All aboard the Saluki

Amtrak set to add third Chicago-bound train

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Gov. Rod Blagojevich and a who’s who of top-ranking city and university officials were on hand Monday for the official announcement of Amtrak’s new Saluki line Tuesday at the Carbondale Amtrak Station.

Transportation from Chicago to Carbondale will be easier for students and Carbondale residents because of another round-trip service that will be offered beginning Oct. 30.

The new service will be the third round-trip line heading from Carbondale to Chicago and was made possible by a $24 million grant from the state.

Blagojevich said the Amtrak route is key to the university.

“The Amtrak route, and the one we’re announcing today, really is all about your university,” he said.

He said the new line would provide more options for the people of Carbondale, especially students. Blagojevich took a moment to reflect on his own collegiate days when he said he probably didn’t study as much as he should have. He suggested the students use the five-and-a-half hour trip to catch up on their studies.

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole said the city has been trying to get a new line for a long time, and he was pleased the legislature finally approved the decision.

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CALENDAR

SUIU College Black Journalists
4 p.m. today in the Communications Building, Room 1244
An investigative reporting discussion with Eileen Waldron, Distinguished Broadcast Journalist

Tri-Beta National Biological Honor Society Introductory meeting
1 p.m. Wednesday at the Life Science III Auditorium
New members welcome
Free pizza

Undergraduate Student Government Meeting
5 to 6 p.m. today at the Student Center. A discussion on a tax swap. Another 12 percent were undecided.

Veterans Reunion
2 p.m. Saturday at the Marion VFW
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• 6 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Health Center Auditorium

National Association of Black Journalists
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the Communications Building, Room 1244
A New Investigative Reporting discussion with Eileen Waldron, Distinguished Broadcast Journalist

EILEEN WALKER, a journalist, will speak to the SUIU College Black Journalists group at 4 p.m. today in the Communications Building, Room 1244.

Amnesties signed by Cubans
WASHINGTON — The White House has signed amnesty agreements with Cuba.

Corrections
If you spot an error, please contact the Daily Egyptian at 682-4351, ext. 253.

NEWS BRIEFS

Americans suspicious about slide in gasoline prices
WASHINGTON — There is no mystery or manipulation behind the recent fall in gasoline prices, analysts say. Try telling that to many U.S. motorists.

Almost half of all Americans believe the November elections have more influence than market forces. For them, the plunge at the pump is about politics, not economics.

Retired farmer Jim Mohr of Lexington, Ga., talked off a talk of reasons why pump prices may be falling. "I think the market is acting like the end of the summer travel season. And the fact that no major hurricanes have disrupted Gulf of Mexico output.

"But I think the big important reason is Republicans want to get elected," Mohr, 66, said while filling up for $2.17 a gallon. "They think getting the prices down is going to help get people to the polls and elect Republicans.

According to a new Gallup poll, 42 percent of respondents agreed with the statement that the Bush administration 'shockingly manipulated the price of gasoline so that it would decrease before this fall's elections.' Fifty-three percent of those surveyed did not believe in this conspiracy theory, while 5 percent said they had no opinion.

Almost two-thirds of those who suspect President Bush intervened to bring down energy prices before Election Day are registered Democrats, according to Gallup.

White House spokesman Tony Snow addressed the issue Monday, telling reporters that "the one thing I have been amazed by is the breadth by some people that this is going on."

"The president has been rigging gas prices, which would give him the kind of magisterial clue unknown to any other human being!"

"He also makes the question, if we're dropping gas prices now, why on earth did we raise them to $3.30 before?" Snow said.

Voters support funding for education, tax swap
SPRINGFIELD — Most Illinois voters think public schools need more money and half would support paying higher state taxes to boost education funding, according to a new statewide poll.

The poll of 625 registered voters was conducted Sept. 19 to 21 by Mason-Dixon Polling and Research of Washington, D.C., for the Springfield News-Sun. The telephone survey has a margin of error of 4 percent.

The poll found 31 percent of respondents think Illinois schools are not adequately funded, compared to 30 percent who feel they are. More Republicans than Democrats polled thought schools had enough money, but those numbers for both parties were small.

Fifty percent of those polled said they would support a state income or sales tax increase to improve school funding if property taxes were lowered, while 38 percent said they oppose such a tax swap.

