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tackles Tobacco

Bruce Perschbacher re-lights his pipe in between customers Monday at his shop, Yesteryear Tobacconists. Perschbacher has been in the tobacco business since 1971 and has been smoking since he was 16 years old. “I’m a firm believer in moderation,” he said in reference to smoking. Perschbacher can smoke in his shop because of a grand- father clause in the recent public smoking ban. All of the tobacco in the shop are pure tobacco. Perschbacher does not deal in com- mercial tobacco, instead, he said he special orders from smaller growers and blends all of his bulk tobaccos. While tobacco is one passion, Perschbacher said he is also an avid rugby fan, having played the sport on and off since college. His store displays much of his SIUC’s rugby memorabilia includ- ing trophies, framed photos and newspaper articles. He often has former players come just to see the display in the store.

University Housing to repair roofs, upgrade buildings

Projects funded through insurance, fundraisers

Christina Spakousky

University Housing has several structural repairs planned for the Brush Towers, starting with the roof damage caused by the May 8 storm.

Glenn Stine, deputy director of University Housing, said more than 25 roofs on campus were damaged. He said Schneider, Mac Smith and Neely will be the first buildings to receive roof repairs this fall.

Stine said each high-rise will cost $240,000. He said repairs at Graw nell will be $210,000 while the buildings at Thompson Point will cost approximately $150,000 each. He said next summer the roofs of Lentz, Pierce, Browns and Abbott would be replaced.

Stine said all roof repairs should be paid for by the uni-

“The end result is to make sure the roofs get replaced by using (insurance) funds wisely,” said Ju-

University Housing.

Kirchmeier said the Triads — Allen, Boomer and Wright — as well as Greek Row and parts of Thompson Point will not be re- paired. She said it would be more expensive for renovations than to redesign and rebuild them.

Kirchmeier said University Housing would release a plan for new, small-group housing, which will replace the Triads and Greek Row. She said they are also evaluating replacement plans for Southern Hills.

“Southern Hills has served us well for a very long period of time,” Kirchmeier said.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said campus housing is the university’s top pri-

He said the Schneider Hall lobby is next in line and will be upgraded this summer.

Kirchmeier said the renova-

Trevino arbitration to end this week

Madeleine Leroux

Orral arguments are set to end this week in arbitration between the university and former chancellor Fer-

A decision is expected within 60 days.

Gross said the university was justified in terminating Trevino’s contract would end within the week, and a decision depends on whether the three-person panel re-

“If that’s the case, then you could see a decision in up to two months,” Gross said. “If they do not ask for additional written arguments, you could see a decision within the next 30 days.”

Trevino, who was chosen as SIUC chancellor in summer 2007, was placed on paid administrative leave in March 2008.
Governer

Brown said there is no better way to promote awareness of the need for the grant than to have Quinn on campus and speaking directly to students.

"I think any way that we can show that this is a priority for our students, for our region ... will help further (the cause)," Brown said.

Kelly Kraft, spokeswoman for Quinn, said the rally is part of Quinn's campaign to speak at all state universities and help strengthen grassroots efforts to restore the funding.

"On Wednesday, I will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with college students, teachers, administrators, lawmakers and everyday people and challenge the General Assembly to fully fund MAP grants," Quinn said in a press release. "When it comes to this important educational funding issue, the people of Illinois will not accept a grade of 'incomplete' from the Legislature."

While students are still receiving full MAP benefits during the fall, more than 5,000 students on the Carbondale campus will receive either none of the grant money or just half of what they are eligible to receive in the spring.

The grant only received half of the funding originally budgeted, resulting in the loss of the program for the spring.

Kraft said Quinn hopes to urge more students to attend Lobby Day, scheduled for Oct. 15, through his rallies on college campuses.

The Illinois General Assembly will address the funding of the grant during its veto session Oct. 14 through Oct. 16 and Oct. 18 through Oct. 30.

"The state is really, really in a crisis," Brown said. "It's these events in conjunction with our trip to Springfield (Oct. 15) that really kind of show how important the MAP grant is to the students and how much the university and our students want to be proactive."

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SIU President Glenn Poshard cited failure to perform basic job duties outlined in Treviño’s contract and resigned his job to a tenured faculty position.

Former Board of Trustees member Sam Goldeman was appointed interim chancellor in April 2008 and in January 2009, the ‘interim’ was dropped from Goldeman’s title.

