. We at WIDB are a huge family and are working on making it the best it can be.

We'll be bringing you more entertainment because this is only the beginning. November will be an epic month. The Remedy will be bringing you unexpected events. Stay tuned, and like I always say, we're going one step at a time up the success ladder, inch by inch.

Marcus Sumrall and Jonquill Curry  
TRENDsetta radio hosts

### Teaching a rewarding profession

DEAR EDITOR:

Regarding the letter from 1969 SIUC alumnus Phil Weissburg run Oct. 1, I do not know anything about Weissburg and so I cannot comment about his motives for writing or his own experiences during the last several decades. But his advice — discouragement — to students who seek to become teachers deserves a strong response.

There is perhaps "a surplus of teachers" in some teaching fields and geographic areas, but there is a great need for teachers in others, particularly (but not only) in math, science and special education and in poor urban and rural school districts. Moreover, while there are no doubt students who "have no respect for teachers," there is no evidence to indicate that is the case for most students in most schools in most grade levels. Where it is the case, it creates significant difficulties for teaching and learning in the classroom, but in fact facing recalcitrant and even resistant students have been part of the challenge of teaching for

more than 150 years.

As has been said about teaching, "No one ever said it was going to be easy," which is why the teacher bashing by political officials and media pundits is so misguided and distressing. In addition, while there may be districts where "assaults and deaths of teachers" occur, such behaviors are so rare it is at best hyperbolic to paint a picture of teaching with such a brush.

Coincidentally, the one district Weissburg mentioned, Newark, N.J., is where I grew up and went to school, admittedly many years ago. While I know there are serious challenges there for teachers to deal with, there are also significant initiatives taking place to improve teaching and learning, some involving nearby universities, even aside from the \$100 million gift the district just received from Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg. And of course, the vast majority of districts in the country do not face the same severity of economic problems, and long-time sense of hopelessness, as a

district like Newark's.

Being a teacher is a wonderful profession to enter, one of hope and transformation, wisdom and imagination, in which one can help children and adolescents to grow in ways that would not be possible without good teachers in the classroom. There are plenty of schools looking for well-prepared, highly qualified teachers and, given the retirements of baby boomers, the continued demographic increase, and the alleviation of the fiscal crisis — there is the real possibility of a significant teacher shortage in the years ahead.

Rather than being "so over," it is in fact a very rewarding time to go into teaching, most especially when the needs of children are great and the problems of society seem so intractable. We need inspired and inspiring teachers more than ever. Indeed, I would suggest the very future of our democracy depends on them.

Kenneth Teitelbaum  
dean of the College of Education  
and Human Services

### Letter alleging discrimination hurt WIDB

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm writing this letter in response to a letter posted in the DAILY EGYPTIAN Sept. 29. This letter, written by Bryant A. Payne, was titled "WIDB discriminates against black students' show". Reading through this letter disturbed me greatly with its lack of research. After reading that letter to the editor, one might want to consider finding the other side of the story before judging a go-ud student organization.

In Payne's letter he said, "The black students who run the show do so in a very basic studio, while the white students run their show through a studio that is clearly updated." If anyone knows the history of WIDB, he or she knows this is not true.

WIDB has two studio rooms where DJs spin their music. There is "The Revolution," WIDB's alternative radio station, and "The Rem-

edy," WIDB's hip-hop station. All students may take part in these stations. Any and all are welcome at WIDB, and never has it been segregated. "The Remedy" may be in a smaller room than "The Revolution," but it was given a newer board than "The Revolution" in 2009. It was also updated with a new automation system before "The Revolution."

If Payne had taken a few moments and gone up to the WIDB station to talk to the general manager, or any other staff members, he would have found this out and maybe wouldn't have written such a leading letter.

Because of what was written about WIDB, the station now faces serious allegations of racism that are not easily reversed.

Kelly Reed  
senior studying cinema  
and photography

### 'Saluki Shore' fumbles message

DEAR EDITOR:

"Saluki Shore" is supposed to be a spoof on Jersey Shore, that MTV show about privileged, white kids in New Jersey getting drunk, getting in fights and participating in general debauchery, right?

Are we trying to perpetuate that type of ridiculously stupid activity at SIUC? If so, that's one of the most retarded things I've ever heard in my life. I mean, literally, that's retarded — as in, of significantly lower than average intelligence. Unfortunately, it's so retarded that people with legitimately retarded mental development are slighted by being associated with the same word as people who think getting wasted and fighting with invited guests or other drunk people from the bar warrants being on television. Moreover, people who think the theme of one of the most important extracurricular activities sponsored by the university should be the imitation of people who get wasted and fight on a television show might need to be tested for mental deficiency.