Another 12 percent were undecided.

POLICE REPORTS

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Murder suspect pleads guilty

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Rocky Maki, 26, of Murphysboro could serve up to 20 years in prison on after pleading guilty to second-degree murder in connection with the January murder of SIUC student Christopher Gandy.

On Friday at the Jackson County Courthouse, Judge Charles Grace sentenced Maki to 20 years in prison, Maki has 30 days to withdraw his guilty plea.

Maki is the third person to be convicted for Gandy's brutal murder. John and Lisa Bryant, a married Murphysboro couple, were both found guilty of first-degree murder in June, and John Bryant was also convicted of concealing a homicide. They face a sentencing hearing Oct. 16. Maki was originally charged with four counts of first-degree murder and concealing a homicide, but Jackson County State's Attorney Michael Wepsic offered him a plea deal in exchange for him promising to testify against the Bryants if their convictions are overturned on appeal.

Judge Charles Grace denied Ira Fertel and SIUC law professor William Schroeder as her new attorneys. They recently appealed the conviction to Grace, but he denied Lisa Bryant's request for a new trial. Lisa Bryant to be acquitted, however, if her appeal goes through and she gets a new trial.

Maki's attorney, public defender Patricia Gross, and Wepsic did not return phone messages.

Fertel said he doesn't think Maki's testimony will have any effect on Lisa Bryant's appeal because her presentation during her first trial. He said Maki's testimony could make it harder for Lisa Bryant to be acquitted, however, if her appeal goes through and she gets a new trial.

Interviews done for Arkansas State chancellorship

Brandon Weisenberger
Daily Egyptian

The Arkansas State University president will discuss the findings of the chancellor search committee for the Jonesboro campus today during the university's Board of Trustees meeting.

Interviews for the job, which included SIUC Provost John Dunn, wrapped up Thursday and the school's Board of Trustees is looking at evaluations of the candidates today, ASU spokesman Tom Moore said. No date is set for an announcement.

Moore said ASU President Les Wyatt could make his recommendation during his report about the six candidates to the board today.

Search committee chairman Glen Jones said the board will factor in the two-day interviews on the Jonesboro campus and feedback from students and university officials during its review.

Jones would not comment about the university's opinion of the finalists. He did say that the search committee recruited Dunn for the position this summer.

Moore said the board's review will allow members to better understand each of the finalists. He said Wyatt would make a recommendation later and the board can approve the candidate or select its own.

Dunn, 60, is SIUC's second-ranking administrator. He became the university's provost in 2002.

Wyatt currently serves as president of the ASU system and chancellor for the Jonesboro campus, which is the largest of the seven-campus system. The board decided in December to split Wyatt's duties.

The ASU system includes six other campuses across the state, according to the school's Web site, ASU in Jonesboro is a doctoral research institution with a full-time enrollment of about 8,900.

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Army extends combat tour of a brigade

Robert Burns
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Army is extending the combat tours of thousands of soldiers beyond the promised 12 months — the second such move since August.

Soldiers of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division had been expected to rotate to their home base in Germany in mid-January, instead, they will stay an extra 46 days in Iraq until late February, the Pentagon announced Monday. The soldiers are operating in western Anbar province, one of the most violent parts of Iraq.

The Pentagon also announced that the 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division will deploy to Iraq 30 days earlier than scheduled, starting in late October.

The announcement did not say why the speedup was deemed necessary, but three officials who spoke on condition of anonymity said it is part of a plan to beef up forces in Baghdad, where U.S. and Iraqi troops are struggling to contain sectarian and insurgent violence.

The Pentagon said spouse rotations could be changed even further “based upon changes in the security situation.” Sectarian killings in Baghdad and continuing insurgent violence have led the Pentagon plans to begin a troop reduction this fall.

“The Army is coming to the end of its rope in Iraq,” said Loren Thompson, a defense analyst at the Lexington Institute, a private research group. "It simply does not have enough active-duty military personnel to sustain the current level of effort.

Of the 142,000 U.S. troops now in Iraq, nearly 120,000 are Army soldiers.

The tour extension affects about 3,800 soldiers in the 1st Brigade, 1st Armored, officials said.