Gross said the arbitration would decide if Treviño is entitled to the remainder of his contract’s payout, which is about $680,000 including salary, housing and other benefits.

Treviño now serves as the dean of the Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work at Florida International University.

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Kirkmeier said the project depends on fundraising — something the housing department has never done before.

“The plan is to actually turn it into a casual study area,” Kirkmeier said. “The whole place will be wireless with new computer labs, glass walls around a checkout area for students to use and check out lap-tops, and tutoring will be happening in a number of different areas.”

Kirkmeier said the funding originally budgeted, resulting in the loss of the program for the spring.

She said there would be additional space for an outdoor study area.

Kathie Lorentz, assistant director for University Housing, said the new tutoring center will accommodate more than 100 students.

“It’s the perfect location for stu-dents, particularly those living on the east side of campus,” Lorentz said.

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Citizens propose budget cuts to save city position

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Community activists said they believe the city manager’s proposed elimination of the community relations officer position is a step backwards and submitted a proposed budget cuts of more than $540,000 to City Council members Monday at the Eura C. Hayes Center.

The Rev. Sidney Logwood, the Rev. Lawrence James, Margaret Neubtt and other members of the Concerned Citizens of Carbondale told City Council members Joel Fritzler and Mary Pohlmann they believe the city is not committed to affirmative action.

The group said major cutbacks in travel expenses for city officials, subscriptions and memberships and personnel are better options than the proposal to combine duties of the community relations officer into the human resources department.

Fritzler said in almost all community relations duties, the affirmative action duties are assigned to the human resources department.

Pohlmann said the human resources department conducted interviews, but the city manager hires city employees.

“They think it’s a misconception that the human resources does the hiring,” Pohlmann told activists. “They don’t do the hiring or the firing.”

Nebitt said she is shocked the affirmative action plan submitted by the Concerned Citizens of Carbondale, and agreed to by the city manager and City Council, may be abandoned.

“We would like to see the council embrace issues that affect human beings’ lives,” she said. “There wasn’t just one person’s salary in that plan; there were many programs to help young people grow in a positive manner.”

Pohlmann said she is firmly committed to affirmative action, but the current plan could be revised to be more concise.

Nebitt agreed, but said she was under the impression that this plan would be immediately worked on and improved.

“The citizens were believing that we were in a working relationship with the council and the city manager,” she said.

James said to eliminate a position held by a minority when it’s hard to hire qualified minorities to begin with is counterproductive.

Fritzler said it’s hard for Carbondale to attract any qualified employees, minorities included, because larger cities can pay them more.

The city’s massive pension obligations and decrease in revenues have not helped either, he said.

James said the human resources department had affirmative action responsibilities for 20 years and there was no progress.

Community Relations Officer Marilyn James tried to make sure affirmative action was carried out the way it should be, but it was obvious city officials didn’t want that, he said.

The Rev. Lawrence James said the city manager’s proposals would not be as efficient as a real affirmative action force.

“I think the budget is just a smokescreen, he said. “I think it’s more of a retaliation thing because they’re not really sincere about affirmative action… it was almost as if (Marilyn James) was hired to be a token coin, and they found out she was a real coin.”

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Bassett place second in tournament

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The fishing was good for Saluki Bassers Friday and Saturday as they took second place in the Lake of the Ozarks Central Division College Bass Tournament.

The second-place finish earned Richard Durham and Travis Goedl a spot in the regional championship at Kentucky Lake. The duo was able to catch five fish weighing in at 11 pounds.

The finish also resulted in a $5,000 cash prize: $2,500 of which went to Saluki Bassers club and $2,500 to the university.

Durham, a senior from Carbondale studying business, said it was a great feeling to finish second.

“We went into the tournament knowing that we really had to push hard,” Durham said. “We really wanted to get to Kentucky Lake, because we’re fairly confident on it.”

The team struggled in the first few laps of the series, called “College Fishing,” but was able to come back in the final phase of competition and earn a spot in regional.

The series, which has no entry fee, allows college students to fish in free tournaments across the country. Students are provided with a boat and a professional fisherman to drive them to their fishing spots for the day.

The duo had the fortune to be in David Hildon, who is one of the sport’s top competitors. Hildon has won both the Bassmaster Classic and the Forrest L. Wood Cup.

