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# Audit strips \$30,000 from GPSC

**Vice presidents Ed Ford, left, and Sara Samson listen as President Jon Pressley addresses a question during the GPSC meeting Tuesday evening in the Student Center.**  
 KELI BILLINGSLEY  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN



President's office review reveals years of misinterpreting funding guidelines

**Wayne Utterback**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

The results of an audit by the SIU president's office have stripped \$30,000 from the Graduate and Professional Student Council.

A misinterpretation of the funding guidelines also revealed that the graduate student council was, in

turn, spending money that belongs to the Undergraduate Student Government, said Ed Ford, the group's vice president for administrative affairs.

The audit, which was performed earlier this year on GPSC and USG, discovered GPSC was receiving student activity fee money based on population and not by the average

credit hours in which graduate students are enrolled.

This year, the student activity fee was released based on the average hours students are enrolled in, Ford said.

The smaller amount of student fees that GPSC receives will be difficult to work with, GPSC President Jon Pressley said.

"It's always hard to cut, and we have to cut significantly," he said.

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## Enrollment team gets new leader

**Brandon Weisenberger**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC's coordinator of diversity and equity is now the temporary head of the university's enrollment effort, while another administrator's duties have been chopped in half.

On Tuesday, Provost John Dunn announced Carmen Suarez as the interim assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management. Tina Collins held the position while retaining her role as director of records and registration.

A national search will soon begin for a permanent leader, Dunn said.

In a memo to top university officials, Dunn wrote that Collins requested to be relieved of her enrollment management duties because of her work with SIUC's new student information system. The \$6.8 million system, which is set to launch in summer 2008, is meant mainly to alleviate social security numbers as students' primary form of identification.

Collins was not in her office and did not return a message left on her home answering machine Tuesday evening.

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True Value employees Wayne Otwell, left, and Kris Wellington, right, work together Tuesday afternoon to assemble one of 15 large tents that will be used for tailgating festivities before Saturday's football game against Indiana State. Kickoff is at 6 p.m., and tailgating begins at 3 p.m.

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## Local lodging all booked up

Nearly full area hotels plan to be flush with visitors for homecoming weekend

**Brandon Augsburg**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

People still considering making the trip to southern Illinois for this year's homecoming may not be able to find a room at any inn.

Most of the hotels in Carbondale, Murphysboro and Marion have been full for weeks in anticipation of the Oct. 7 Homecoming weekend, and they will probably stay that way, with the exception of a few cancellations here and there.

While almost all of the 25 area hotels are booked, visitors will have another option in the near future. Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole said Tuesday that a new Comfort Inn will be built near the intersection

of Illinois Route 13 and Reed Station Road on the east edge of Carbondale.

Until then, alumni and others looking to enjoy the Homecoming festivities will have to seek lodging in the few remaining hotels with rooms.

Kevin Morrey, general manager of the Hampton Inn, located at 2175 N. Reed Station Road in Carbondale, said the hotel has been booked for quite a while and has had only a handful of cancellations.

He said six rooms were available as of Tuesday.

Morrey said his hotel is usually pretty busy but not typically full on the weekdays. Homecoming is a high-demand weekend with

people coming in from all over for the festivities, he said.

Most people plan ahead when coming to Carbondale for the weekend, he said, but some still hope for open rooms.

"Believe it or not, there are still people who come down to Homecoming without a reservation," Morrey said. "It's a real roll of the dice."