 Asked about the matter at a news conference with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld declined to confirm the extension but said that "from time to time there may be units required to stay in Iraq longer than scheduled.

He spoke at the Pentagon issued its written announcement.

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U.S. to relax ban on liquids

WASHINGTON — The government is partially lifting its ban against carrying liquids onto airliners, instituted after a plot to bomb jets flying into the United States was foiled.

Announcement of the new rules was being made at an 11 a.m. EDT news conference at Reagan National Airport.

Transportation Security Administration said that it planned to announce “refinements to security measures.”

The tougher airport screening procedures started in August after British police broke up a plot to bring jet fuel in glasses and hand luggage passengers to the airport. Previously, those liquids were confiscated at security checkpoints.

Now, the official said, those products will be put in clear plastic bags at the checkpoint, screened and returned to the passenger if they pass screening.

U.S. forces kill leading al-Qaida terrorist in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. forces shot and killed a leading al-Qaida terrorist Monday more than a year after he embarrassed the U.S. military by making an unprecedented escape from a maximum security military prison in Afghanistan, officials said.

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Al-Faruq and three other al-Qaida suspects escaped from Bagram, in central Afghanistan, in July 2001, but the Pentagon waited until November to confirm his death.

The original escape, which had been announced in July 2001 and turned over to the United States.

SANDIEGO

3 marines face court-martial over murder

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Three Marines from Camp Pendleton will face courts-martial on murder charges in the death of an Iraq man in the town of Hamdaniya, the Marine Corps said.

All three were accused of killing a man in December 2005 in the town of Hamdaniya, the Marine Corps said.

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The city’s former community relations manager has been promoted to administrative services director, which will include handling city personnel issues.

Deborah Walton McCoy began her new job Monday, three days after her predecessor, Jane Boyd, retired.

McCoy said she has always been interested in city government and is very excited about her new position.

“No doubt it’s going to be challenging — no doubt,” McCoy said. “And of course I have big shoes to fill.”

Boyd began working with the city in 1972 as an administrative assistant for the city’s urban renewal program. In 1992, she became the city’s administrative services director, where she remained until her retirement Friday.

Doherty started working for the city in 1999 as the community relations officer. In 2003, she was promoted to community relations manager, and she held that position until her promotion.

City Manager Jeff Doherty has worked with McCoy for seven years and said she is an excellent employee.

“she’s a very strong manager, as she’s demonstrated in the past,” Doherty said. “And based on this and her overall experience in education, she’s someone who I’m confident will do well in this job.”

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Doherty said McCoy’s job description includes handling the overall personnel program for the city, maintaining personnel records, recruiting and interviewing employees, and dealing with labor relations.

Doherty said he looked into the idea of hiring a human resources manager to handle some of the responsibilities but decided to incorporate the duties into the administrative services director.

He said McCoy has been the administrator of the child care program, and she will retain that responsibility in her new role.

Mayor Brad Cole said McCoy has performed her duties well in the past and has demonstrated the leadership skills needed to move into this position.

“she’s worked in various jobs both on campus and here in the city, and I feel very confident in her assuming this role,” Cole said.

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Bob Moore, a retired SIUC mathematics professor, digs up a stump Monday afternoon at his rental property on North James Street. Moore plans to fill the space with a flower garden in the shape of a triangle.

Psych exam ordered for suspect in murder of pregnant woman

Tunstall, who was about seven months pregnant, and her fetus on or about Sept. 15. It was three days later that Tunstall’s children were last seen with Hall, police say.

Hall has not been charged in those deaths and given that Hall is nailed on a significant bond and ‘foot going anywhere soon’, St. Clair County’s prosecutor Robert Haas says he’s in no rush to add any additional charges. He added that he planned to present the matter to a grand jury Oct. 6.

He declined to discuss a possible motive in the slayings, saying so would involve air- ing facts of the case.

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City fills vacant administrative services director position
Stop agreeing to disagree

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China seeking to smother the Olympic torch

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"If there is no agreement, we need to move on," Lawrence said in Monday’s DAILY EGYPTIAN. We urge the sponsors to not give up and to extend the passed deadline one more time. Southern Illinois is not the only area pushing for a debate, only to be turned down. And we are not alone in this battle. The Rockford Register Star has tried to hold a debate at Rockford College to no avail. On Sept. 15, its editorial asked the candidates to come up with a date that day, or the sponsors would no longer pursue the debate. It is imperative that constituents understand each candidates’ platforms, but, as the incumbent, Blagojevich has the upper hand. He is better known, people know what kind of governor he is, and with a 10 point lead in the latest poll over Topinka, he might not want to risk his advantage.