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The Blevens, enough said

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Daily Egyptian

When asked about the family motto, Jamie Blevens just laughs. Jamie’s son Dustin, 29, coined the phrase “Blevens, Enough Said” when he was in high school. Dustin said he started it when he had the phrase written on the back of his letterman jacket. His sisters Jessica, 21, and Nicholas, 19, kept up the tradition by putting the motto on the backs of their jackets. His sisters Katelyn and Kimberly, both 17, want to get it on their jackets as well.

When Jamie and Dust Blevens were married eight years ago, they had five children between them. After wanting one more baby, the couple decided to try fostering to see if they were ready to handle the joys of parenthood and newborn babies, diapers and late-night feedings.

Their first foster child was DJ, 7. He was five months old when they got him. Jamie and Dean said they instantly fell in love with him and knew he was the baby they wanted.

In California, it takes two years for adoption from the foster-care system to be possible. The Blevens had to wait. During those two years, they fostered more children.

“We would have 18 kids in the house at one time,” Jamie said. “We’ve probably fostered close to 200 children.”

Shortly after DJ arrived, three brothers named Joseph, 10, Devon, 8, and Nathan, 7, arrived. They remained at the Blevens’ home, never being taken back to their biological family.

When two years had passed, the Blevens were given the choice to adopt DJ or have social services find him a home. They chose to adopt him and the three brothers. Jamie said she could not see them living anywhere else but with her. They were family.

The Blevens then adopted Austin, 5, and Alexis, 3. Dean adopted Jamie’s four girls from her previous marriage, and by 2006 they all took the Bleven’s last name. “That’s my daughter in there,” Jamie said, referring to Alexis.

Jamie said the six adopted children all knew they were adopted, even if they do not fully grasp what it means. Their past is not kept secret; Jamie hung up pictures from the days when she and Dean were officially given custody of the children.

To the Blevens, it does not matter if a child is adopted or biologically related; every one of the children is loved the same. They are family, enough said.
Here’s another nail in your coffin

Tim Giagno
McClatchy Tribune

Most Americans, and I am sure the chief executive officers of the major tobacco manufacturing plants, knew that smoking was not good for your health more than 50 years ago. I can remember hearing the comment, “Here’s another nail in your coffin,” as someone handed you a cigarette, many years ago. In 1947, 62 years ago, Merle Travis wrote a song that was adopted by Tex Williams.

Here are some of the lyrics: “Smoke, smoke, smoke that cigarette; puff, puff, puff until you smoke yourself to death; tell St. Peter at the Golden Gate, that you have to make him wait; but you just gotta have another cigarette.” Williams followed in the trail of the famous Marlene Man: he also died of lung cancer.

Williams was a two-pack-a-day man. But even a horrifying anti-smoking commercial by the late Yul Brynner, televised after he died of lung cancer, could not and did not, slow down the rash to buy another pack of cigarettes.

In the commercial Brynner, still looking somewhat healthy, says, “Now that I’m gone, I’ll tell you: Don’t smoke, whatever you do, just don’t smoke.” The commercial by the American Cancer Society was aired in 1986, soon after Brynner’s death.

No one in a position of authority, not doctors or the tobacco industry, told us that smoking could cause lung cancer and other deadly illnesses, 50-60 years ago.

There were television shows totally sponsored by cigarette companies. There was “Your Hit Parade” with Snoopy Lennon and Giselle McKenzie. And the show was filled with commercials featuring Lucky Strike Cigarettes. The Camel News Caravan was anchored by John Cameron Swayze and ran from 1949 to 1956. One of the favorite bits of commercial advice on the show was, “More doctors smoke Camel than any other cigarette.” I started smoking at the Catholic Indian mission boarding school on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in the 1940s. Back then it was a rite of passage.

You were allowed to smoke once you started high school, which was the ninth grade. You became a “big guy” when you reached that grade.

The cigarettes of choice were those rolled on cigarette paper and filled with Bull Durham tobacco. The cigarettes Americans dubbed “tobacco made,” didn’t come along until a few years latter. Of course “tobacco made” simply meant that the cigarettes had filters or were machine rolled.

We thought we were real cool with the tag and string from a Bull Durham pack hanging from our shirt pocket. Tobacco was a crop cultivated by American Indians centuries before the arrival of the white man.

It was used primarily in spiritual gathering and was smoked in a ceremonial pipe, a pipe that was misnamed “peace pipe” because, as a spiritual offering, it was used at important ceremonies including at talks of peace.