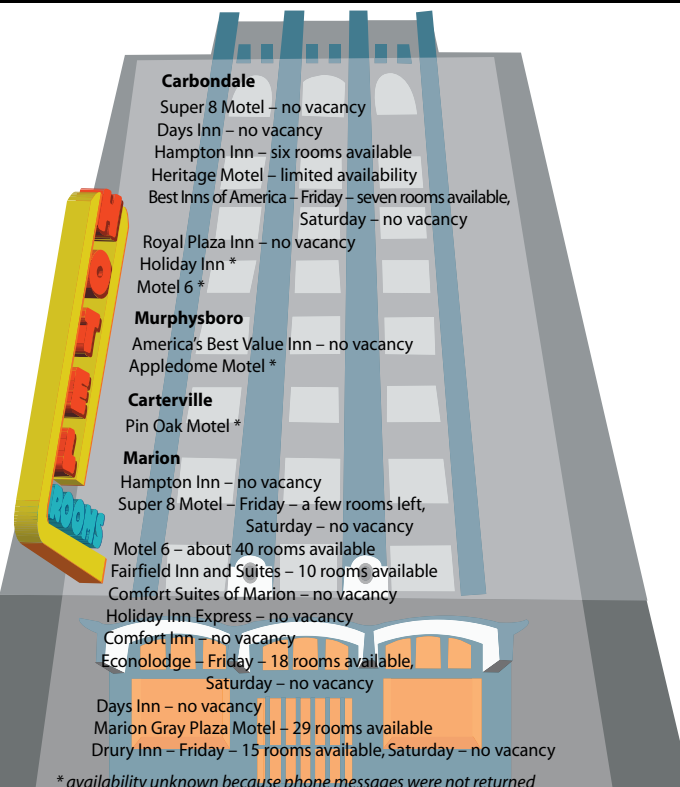
Rich Allison, manager of the Heritage Motel, located at 1209 W. Main St. in Carbondale, also has limited availability for Homecoming weekend. He said his motel is a small, family-operated business that employs SIUC students to work at the front desk.

He said his motel offers a 10 percent discount for SIU alumni, similar to AAA or senior citizen discounts.

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### Hotel vacancies

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**Undergraduate Student Government meeting**

- 6 to 9:30 p.m. today at the Student Health Center Auditorium
- For more information, contact (618) 536-3381

**Museum Student Group presents**

- 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the University Museum
- Opening reception for an exhibit on student life at SIU

**Veterans Reunion**

- 2 p.m. Saturday at the Marion VFW
- Live bands, dancing, food, drinks, T-shirts and caps

**All-majors job fair**

- 9 to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Student Center Ballrooms

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Sun-Times News Group launches online network**

CHICAGO (AP) — The Sun-Times News Group launched a new online network Tuesday that links its 98 Chicago-area news Web sites, letting local readers access content from the company's news organizations.

"For visitors to our sites, our network allows us to deliver both the helpful, local content for which we are relied upon as well as broader news in a way that is easy and convenient to access," said Fred Lebolt, vice president of new media for the Sun-Times News Group.

Readers can select their community from pull-down menus to find local news, and they'll also be able to find related stories from Sun-Times publications. For instance, a reader who views a story on gardening will get a list of links to other gardening-related articles posted on the group's other Web sites.

The Sun-Times News Group's Web sites, which serve 120 Chicago-area communities, attract an average 3.6 million unique visitors each month, the company said. The network has been in development since January.

"The launch of STNG Online marks a substantial step in our efforts to leverage, on the Web, the power of our content and presence in communities across Chicago," said John Cruickshank, the network's chief operating officer and publisher of the Chicago Sun-Times.

The news group's parent company is Sun-Times Media Group Inc., formerly Hollinger International Inc.

**Illinois secretary of state defends hiring relatives**

CHICAGO (AP) — Illinois' secretary of state has defended the agency's hiring of several of his relatives, saying the matter isn't comparable to scandals that led to the recent conviction on corruption charges of his predecessor.

Speaking on Monday before the Chicago Tribune's editorial board in his first joint appearance with his opponent, Jesse White said he never pressured anyone to hire his relatives and saw nothing wrong with employing them as long as they were qualified.

"If I did something improper to hire them, there would be something wrong with that," said White, who is seeking his third term. "I did nothing improper."

But state Sen. Dan Rutherford, White's Republican challenger, criticized the Democratic incumbent, saying he wouldn't hire family members if he wins the election.

"I don't know if this stuff is illegal, that's for a U.S. attorney somewhere to determine, but it doesn't pass the smell test," Rutherford said.

White's daughter, Glenna White-Jones, was hired in 1994 when former Gov. George Ryan was secretary of state. She now makes \$112,000 a year as an executive in the agency, Dave Druker, a spokesman for White said earlier this month.

White said Monday that it was inappropriate to compare his hiring of relatives to the licenses-for-bribes scandal that started when Ryan was secretary of state.

He promoted his daughter, he explained, because she was the sole certified public accountant in the Revenue Department and is qualified for the job.

"I just don't see a problem with that," he said.

Three nieces and a nephew of White also work at the agency in jobs from maintenance to public service representative to supervisor, Druker has said. He said the jobs were entry level and required civil service testing.