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Human ingenuity trumps status quo

Peter Brown

For those who worry that the earth is running out of oil, the discovery of a vast new petroleum reserve deep below the Gulf of Mexico is an important lesson about human beings’ ability to adapt to a changing world.

The question of how much of the world’s oil remains to be pumped generally fails to acknowledge the experience of history that human ingenuity can reshape any situation’s dynamics.

Consider the historical record that the cost of virtually every commodity, when adjusted for inflation, has decreased over time. To be sure, there are short-term blips that may temporarily move prices up, but the overall downward trend then resumes.

This has occurred because people learn to produce raw materials and goods more efficiently. Often those advances came from new technology that was the result of human ingenuity.

Oil is an obvious example of this dynamic at work, but not the only one. Remember the dire predictions of some in the late 1960s that the earth was running out of food? They feared a growing world population would gobble up the existing food supply, leading to widespread famine and food riots.

Obviously, those predictions did not come true, and the reason was that technology made farming more efficient and productive. The shortages that occurred stemmed from distribution problems, not a shortage of food.

Those incorrect predictions in the 1960s about food were replicated in the late 1970s when President Jimmy Carter donned a sweater and turned down the White House thermostat in response to gloom and doom scenarios of depleted oil reserves leaving us shivering in the dark.

That was almost 30 years ago, and even with the steep jump in the price of oil resulting in $3-a-gallon gasoline earlier this year, that figure still represents an increase well below the overall inflation rate. In other words, since the late 1970s, the prices of bread, butter and booze have risen much more than the cost of gasoline or heating oil.

Yet even with that lesson of history, there is concern that because petroleum and natural gas are fossil fuels, the world may be reaching the end of its finite supply, and we could be paying $100 a barrel for oil.

Now, to be sure, efforts to conserve the existing supply are necessary and worthwhile, and there are questions about the environmental impact of continuing to burn fossil fuels.

But the notion that existing known reserves are all we will ever have is challenged by the recent discovery 280 miles southwest of New Orleans.

Of course even if the optimistic view of this deep-water location turns out to be correct, the potential 15 billion barrels don’t mean that we as a nation can forget about the need to develop alternative energy. The 15 billion barrels are still a pittance compared to the vast reserves below Middle Eastern nations that are less than friendly to the United States. But it would represent a 50 percent increase in U.S. oil reserves.

However, the importance of this find goes far beyond the barrel count. This oil is more than five miles below the ocean surface. A decade ago it was unthinkable that engineers could recover these resources in a way that would be economically feasible.

Now, to be sure, the escalating price of oil is a factor in making this new discovery financially worthwhile. But absent a collapse in the high-flying Chinese and Indian economies, it is hard to see the increased demand for energy allowing the price of oil to return to the good old days.

But the real difference is that new technology allowed the companies to get oil so far down. Obviously this discovery will set off new rounds of exploration, not just in the deep waters off the U.S. coast but around the world.

It will be years until we know how much more oil will be found. But it would be just as foolish as needlessly wasting energy to make public policy based on the notion that we are going to be running out of fossil fuels anytime soon.

Peter Brown is the assistant director of the Quinnipiac University College of Business.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Smoking ban could spark new problems

Dear Editor:

There are some very basic arguments both for and against city-wide bans on smoking in public places. Here are the two most common ones:

Smokers are infringing on my rights by exposing me to carcinogens in restaurants and bars.

This can be refuted by: Nobody forced you to go there. There are plenty of local establishments that are voluntarily non-smoking. Go there instead. If you don’t want your car dramed damaged, don’t go to county fairs during tractor pulls either.

The city is infringing on my right as a business owner to allow legal substances to be used in my establishment.

This can be refuted by: While harmful substances are often legal for individuals to use, other people, should not be exposed to those substances against their will. If Big Mac increased the cholesterol level of everyone standing near the person who was eating it, Big Mac would not be legal in public places also.