In the Indian way, the act of smoking the pipe at the end of a meeting was an indication that the deal had been sealed and the pipe was the spiritual conclusion. Millions of Americans got hooked on smoking when they joined the armed forces. When I served, I could buy a pack of cigarettes at the PX for 10 cents.

A carton cost $1.

When we shipped overseas we were often given two or three free cartons. And taking a “smoke break” was a significant part of the day in the military. When a soldier was sitting in a foxhole with death just over the next ridge, a long drag on a cigarette did a whole lot to ease the tension.

No one told that soldier he was endangering his life with that cigarette.

And, of course, the movies did much to romanticize cigarette smoking. There was a scene in one movie where the hero takes two cigarettes from the pack, places both of them in his mouth and lights them simultaneously. He then removes one from his mouth and places it between the lips of his girlfriend.

When we were teenagers, I think most of us tried to duplicate this little trick, too often discovering that the cigarettes had a tendency to stick to your lips. Romance flew out of the window when the cigarette tore your lip and it started to bleed.

I give my employees a smoke break in the morning and one in the afternoon. They have to smoke outside because it is not allowed in the office.

And since I have been a non-smoker for a very long time, as I see them heading out for their smoke break, I cannot help but wonder if they realize the danger they are courting, or I wonder what pleasure they can get from something that may eventually kill them. It’s a curious thing. But they won’t quit. Many states now have anti-smoking laws and we seem to be moving, as a nation, in that direction.

But we are facing the same situation confronting the gun lobby: “When guns are outlawed only outlaws will have guns.” Can the same be said in defense of cigarettes? Here’s another nail in your coffin!”

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
“As a Chicago sports fan you get used to disappointment. This hurts so much more.”

Audrey Matthews
A food service manager who lives near Chicago, in the city hosting its 2016 Olympic bid to Rio de Janeiro.

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Pakistan Taliban head cracks jokes, vows vengeance

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARAROGHA, Pakistan — Flanked by heavily armed fighters, the new leader of the Pakistani Taliban sat on a blue blanket, surrounded by men, and cracked jokes and mixed in threats of vengeance for deadly U.S.-led attacks.

One day later, a suicide bomber attacked the gathering, killing at least 15. Hakimullah Mehsud met with reporters Sunday for the first time since winning control of the militant group, quashing speculation that he had been slain in a succession struggle following the killing of his predecessor in a U.S. drone attack.

He also described his group’s relationship to al-Qaeda as one of “love and affection.” Obama bin Laden and other top al-Qaeda leaders are believed to be hiding out in the remote border region with Afghanistan, possibly in territory controlled by Hakimullah.

The militant vowed to retaliate against the U.S. and Pakistan for deadly attacks on his allies and said his fighters will repel an anticipated Pakistani offensive into his stronghold.

Hakimullah made his threat of vengeance hours before a suicide bomber disguised as a security officer killed five people at a U.S. embassy in Islamabad on Monday. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but officials blamed Islamic militants.

Pakistani Interior Minister Rehman Malik said has said several times that officials believed Hakimullah — and possibly his deputy, Waliur Rehman — had been killed in fighting over whom would replace Baitullah Mehsud after his Aug. 5 death in a suicide strike. Malik said that Hakimullah was being impersonated by his brother, intending to confuse and mislead as he cracked jokes and mixed in threats of vengeance for deadly U.S.-led attacks.

Western diplomats in Islamabad had also said their intelligence indicated he may have been killed, while Western media reports over the weekend quoted American officials as saying they believed he may be dead.

Hakimullah was very much alive, speaking only as he sat under a tree on a blanket surrounded by top Taliban commanders, including Waliur Rehman, in a show of unity in Southwest Waziristan, where the Pakistani state and security forces have little or no presence. Also present were Qari Hassain, the head of the Taliban’s suicide bomb faction, and Ataullah Tariq, a Taliban spokesman.

He said the group’s leadership remained intact and strong.

“We are all sitting here before you, which proves all the news about my brother was totally baseless and false,” he said.

Pakistani security authorities were not immediately available for comment.

Pakistan has largely been beaten back by Taliban insurgents in the northwestern Swat Valley in recent months and officials say this is preparing a major offensive against al-Qaeda and the Taliban in South Waziristan. The military has been blocking off the region and seeking to encourage other tribes to rise up against Hakimullah.

Hakimullah said his forces were seeking every last calorie and each weapon, which would likely be far tougher than the Swat campaign. The army has been beaten back there three times since 2004. Analysts say some 50,000 well-trained militants, including foreign fighters, are in the mountains region and well dug in.