**POLICE REPORTS**

**University**

Criminal damage to property occurred between 5 p.m. Thursday and 8:45 a.m. Friday at the Neely Hall bicycle rack. There are no suspects at this time.

Criminal damage to state supported property occurred at 3:31 a.m. Saturday at the Motorcycle Driving Center. The glass to the front door was broken. There are no suspects at this time.

A theft of a lost or mislaid property occurred at 8:40 p.m. Friday at Schneider Hall. A wallet was reported stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

SIUC student Sean Hannon, 19, of Lombard was cited with possession of drug paraphernalia at 12:22 a.m. Sunday at Abbott Hall. Hannon was issued a Carbondale-pay-by-mail citation and released.

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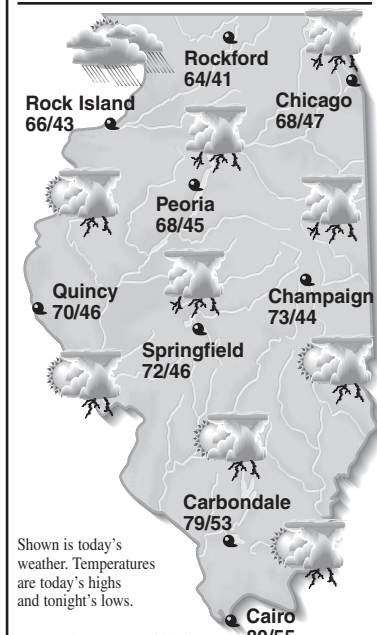
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Champaign	73 44 t	63 35 sh
Chicago	68 47 t	58 40 c
Danville	72 45 t	62 36 sh
Edwardsville	76 50 t	63 40 c
Moline	66 44 sh	60 36 c
Mt. Vernon	78 50 t	61 35 sh
Paducah	82 57 t	66 40 c
Peoria	68 45 t	59 37 c
Quincy	70 46 t	60 39 pc
Rockford	64 41 sh	59 34 pc
Springfield	72 46 t	63 35 c

**Almanac**

Carbondale through 3 p.m. yesterday  
**Temperature:**  
High/low yesterday ..... 77°/48°  
Normal high/low ..... 77°/51°  
**Precipitation:**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. yest. .... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 3.32"  
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Year to date ..... 37.39"  
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**Sun and Moon**

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Moonset today ..... 9:14 p.m.



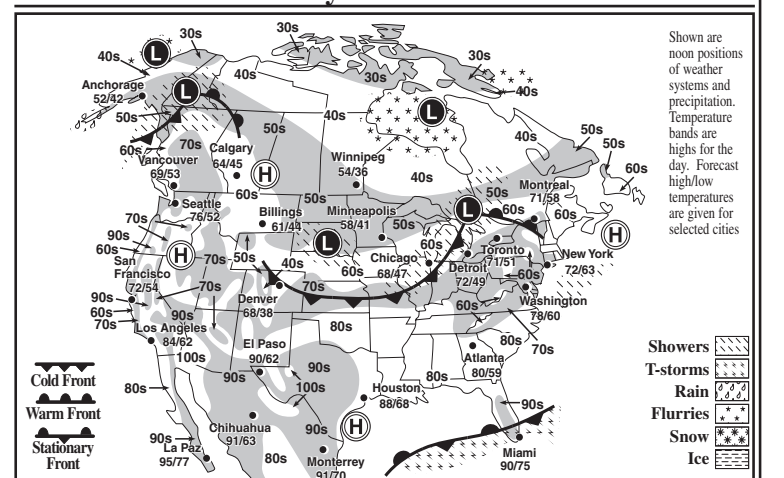
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Indianapolis	74 50 t	60 41 sh
Kansas City	72 45 pc	62 44 pc
Las Vegas	95 70 s	95 70 s
Nashville	82 56 s	67 46 t
New Orleans	84 66 s	86 63 pc
New York City	72 63 s	74 60 pc
Orlando	90 68 pc	88 68 pc
Phoenix	102 75 s	102 75 s
San Francisco	72 54 pc	72 54 pc
Seattle	76 52 s	72 50 s
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**National Weather Today**



## Latino studies organizers hope for minor by year's end

**Eugene Clark**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A five-year struggle to establish a minor at SIUC is making headway, organizers say, and they hope to have it in place by the end of the year.