Both arguments obviously have merit, and both arguments are somewhat flawed, but the one that’s echoed the loudest by Carbondon residents and business owners will inevitably win.

My concern is a more practical one. Many people smoke when they drink. They won’t quit smoking because of a business ordinance. If cigarette smoking is banned in all restaurants and bars, work that create vast crowds of young drunk people on the weekends, standing outside establishments where alcohol is served without the supervision of bouncers? Doesn’t that sound like it could lead to some Halloween-like problems that were eliminated by the city in the not-too-distant past? How does the police department feel about this? Can you imagine what the streets of Carbondale would look like if every day, restaurants and bars just dumped all of their ashtrays in front of their buildings? This is essentially what the town will look like if huge crowds of smokers congregate outside busy establishments every weekend.

Here’s a practically intelligent solution for the City Council that will satisfy everyone without creating unforeseen problems. Purposely follow SB 515, by putting a public smoking ban without publicly mentioning that there won’t be any sort of plan or effort to enforce it. The Council’s gesture will satisfy smoke-free Carbondon advocates for the moment, and in the long run, smokers and business owners won’t really be bothered by it. It will be in the news for a while until it fades out like a cigarette left burning in an ashtray.

Chris Kleinlein
Carbondale resident

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — Doctors have amputated the left leg of a co-pilot whose plane crashed on takeoff after turning onto the wrong runway, and he does not remember the accident that killed 49 people, his family said Monday.

James Polehinke, the lone survivor of the Aug. 27 crash at the Blue Grass Airport, faces several additional surgeries to repair fractures, one involving his spinal cord, the family said.

Polehinke “does not remember anything,” the family said in a statement. He is asking about his family and dogs and wants to go home. “He is more wakeful at times and more communicative but is still not completely lucid and currently has no recollection of the accident,” the statement said.

Polehinke remains in serious condition at University of Kentucky Hospital.

The family said he should be able to begin rehabilitation after the surgeries, but he is not expected to be released for several weeks, university spokesman Jay Blanton said.

A police officer pulled Polehinke from the charred wreckage of ComAir Flight 5191 after the plane struggled to get airborne and crashed into a field.

According to federal investigators, the flight’s captain, Jeffrey Clay, taxied the jet onto the wrong runway, which was too short, before Polehinke took the controls for takeoff. The sole air traffic controller on duty had cleared the plane to takeoff from the longer runway, then turned away to perform other duties and did not see the crash.

Also Monday, the National Transportation Safety Board said toxicology testing on both pilots detected no traces of alcohol or illegal drugs. Polehinke’s blood, it said.

FAA spokeswoman Laura Brown said the substance was not on the agency’s banned list.

The NTSB also said a review of the wreckage turned up no evidence of engine failure before the commuter jet plowed through a perimeter fence.

The flight data recorder indicates the plane stopped near the shorter runway for about 45 seconds before the flight was cleared for takeoff, the NTSB said.

Brown said the information indicates the plane made a rolling takeoff, which means it did not stop once reaching the runway. It was unclear whether the pilots looked at the compass and other navigational instruments while on the runway or before takeoff.

“Rolling takeoffs are not against the rules, but normally they’re only done when there is a lot of traffic, using the same runway,” Brown said. “Usually a pilot would want to line up on the runway and stop before taking off.”

ComAir spokeswoman Kate Marx said rolling takeoffs are “considered normal and are conducted on a regular basis.”

Flight 5191 was the third of three planes scheduled to takeoff from the Lexington airport in the early morning of Aug. 27, the NTSB said. The other two planes departed safely from the longer runway, which is 7,003 feet long. The shorter runway is half that length. Both runways use the same taxiway, which had been slightly altered a week before the crash because of a construction project.
He said young journalists should be “the watchdogs” on events that seem askew with high officials and on situations that seem awry.

Taubman, who earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Northwestern University in 1971, has served as Washington bureau chief for the New York Times for three years. He was previously the newspaper’s editorial writer of the editorial page and assistant editorial page editor.

Bill Freitag, interim director of SIUC’s School of Journalism, said Taubman was not only a close friend but was his inspiration to become a journalist.

“I am a thoughtful guy and a consummate professional,” Freitag said.