“We are fully prepared for that operation and we will give full proof of those preparations once the offensive is launched,” he said.

On the drive to and from the interview, the AP reporter could see fighter planes taking up positions at key vantage points. Residents said the fighters were digging trenches along routes the army was expected to travel.

Fearing the coming offensive, villagers were fleeing the area via backroads and traveling at night because the military had already sealed most of the main routes out.

While Baitullah avoided the glare of media and was only photographed once — from a side angle — Hakimullah showed no such modesty. He did not appear to be a nervous fugitive in hiding from Pakistani soldiers and U.S. drones.

Surrounded by doctors, Obama pitches overhaul

Charles Babington
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — On the eve of a busy legislative push, President Obama filled the Rose Garden Monday with doctors supportive of his health care law, asking the public to “trust the experts” and promising that the act has more credibility with the American people than you “could possibly imagine.”

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USG not concerned with limited budget

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The Undergraduate Student Government started with significantly less money to allocate this semester compared to past administrations, and representatives said they hope to correct the problem for the next senate.

President Priscilla Fabian said at the beginning of each fall semester, the group usually starts with $70,000 to $100,000 to distribute to Registered Student Organizations.

The group started with $6,000 this semester, Fabian said.

“Last year the (senators) overspent their money,” he said. “So what they had overspent had to be taken out of our accounts this year.”

Fabian said the previous group overspent by more than $16,000 last year because it was disorganized.

In order to cushion the loss of money, an extra $10,000 was taken out of the group’s reserve account to increase the amount of funding to $16,000 for this academic year — $8,000 per semester, Fabian said.

He said $8,000 remains in the reserve account.

The senators approved $3,610 to contribute to organizations Wednesday, leaving $4,390 left for the rest of the fall semester.

Fabian said the group isn’t going to make the same mistake as last year’s senate.

“We’ve been doing good so far keeping a close eye on the account and making sure we weren’t going to overspend,” he said. “We’re just trying to keep everything efficient and organized so we can keep track of it.”

Vice President Ashley Epps said it wasn’t just the overspending that affected the group’s budget this year, but the university’s declining enrollment.

USG receives money from the Student Activities Fee.

“If enrollment trickles down then we’ll probably be left with a low amount of money,” Epps said. “I just don’t want people to be upset with us because we’re doing all we can.”

However, Epps said the minimal amount of money is turning into a positive.

“I don’t know where the money went wrong in the past,” she said.

“But we have bigger issues on the forefront, and that’s the MAP grant.”

The Monetary Award Program grant is awarded by the state through the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to undergraduate students. It covers mandatory tuition and fees and does not have to be repaid. The grant was canceled for the spring semester.

“Undergraduate Student Government is here for the students, and we need to get that money back from the MAP grant,” Epps said.

Rhonda Daugherty, chairwoman of the Finance Committee, said even though the senators are sticking close to the funding guidelines, she agrees the group should focus on the grant initiative.

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SIU stumbles in final tune-up tournament

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With the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Championships two weeks away, the SIU men’s tennis team failed to build momentum in its final warm-up.

Freshmen Chikara Kidera and Brandon Florea were the only Salukis to advance beyond the first round at the Steve Baras Fall Classic over the weekend in Chattanooga, Tenn.

“T don’t think weisplayed up to our potential in Chattanooga,” head coach Dan Nelson said. “We need to do a better job of taking the things we learn in practice and put them into the match.”

Florea defeated Lee University sophomore Michael Yokousk (7-5, 6-2) in the opening round of Flight A1, where a team’s ace plays.

Kidera beat Mercer University junior Fernando Armendariz in Flight A2 play (6-1, 2-6, 1-0 (8))

“I don’t feel like I played at 100 percent,” Florea said. “It was really the same thing for everyone. Nobody played as well as they could have; it was just a really unofficious tournament.”

Both Florea and Kidera lost in the quarterfinals to Middle Tennessee State University. Florea lost to sophomore Matthew Langley (7-6 (2), 6-0) and Kidera to senior Alex McCana (6-4, 3-6, 1-0 (7)).

“It felt good to go out there and win my first match. I have been working my butt off to get better,” Florea said. “To go there and have everything that can go wrong go wrong makes everything worse. It makes me feel terrible, I could have done better.”