Interim College of Liberal Arts Dean Alan Vaux and two assistant professors discussed the importance of getting the minor approved and eventually forming it into a major during a panel discussion Tuesday in the Student Center's Mackinaw Room.

Vaux said the minor is needed because of the strength and popularity of the Latin American courses already in progress at the university and the potential for the minor to establish more courses.

The process of establishing the minor program is a long one, Vaux said. It requires a written proposal that must be approved administrators, the College of Liberal Arts council, the provost and the Faculty Senate.

The administration has approved the proposal, and organizers are now working toward garnering support from the COLA council, Vaux said.

"I am fairly hopeful, and as of right now, we don't need a lot of resources to get the program established," Vaux said.

Assistant professor of political science Celeste Montoya-Kirk said the minor is important

for everyone.

"You should know what is happening in the global community because it will impact you regardless of who you are," Montoya-Kirk said.

Vaux reminded participants of some of the best things students can do to help expedite the process.

"Even if just one or two of you go to meetings and voice why you think the minor is a good idea, it can make a difference," Vaux said.

Mariola Espinosa, an assistant professor of history, said she has researched the makeup of similar programs at other schools.

Other schools that have either a Latino or Latin American studies program include the University of Michigan, University of Nebraska and Northern Illinois University, she said.

Many attending the panel were students interested in the progress of the program and also what courses would be offered.

Krystal Rodriguez, a senior from Gurnee studying psychology, said she was interested to see what students can do to help the review process move quickly.

"I feel it is important for everyone to learn about Latino studies," Rodriguez said. "We are getting bigger and bigger, and it is important for all cultures to know about Latino culture."

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## Nineteen cars vandalized near agriculture fraternity

**Alicia Wade**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nineteen vehicles were found covered with profane writing in the parking lot located west of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity house off of Douglas Drive.

According to a police report, the vehicles were written on between 9 and 9:59 p.m. Thursday in parking lot 109.

SIUC Police Chief Todd Sigler said some kind of marking pencil or paint was used and most of the writing was washable. He also said no monetary damages have been reported yet.

Mike Bockhold, a member of the agriculture fraternity, said the markings were not easily washed away.

"The clear coat chips and the paint soaked in," said Bockhold, a junior from Camp Point studying agriculture systems. "There are little spots in places where you can't see. Some guys have scratches on the hoods."

Bockhold also said his truck, along with several other vehicles, had writing on the hood, windshield and headlights. All of the tagged vehicles belonged to students who participate in SIUC's Greek system, Bockhold said.

Sigler declined to comment on what was written on the cars, saying it was inappropriate.

"This wasn't done in the usual spirit we see things like

this done," Sigler said. "It wasn't particularly positive. It was pretty distasteful."

Sam Thomas, a freshman from Taylorville studying radio and television, said that as a Thompson Point resident, she occasionally has to park on Greek Row. She said knowing about the amount of damage that occurred makes parking there worrisome.

"I'm kind of shocked," Thomas said. "I will definitely try to park in

the close lot."

Sigler said that there was no way to conclusively say the writing was related to anything. Police are still investigating the incident, and Sigler said they have no concrete suspects.

"Everything we have at this point is really speculation," Sigler said.

*Alicia Wade can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 274 or alicia\_wade@dailyegyptian.com.*

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## WORLD &amp; NATION

## Blair defines his legacy for the last time

Jennifer Quinn

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANCHESTER, England — Prime Minister Tony Blair, in his final address to his governing Labour Party, said Tuesday that being the United States' strongest ally can be difficult but it is crucial to stay close to Washington in the fight against terrorism.

The man who walked on stage in Manchester looked far different than the fresh-faced 41-year-old who took over the party in 1994. His hair is shot with gray, and the lines on his face are more pronounced — reflecting a turbulent 12 years that have seen British troops sent into battle in Iraq and Afghanistan, and suicide terror attacks on British soil.

"Yes, it's hard sometimes to be America's strongest ally," he said. "At the moment, I know people only see the price of these alliances. Give them up and the cost in terms of power, weight and influence for Britain would be infinitely greater. Distance this country, and you may find it's a long way back."

This speech — his last to the Labour Party faithful as leader — was a chance for the prime minister to secure his legacy, to remind his detractors of his accomplishments and to urge his party to stay on course when he leaves office sometime in the next year.