Danielle Dalo, a junior from Chicago and deputy editor of the editorial page at SIUC’s School of Journalism, said he enjoyed hearing about how Taubman handled government orders not to publish sensitive information and what young journalists should do in the face of tough decisions.

Taubman said it is important for young journalists to “learn the craft of journalism” and “to not be afraid of authority.”

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WASHINGTON — Retired military officers on Monday bluntly accused Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld of bungling the war in Iraq, saying U.S. troops were sent to fight without the best equipment and that critical facts were hidden from the public. "I believe that Secretary Rumsfeld and others in the administration did not tell the American people the truth for fear of losing support for the war in Iraq," retired Maj. Gen. John R. S. Batiste told a forum conducted by Senate Democrats.

A second military leader, retired Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, assessed Rumsfeld as "incompetent strategically, operationally and tactically." "Mr. Rumsfeld and his immediate team must be replaced or we will see two more years of extraordinarily bad decision-making," Eaton added at the forum, held six weeks before the Nov. 7 midterm elections, in which the war is a central issue.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a member of the Armed Services Committee, dismissed the Democratic-sponsored event as "an election-year smoke screen aimed at obscuring the Democrats' dismal record on national security." "Today's stunt may rile up the liberal base, but it won't kill a single terrorist or prevent a single attack," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said in a statement. He called Rumsfeld an "excellent secretary of defense."
**Crossword**

ACROSS
1. Tickle (8)
2. Party, for (6,2)
3. Fungi or fúngus (7)
4. Huddling on (10)
5. Ocean area (5,4)
6. Light up (7)
7. Part of FINGERS (9)
8. Lion’s lair (3,5)
9. Story-teller (5)
10. Stuffed teddy bear (9)
11. Clock as a sign (9)
12. Lemon ingredient (3,5)
13. August born, probably (6)
14. Young horses (5)
15. Newt undulates (3,9)
16. Fleas alone (7)
17. Charlie's luxe (5)
18. Cut a V in (6)
19. Chop recipient (7)
20. Bunch (7)
21. Begin (5)
22. Egg dish (6)
23. Middle endings (3,6)
24. Used — (7)
25. Adler (5)
26. Losing of tension (9)
27. Oil cash in (9)
28. Who's the one (9)
29. Guard by French (7)
30. Ego (7)
31. Gossip — (9)
32. List of candidates (9)

**DOWN**
1. Greek letter (7)
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3. Fire gently (7)
4. Examined in detail (9)
5. Overthere, oddly oddly (9)
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Salukis changing focus for upcoming season

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU women’s basketball team knew it needed a change of focus after a sub-par 2005-06 campaign.

Last season, the Salukis stumbled to a 10-18 record. The concern among the Salukas called for an improved work ethic, coupled with new defensive schemes.

Head coach Dana Eikemberg said they are changing the strategy in preparation for the upcoming season. New NCAA rules cut down the amount of time teams can conduct workouts outside. Because of the change, the team’s focus has been placed on conditioning and individual skill improvement.

"Senior forward Carla Moore said the team spent the majority of the offseason focusing on defense. She said the Salukis run more plays and lift more weight compared to last season, which should improve the overall athleticism and defensive pressure.

"Our schemes are going to be different as we switch to straight man-to-man defense," Moore said.

Moore said the Salukis’ new defense should contribute to lower scoring games and give them a chance to win. Despite a new look, he defends the offense will remain the same. She said that doesn’t mean fans shouldn’t expect to see improvement.

"The offseason training will help us create more fast breaks, and it will help us rebound better as well," Moore said.

With a more agile team, Eikemberg expects Moore to see more out of her 2006-07 spark. She said the tall, fast-paced players are much improved from last year, and there is a stronger understanding of work ethic.

Eikemberg singled out sophomore swingman Erica Smith as the player who was most improved. With the team rebuilding, Eikemberg said it was important for young players to make serious progress.

"She is a strong, confident and focused player who the entire team expects to take the next step this year," Eikemberg said.

Smith continues to work hard and credits her improvement to long hours in the weight room. On top of that, Smith said coaches tinkered with the mechanics of her shot.

"I am trying not to close up my shot and lose the dip I had," Smith said. "Adding more intense weight training to my off-season plan has helped with rebounds and defense."