I can understand that a new foot-

ball stadium is a nice addition to the overall appeal of the institution. Homecoming, among other game days, draws in members of the community and alumni from around the county, so having a nice place to enjoy the game is great. Newer facilities look good to potential students and families of students who visit the SIUC campus. Newer facilities are more desirable to student-athletes, hence SIUC has more potential to attract skilled student-athletes who, in turn, bring better potential for favorable press coverage to southern Illinois. It's a positive cycle.

I just believe I've been a little ripped off by paying into this Saluki Way project, the first phase of which cost \$83 million, so our school could be represented by an event that steals its theme from a TV show that embodies a countless number of cultural degradations against which I avidly fight. I see enough of it driving by Pinch any Friday night of the school year. And while I'm ranting, I don't care if Snooki is on an all-pickle diet, <http://www.ValoreBooks.com>; I don't

need that as an allure to open an e-mail from a textbook trading service. I doubt if Snooki has ever read a full textbook chapter in her life.

Even the people who Jersey Shore is supposedly portraying are offended by Jersey Shore. They aren't from New Jersey. Most of the episodes don't occur in New Jersey. For the charm, UNICO National — an Italian American service organization — formally requested MTV cancel the show before it was ever aired. It's a disrespectful association for Italian Americans, residents of New Jersey, mentally retarded individuals, and certainly, it's disrespectful to all individuals in the SIUC community that the Homecoming planning committee chose this year's theme to be based off the socially irresponsible pop television sensation of the past 10 months. Way to cultivate memories.

Homecoming already has a theme: homecoming. Welcome home, alumni.

Allison Huber  
graduated senior in psychology

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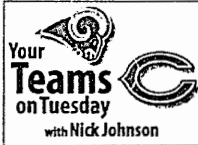
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# Rams rolling, Bears battered after Week 4



The parody that is the NFL couldn't have been more obvious than it was this week. Pretty much every team — it wasn't supposed to win now, except for the Buffalo Bills, because Buffalo is terrible. Two weeks ago, Chicago's stock was up and St. Louis' was down, but those numbers have flipped thanks to two straight wins by the Rams and a pummeling of the Bears by New York on Sunday.

**St. Louis**  
Last week: Rams 20, Seahawks 3  
Week 5 score prediction: Rams 24, Lions 20

After ceasing the Seahawks by their throats Sunday, St. Louis will face a Detroit team that is seemingly getting better every week. The Lions lost by just two points to North Division favorite Green Bay and the Rams had to score a late touchdown to beat Detroit 17-10 in St. Louis' only 2009 victory. But the Rams have also gotten better every week. What impresses me most about the 2010 Rams: so far, besides the outstanding play of rookie quarterback Sam Bradford, is the defense. Pass rush, coverage and tackling are solid, and playmakers

such as middle linebacker James Laurinaitis, cornerback Bradley Fletcher and defensive tackle Fred Robbins, who was signed in the offseason, are starting to show themselves. If this group keeps developing — and I can't believe the words are about to appear on my screen — the St. Louis Rams could have one of the best defenses in the NFC in the next couple years. Still, what should worry Rams fans is run defense. Yes, Seattle's Justin Forsett averaged just 3.4 yards per carry Sunday, but before that the Rams were gashed on the ground: the Redskins gained 116 total rushing yards in Week 3, Oakland's Darren McFadden ran for 145 yards in Week 2 and Arizona's LaRod Stephens-Howling averaged 7 yards per carry in Week 1.

Statistically, Detroit's offense is still better than the Rams' offense and St. Louis' defense will have its hands full defending wide receiver Calvin Johnson no matter who's throwing him the ball. But as always, Detroit's defense is inadequate. If the Rams can stop the run, they should be able to hold off the Lions.

**Fantasy forecast:** Rams, defense and special teams — St. Louis has only allowed 52 points in four games, and have held established quarterbacks Donovan McNabb and Matt Hasselbeck to subpar passer ratings. There's nobody on special teams return-wise that scares anyone, but the Rams

get plenty of takeaways and are averaging 17 fantasy points per game, according to NFL.com scoring. The unit would be a nice waiver pickup if you're looking at an upcoming bye week for your starting defense.

**Chicago**  
Last week: Giants 17, Bears 3  
Week 5 score prediction: Bears 20, Panthers 13

Dear God, that wasn't supposed to happen. The Bears, fresh off a major victory against Green Bay on Monday, were supposed to rumble the undisciplined Giants out East and take a 4-0 record into Carolina on Sunday.