A third Middle Tennessee State player knocked off a Saluki, as junior Kyle Wissing defeated SIU’s freshman Orthan Spahic (6-4, 3-6, 1-0 (8)).

Spahic went to the consolation bracket where he defeated Chattanooga freshman Jackson Tisen because of injury withdrawal.

Freshman Jordan Snyder fell to junior Felipe Lima of Belmont (6-1, 6-1) and sophomore Paolo Burji lost to sophomore Ryan Boutil of Kennesaw State (6-0, 6-4).

“I need to close my matches; that’s pretty much it,” Burji said. “I didn’t play that bad, but I need to learn how to finish out my matches. I was close to winning some of them.”

Burji said he needs to win more matches in practice so he will have more confidence in tournaments.

“Hopefully we will improve enough to win some matches and do better,” Burji said.

Burji advanced to the semifinals in the consolation bracket for Flight C1, but lost to Memphis junior John Taylor (6-1, 6-3).

Spahic, also fell in the semifinals in the consolation bracket. Spahic played in Flight B1 and lost to Jacksonville State’s Felipe Watanabe (6-3, 6-0).

The next tournament for the men will be the ITA Regional. Florea said the competition at the tournament would force the team to play its best.

“It’s a whole new level of tournament, competition is higher. Hopefully nobody gets nervous and we play as well as we can,” Florea said. “That’s exactly why I came to college. It is what I am looking for, what I need.”

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Game No. 163 (again): Twins host Tigers for title

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The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Twins seem to think that 162 regular-season games aren’t enough.

The Twins will host the Detroit Tigers today in a tiebreaker for the American League Central title and a trip to the playoffs. It is the second straight season that the Twins have needed a 163rd game to finish the season, a first in league history.

One year after losing a 1-0 heartbreaker in Chicago to the White Sox in a one-game playoff, the Twins will get the chance to break that time around as they look to cap their remarkable September rally.

“Is it deja vu?” second baseman Nick Punto said. “Last year, same thing. A lot of these guys have been through this, though. I think that’s the best part about it. That being said, you always know you’ve been in a position like this before. It’s fun. We’re having fun.”

Why wouldn’t they be? A month ago, the Twins were seven games behind Detroit in the division. Three weeks ago, they lost All-Star slugger Justin Morneau to a season-ending back injury. Last week, they were three games down with four to play.

Yet here they are again, thanks to 16 victories in 20 games and four straight to close the season.

“Everybody wrote off the Twins, it seems like, a long time ago, especially when Morneau went down,” said outfielder Johnny Damon, whose Yankees are awaiting Tuesday’s winner. “A team needs to keep fighting and they’ve been one of those special teams for a long time. It seems like they don’t give up. That’s the great thing about baseball. You never know.”

The Tigers, who went 11-15 in their final 26 games to let the Twins back into the race, aren’t putting too much stock in the experience factor.

Manager Jim Leyland is putting 20-year-old rookie Rick Porcello (9-9) on the mound for the start as front of more than 50,000 fans who will make it dinghying inside the Metrodome.

“It’s going to be the loudest environment any of these guys have ever been in, and I can tell you that firsthand because I was up there for the ’93 World Series when they called it ‘The Hawkie Dome’ and my wife couldn’t even hear each other talk,” Leyland said. “But that’s OK. Sometimes that works for you, and sometimes that works against you.”

Young pitchers, and even veterans, have been known to get rattled in the din of the Metrodome, which was supposed to hold its final regular season baseball game on Sunday when the Twins played the Royals. The Twins are hoping there is still plenty of room to get to the lead over the Royals before the season is finished.

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Detroit Tigers Ramon Santiago turns a double play after getting out Minnesota Twins Delmon Young during first inning action Sept. 30 at Comerica Park in Detroit.

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ILLINOIS

James Williams
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Saluki Insider

The divisional series for the American League kicks off Tuesday with the Twins-Tigers one-game playoff. Who’s your pick in the AL?

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For the first two tournaments, the Salukis played without their No. 1 player Melanie Dalstatt. The freshman has been unable to play because her freshman registration papers are not complete.

Nothwehr said Dalstatt should compete with the team Friday.

“When we were at the tournament, she played matches against (student assistant coach) Fadjar (Manisrie) here,” Nothwehr said. “If she can beat Fadjar, she can beat anyone that plays in our conference.”