The Salukis hope their new defensive schemes and fast-paced offense will translate into a better record. They are in preseason action at home against Christian Brothers University on Nov. 5, and have their first test of the regular season Nov. 12 against the University of Missouri.

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CINCINNATI (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. moved into 10th place on baseball's career list and received a pinch-hit homer of his career in the eighth inning to earn the win. David Schoeneweis (2-0) got two outs and a barehanded grab of Matt Murton's slow grounder, loading the bases.

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FOOTBALL

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SIU offenseloaded with full arsenal

Berwanger suffers partial tear of ACL, coach hopes to see return by spring season

Alan Turner - WR
136 yds receiving
22.2 yds/reception
3 TDs

Justin Allen - WR
9.2 yds/carry
13.2 yds/reception
51 yds/game

Arkee Whitlock - RB
377 yds rushing
494 all purpose yds
3 TDs

Nick Hill - QB
161 yds rushing
382 yds passing
9 total TDs

John Randle - RB
137 yds rushing
5.1 yds/carry
1 TD

SIU is a run-first team. Head coach Jerry Kill has said it, and statistics back the claim.

Kill’s blueprint for success works, but the team uses more than rushing to win games, despite the return of All-American running back Arkee Whitlock. With a young quarterback and starter-depleted receiving corps, expectations of an all-Arkie, all-the-time game plan surfaced before the season. While Whitlock still carries the rushing load, the Salukis get the ball to playmakers across the field.

The Salukis sport the top-ranked rushing and total offense in the Gateway Football Conference. They also own the conference’s top scoring效率，but their ability to involve different playmakers allows the team to stay true to its offensive philosophy. Though that may seem illogical at first, Kill said by spreading carries, catches and snaps, the offense becomes more dangerous.

“Welcome to the real world,” Kill said. “There’s no question it’s important, and it’s a big thing for us,” Kill said. “That way they don’t look into one person or one thing.”

A full complement of weapons helps keep defenses off balance.

Whitlock leads the Salukis in rushing with 377 yards, and his three rushing touchdowns are second on the team. His 125.7 yards per game on the ground are good for third place in the Gateway. The Rock Hill, S.C., native gains an average of 6.3 yards on his 60 carries for the season.

Junior quarterback Nick Hill has called Whitlock the team’s workhorse, but that does not mean he pulls the Saluki’s cart alone.

Running back John Randle, a junior, gained 141 yards in SIU’s three wins. He also has one rushing touchdown.

Freshman running back Naji Shainskia and full back J.T. Wise also earn carries in SIU’s punishing ground game and provide Hill with a target out of the backfield.

Then there is the quarterback. Hill presents problems for opposing defenses with his one-man version of a multifaceted attack. He can run, as shown by his 161 total rushing yards, which is good for second on the team. Hill also looks more comfortable in the pocket with every attempt and passes efficiently to multiple targets when he drops back.

He has thrown to 10 different SIU backs and receivers on his way to 29 completions in 51 attempts. Four different Salukis have caught Hill’s touchdowns.

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VOLLEYBALL

Injury ends freshman’s season

Jennifer Berwanger after she hurt her knee during the second game against Belmont University on Sept. 9 at Davies Gymnasium.

Rachel Green comforts Saluki freshman Jennifer Berwanger after she

Jennifer Berwanger’s freshman season has come to an abrupt end.

Berwanger suffered the injury at the Saluki Invitational on Sept. 9 when she dived to save a ball headed out of bounds in a match against Belmont. The injury occurred just one game after she recorded a career high in defensive digs with 11.

Originally, head coach Brenda Winkeler thought the injury would be nothing more than a twisted knee that “just gave her a scare.”

After several examinations by doctors, though, Berwanger’s ACL was pronounced partially torn.

Berwanger will undergo surgery today, said Shalae Schulte, SIU associate director of media services. Berwanger was unavailable to comment.

“I’ve had a tough break because she was doing very well playing in the back row for us,” Winkeler said. “She was overtaking in the left and right side during practice, and she was very good at both positions.”

Berwanger had not started a match all season but did play in 29 games throughout eight matches and made an immediate impact as a freshman.

Winkeler said although Berwanger was playing off the bench, she would have been starting games eventually this season based on her progress.

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