Apparently Chicago's offensive line didn't get that memo. The Bears put together (or let fall apart, I guess) one of the most remarkably horrible offensive performances in the history of football. Chicago allowed nine sacks, didn't convert a single one of its 13 third-down attempts and averaged 2.1 yards per play. New York is known for its exotic blitzes, but it didn't need them. A four-man rush did the trick; it knocked not just one, but two Bears quarterbacks out of the game. And though the Bears' defense kept it close and probably had one of its better outings all season, the unit was winded after consistently offensive failures continuously put the ball back in the Giants' hands. It was way too much to ask even the Bears' defense to win that game.

Starting quarterback Jay Cutler

suffered a concussion in the game and will have to pass a few tests in order to play against Carolina on Sunday. But early reports indicate he will probably start, which means the Bears should beat the Panthers. The Panthers don't have nearly as strong of a front four on defense as New York, and that's because the Bears took away their greatest asset by signing Julius Peppers in the offseason. The run and pass blocking challenge will be far easier as long as the offensive line has learned its lessons. Chicago's defense will force turnovers and keep them in the game, and Matt Forte should have a better outing. The Carolina game can be a relatively easy win for the Bears, but the key for them will be to forget everything that happened Sunday.

**Fantasy Forecast:** Matt Forte, running back — Don't let Sunday's debacle scare you out of starting Forte. He's been extremely effective as a receiver in offensive coordinator Mike Martz's system and Carolina is vulnerable in the front seven in the run game. He also has proven resilient to the presence of running back Chester Taylor, who many thought would hurt Forte's fantasy appeal by taking carries away from him. That hasn't been the case so far. Start him if you have him.

More for both teams next week.

Got something to say? E-mail me at [njohnson@dailyegyptian.com](mailto:njohnson@dailyegyptian.com) or call me at 536-3311 ext. 256.

GOLF

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Griffin said the team has been inconsistent but it is still early to turn the season around.

"I wouldn't say I am disappointed with the way we have played so far. I know everybody is going out there and working hard, and sometimes you can go out there and just have a bad day," Griffin said.

Freshman George Tate carded his first score for the team this season with a 238 to tie for 60th place.

Tate said the playing conditions for the tournament were some of the worst he has ever played in. He said he took a very valuable lesson from his first performance for SIU.

"You can't lose focus for even five minutes, because in those five minutes you could cost yourself two or three strokes to the field or for your team," Tate said.

Rounding out the scorecard for the Sahakis were juniors Jared Harp and Richie Williams, who finished in ties for 79th and 91st, respectively.

The Sahakis will compete in the Skyhawk Classic on Oct. 11 and 12 in Paris, Tenn.

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"We always talk to the coaches and say 'How did he get along with the other kids, did you have to worry about his grades?'" Newton said. "If they can't do the academic work, we're going to lose them down the road anyway."

A prospective recruit for the swim team has to be focused on school over athletics but must also be able to make an impact in the program and conference, Walker said.

"Their priorities have to be straight. It's not swim, swim, swim, social and then school. It's school, school, school, school, then swim," Walker said.

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By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

**Today's birthday** — Romance may pick for you. You need the warmth of contact with others, and you have plenty of imaginative ideas about how to spice up relationships. Don't forget coziness in the mix. Your significant other will respond to tender little acts of love.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 5 — Make time for contemplation. Associates create a tightly focused work group that needs your organization to keep it all on track.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 6 — You could get stuck in the details all day. However, a better process involves working with an older person for an understanding of the larger perspective.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 5 — You want to take care of details on the home front. Others would rather see you pursuing a creative project at work. Seek a reasonable balance.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 6 — An unexpected change involves a person you haven't seen in a while. Apply logic to the problem, and think it through to the likely outcome.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 5 — Gather more information before you change course. That way you have a solid base from which to make decisions. You feel like luck is on your side. Go for it.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Your thinking doesn't quite line up with your desires. Give it a day or two, and everything comes together just the way you want it.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Quiet the chatter in your mind so you can perceive underlying motives among co-workers. Don't be swayed by pressure to make a decision.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 6 — To get the most out of a lucky opportunity today, merge your logical thoughts with information you recently gathered. Adapt as needed.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 6 — Career and social activities come together nicely. You feel very lucky to have this set of acquaintances. Enjoy a festive atmosphere.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — You get information from an unexpected source. Don't let it throw you. Review the data and apply logic before you respond.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 7 — People you haven't seen in a while contact you with wonderful news. Your spirit's boosted, and something you've long imagined is confirmed.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is an 8 — A favorite person writes a larger check than you expected. Spend it wisely. This is a lesson that you benefit from learning right now.

For the answers to today's puzzle, check out [dailyegyptian.com](http://dailyegyptian.com)!

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

## Local talent scarce but present

BRANDON COLEMAN  
Daily Egyptian

For Saluki athletic programs, the recruitment local talent can be difficult but not impossible, said swimming and diving coach Rick Walker.