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The National Fastpitch Coaches Association ranked SIU No. 18 in All-Academic poll for the 2009 season. SIU 3.38 cumulative GPA led to a top-25 ranking for the ninth straight season. The Salukis have been in the top-10 seven of the last nine years, and in the top-five in five of the last seven seasons.

Gonzalez said all the wins and titles the Salukis have won in the fall would only make the team hungrier for championships.

“With everything that has happened over the fall, it’s hard not to get excited about the season,” Gonzalez said. “We’re going to keep building off this and make spring our own.”

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Missouri Valley Football Conference Standings

Team

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Northern Iowa
2-0

4-1

South Dakota State
2-0

3-1

Southern Illinois
2-0

3-1

Missouri State
1-1

3-2

Youngstown State
1-1

3-2

Illinois State
1-1

2-3

Western Illinois
0-1

1-3

North Dakota State
0-2

1-4

Indiana State
0-3

0-6

Illinois benches Williams

CHAMPAIGN — Quarterback Juice Williams will be on the bench when Illinois takes on Michigan State on Saturday, a week after he became the all-time leader in offensive production for the Illini.

Illini coach Ron Zook told WDWS Radio in Champaign on Monday that backup quarterback Ed-e McGee will start over Williams. Zook said he hopes McGee will give the 1-3 Illini (0-2 Big Ten) a spark.

Team officials said Williams, a senior who has been a starter since his freshman year, was not available to take questions Monday during a players’ teleconference with reporters or after practice.

Zook said he considered pulling Williams during Illini 35-17 loss to Penn State on Saturday, but Zook decided to let the senior work through a game in which he initially struggled. During the game, Williams surpassed former Illini quarterback Kurt Kittner to become the all-time offensive yards leader at Illinois.

“This is not pointing the finger at Juice at all,” Zook told WDWS. “This poor guy, if anything, I think it takes the pressure off of him a little bit.”

McGee has played extensively in his time at Illinois, most recently taking the snaps through most of last month’s win over Illinois State after Williams left with an injury.

The redshirt junior from Washington, D.C., is 52-94 in his career in Champaign, with nine interceptions and three touchdowns. He’s also run for four TDs and occasionally lines up at receiver.

Illus receiver Armando Benn, one of Williams’ closest friends on the team, said McGee may be a little better runner than Williams, who led Illinois in rushing last season.

Benn said he talked to both players after learning of the switch Monday and believes Williams is handling his benching well.

“Juice told me that he and Eddie got together last night and talked about things,” Benn said. “I know it’s not going to divide the locker room.”

Benn said he told McGee the team isn’t expecting perfection.

“Say it’s not a big deal. We’ve been through a lot of ups and downs in our lives. The most important thing is that we win.”
**WOMEN’S TENNIS**

**Salukis shine in Baras Fall Classic**

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Sophomore Vishaka Sheoran had a golden touch as she won her flight in the Salukis’ final competition before the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Tournament.

Sheoran won the gold flight at the Steve Baras Fall Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn. Sunday. The gold flight is the equivalent of the fourth flight, where a team’s fourth-best player competes.

Head coach Audra Nothwehr said Sheoran’s performance could have won her the first flight championship.

“Vishaka was in control the whole time; it wasn’t a nail biter. None of her matches were,” Nothwehr said. “It was great seeing her on top of her game; she’s playing much better than she did last year.”

Sheoran was the flight’s top seed and received a bye, so she automatically qualified for the quarterfinals. Sheoran did not disappoint, defeating Eastern Kentucky senior Anais Hamel (6-0, 6-3).

In the semifinals, Sheoran defeated University of Tennessee at Chattanooga sophomore Jen-nemke van der Vek (6-2, 6-1). Sheoran captured the championship against Kennesaw State freshman Therese Lagerkvist (6-3, 6-1).

“It felt good to win my flight,” Sheoran said. “It was more aggressive, and I worked hard for it. We were here last year too, and as a team we did much better. Everyone just tried their hardest.”

One other Saluki advanced to the finals in singles play. Senior Jessica Flannery made it to the finals in the Lookout Mountain flight, but lost it to University of Tennessee-Martin Jodie Tiley (6-4, 6-0).

On the doubles side, one team advanced to the finals. Senior Michela Cruise and sophomore Emily Whitney made it to the finals of the blue flight, but fell to University of Tennessee-Martin’s Anna Marie Herbold and Anna Winkelmann.

Nothwehr said the team focused on doubles in practice, and it showed in the tournament.