Walker said his program works with the Saluki Swim Club, a separate entity from SUU with 120 swimmers, to help promote awareness about swimming throughout the region in cities such as Mt. Vernon, Anna, Murphysboro, Marion and Carbondale. Programs such as cross country, tennis, swimming and, to a lesser extent, golf face the challenge of not being as mainstream as football, basketball or baseball in a predominantly rural area, he said.

Cross country coach Matt Sparks said when high school juniors and seniors research schools that will take care of them for the next four to five years, they are more inclined to choose one in the region if they receive positive feedback from local news.

"We could be setting world records and never make the media," Walker said.

Steady print coverage from the DAILY EGYPTIAN, as opposed to the Southern Illinoisian, allows Saluki athletics to expand its reach into communities that otherwise would not know much about the university's athletic programs, Walker said.

"If there is more negative press than positive press then they might start to look elsewhere," Sparks said.

Local Salukis of Saluki athletics take solace in knowing hometown favorites represent not only the Salukis but them as well, Sparks said. Sophomore Lucas Cherry and junior Kristian Raliboin, who compete for Sparks in cross country and tennis, are both from Carbondale Community High School.

Women's tennis coach Aundra



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From right to left, junior Nina Okafor, senior Connie Hicks, freshman Courtney Flowers and junior Malaikah Love pose for a portrait Monday at

Notwehr said summer programs allow for Saluki camps to raise awareness in the region.

The lure of the tennis camps, coupled with her attendance at national tournaments, makes it easier for Notwehr to network up-and-coming recruits from southeast Missouri, Paducah, Ky., and Chicago. But if there's a tough decision between two athletes, she'll pick the one closer to Southern Illinois, Notwehr said.

"We would definitely love to get more players from this area,"

Notwehr said. "Looking at home is the easiest place to look. That's why we're doing so many clinics and camps with our tennis program."

Men's golf coach Leroy Newton said sophomore University of Illinois golfer Mason Jacobs was a local prospect he pursued but lost. Jacobs came from Massac County High School in Metropolis, Newton said. He said his staff talked to Jacobs, but the allure of a major program entices some athletes to play elsewhere.

"Some of the local kids just want to

go out and try their skills against people in different areas," Newton said. "But we do try to recruit — first thing on our list is always the local kids."

When the university has academic and athletic success, recruiting local talent is more successful, Sparks said.

Newton said the recent success of programs such as his, which finished top-three in the Missouri Valley Conference for the last four years, and cross country, which won the last three MVC titles on the men's side, help in recruiting local talent.

"You think that you would have an advantage for a local kid, but if they are a good enough player and they start getting contacted by the so-called big programs, they really will consider that," Newton said.

Newton said he and his staff look for athletic ability, but whether they recruit locally or out of state, the most important quality is a recruit's ability to handle himself in the classroom.

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MEN'S GOLF

## Southern flounders in first round again

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First-round jitters continued to plague the Salukis on Saturday at the D.A. Welbring Intercollegiate Tournament.

Coach Leroy Newton said the team shot low scores for the second (305) and third (304) rounds, but the first round (333) has continued to be a struggle for the team as it finished 13 out of 18 teams in the field.

"We haven't reached our ability right now to put three good rounds together, but whenever we start shooting a good number in the first round, we are going to be dangerous at the end of a tournament," Newton said.

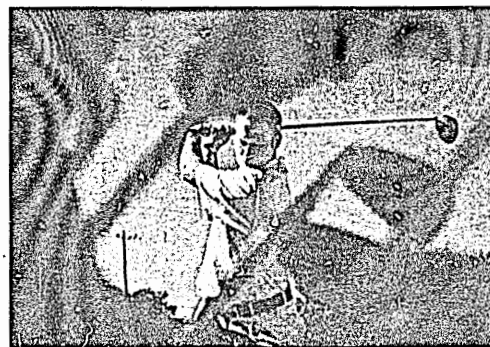
Newton said he has also switched up the roster to give all seven new golfers a chance to compete in tournament play. He said the

main focus in the fall is to figure out who will fill the five starter spots for the spring season.

"We've gotten everybody in to play a tournament now, and as a result this has not always been the best part of the season. But later on down the road, as we evaluate the players and how they did under tournament conditions, we should be successful in establishing the spring lineup," Newton said.

Senior David Griffin continued his success as he finished in the top spot for the Salukis.

Griffin finished in a tie for 23rd with a three-round score of 229 and sophomore Jeff Miller followed with a tie for 27th as he carded a 230.



George Tate, an undecided freshman from Springfield, works on his drive Monday at Hickory Ridge Golf Course. Tate tied for 60th Saturday and Sunday during the D.A. Welbring Intercollegiate tournament with an overall score of 238. PAT SUTPHIN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

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