“We were happy with Michela and Emily,” Nothwehr said. “The tournament was one-and-done with doubles. There were no consolation brackets. They played better than their last tournament.”

Whitney and Cruise lost both of their opening matches in their previous tournament, the Blue and Gray Classic, but won one on the final day to get seventh place in the No. 2 flight.

The Steve Baras Fall Classic was the final tournament for the women before the MVC Individual Tournament, which starts Friday.

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**SOFTBALL**

**Salukis end fall exhibition undefeated, 6-0**

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The games did not count on its record, but the Saluki softball team dominated the fall exhibition season as it was playing for a championship.

The Salukis wrapped up their fall exhibition season this Sunday at the Illinois Collegiate Softball Tournament with a 2-1 victory over Eastern Illinois and a 5-0 victory over Western Illinois. The Salukis finished 6-0 in the fall season, outscoring their opponents 29-1.

Head coach Kerri Blaylock said the team’s success is fueled by its desire to get better.

“I thought not only this past weekend, but the whole fall we played well. We just threw the ball really well,” Blaylock said. “They are very much listening and are a very good team in trying to learn and are trying to improve.”

The first regular-season game for the Salukis will not be until Feb. 12. Though the tournaments do not count on the team’s record, junior first baseman Consen- na Gonzalez said the Salukis took the exhibition season seriously.

“These games are a good note to head off into the spring season,” Gonzalez said. “We didn’t treat these games like they weren’t important. We came out with the idea that we were going to go out there and try to win.”

The Salukis started the fall season Sept. 20 with two weeks of tournaments at Charlotte West Stadium in Carbon-dale. The Salukis went all four of their games, outscoring their opponents 22-0. The Salukis gave up their first, and only, run of the fall against Eastern Illinois.

Blaylock said her starting pitchers, which includes new transfer Alex Petters and freshman Brittany Lang, have played better than she expected them to this early in the season.

“I think (junior) Danielle (Glosson), our veteran, has come back, and now she’s throwing really well. And then our two newcomers have come in and kind of ex- ceeded my expectations as far as working button over; the things that we ask them to do,” Blaylock said. “We ask them to really compete out there on the mound and they have really done that out there.”

The Salukis also earned some national honor in the fall as well.

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**FOOTBALL**

**Conference round-up**

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With Western Illinois loss to the Salukis Saturday, every Missouri Valley Football Conference team has a conference game under its belt. Most of the matchups were close this weekend, which also included two upsets.

**Illinois State Redbirds (3-3, 1-MVFC) 27 North Dakota State Bison (1-4, 0-MVFC) 24**

The Redbirds named the crowd of 18,608 at the Fargo Dome Saturday as Illinois State’s Geno Blow scored on a two-yard touchdown run with 1:24 remaining. The touchdown lifted the Redbirds over the Bison on their homecoming game. The Redbirds chunked the first nine points of the game for head coach Buck Spack and the Bison have started the season 1-4 for the first time since 2002.

**Northern Iowa Panthers (4-1, 2-MVFC) 62 Illinois State Sycamores (0-6, 0-MVFC) 7**

What looked to be the most lopsided matchup on paper became reality as the No. 3 Panthers dismantled the Sycamores Saturday. Northern Iowa quarterback Pat Grace had only nine pass attempts, but finished the game with 157 yards and three touchdowns. Northern Iowa scored 42 unanswered points in the first half to hand the Sycamores their 32nd straight loss.

**Missouri State Bears (3-2, 1-MVFC) 17 Youngstown State Penguins (3-2, 1-MVFC) 7**

Missouri State quarterback Cody Kirby threw for 252 yards and a touchdown as the Bears upset the Penguins at Youngstown, Ohio. Youngstown State turned the ball over four times, including three intercep- tions from quarterback Brand- don Summers. The loss snaps the Penguins three-game winning streak.

**Cal Poly Mustangs (2-2, 0 Great West Conference) 21 South Dakota State Jackrab- bits (3-1, 2-MVFC) 14**

Cal Poly’s Marty Mohamed scored three touchdowns late in the fourth quarter and Carlson Gillespie recovered the South Dakota State quarterback’s fumble in the end zone with 2:09 left in the game to score the winning touchdown Saturday in San Luis Obispo, Calif. The score was the second for the Mustangs’ defense. The game was the lone non- conference game for any MVFC school and the Jackrabbits’ first loss of the season.

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