As leader, Blair forced the traditionally left-leaning party into the

center and reached out to moderate, middle-class voters. His emphasis on such issues as health care, fiscal discipline and crime appealed to millions, and when Britain next voted in 1997, Labour swept into government for the first time in 18 years.

He was Britain's youngest prime minister since 1812, and his election dovetailed with the era of "Cool Britannia." In the early years, he could do little wrong. Downing Street welcomed guests ranging from pop stars to world leaders.

He was re-elected in 2001 in another landslide. But this was the term that foreign policy overtook the domestic agenda, and Blair faced severe opposition when Britain joined the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003. But Blair defended his decision to send troops into the global fray.

"We used to feel we could shut our front doors on the problems and conflicts of the wider world. Not anymore," Blair said. "The British people today are reluctant global citizens. We have to make them confident ones."

Blair, 53, reminded the conference hall that when he first led Labour to victory, domestic issues dominated the agenda. Now, the challenges are global, he said, and include climate change, organized crime, and religious extremism.

Michael Lauro, a Labour lawmaker from Derbyshire in central



PETER BYRNE ~ ABACA PRESS/MCT

British Prime Minister Tony Blair makes his speech to the Labour Party Conference in Manchester, England, on Tuesday. It is his last speech as leader after telling the Party earlier this month that he will be stepping down within a year.

England, was wiping his eyes as Blair finished and said the speech had "inspired me, as usual."

"He always does. He has his detractors, but I'm not one," Lauro said. "It was a great farewell, but a very sad one."

There was no heckling and no one stormed out — as happened during Blair's last address, to an

annual trade union conference this month. The prime minister received a standing ovation when he finished.

Blair and his wife Cherie then left the conference hall while a "greatest hits" video was played. They returned minutes later to work their way through the crowd, who were still on their feet. Accompanied

by three of their four children, the family shook hands with supporters before leaving through a side door.

"I think it will remind people who are saying 'Tony must go,' what he has done, because you don't know what you've got till it's gone," said Kate Andue, a council member in Enfield, north London. "We are losing a great leader."

## U.S. analysis says Iraq war is 'cause celebre'

Katherine Shrader

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The war in Iraq has become a "cause celebre" for Islamic extremists, breeding deep resentment of the United States that probably will get worse before it gets better, federal intelligence analysts conclude in a report at odds with President Bush's contention of a world growing safer.

In the bleak report, declassified and released Tuesday on Bush's orders, the nation's most veteran analysts conclude that despite serious damage to the leadership of al-Qaida, the threat

from Islamic extremists has spread both in number and in geographic reach.

Bush and his top advisers have said the formerly classified assessment of global terrorism supported their arguments that the world is safer because of the war. But more than three pages of stark judgments warning about the spread of terrorism contrasted with the administration's glass-half-full declarations.

"If this trend continues, threats to U.S. interests at home and abroad will become more diverse, leading to increasing attacks worldwide," according to the document. "The confluence

of shared purpose and dispersed actors will make it harder to find and undermine jihadist groups."

The intelligence assessment, completed in April, has stirred a heated election-season argument over the course of U.S. national security in the years following the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

Virtually all assessments of the current situation were bad news. The report's few positive notes were couched in conditional terms, depending on successful completion of difficult tasks ahead for the United States and its allies. In one example, analysts concluded that more responsive politi-

cal systems in Muslim nations could erode support for jihadist extremists.

Bush ordered a declassified section of the secret report released after several days of criticism sparked by portions that were leaked to the news media over the weekend. Bush said Tuesday critics who believe the Iraq war has worsened terrorism are naive and mistaken.

"To suggest that if we weren't in Iraq we would see a rosier scenario, with fewer extremists joining the radical movement, requires us to ignore 20 years of experience," Bush said.

According to the unclassified document:

- The increased role of Iraqis in opposing al-Qaida in Iraq might lead the terror group's veteran foreign fighters to refocus their efforts outside that country.

- While Iran and Syria are the most active state sponsors of terror, many other countries will be unable to prevent their resources from being exploited by terrorists.

- The underlying factors that are fueling the spread of the extremist Muslim movement outweigh its vulnerabilities. These factors are entrenched grievances and a slow pace of reform in home countries, rising anti-U.S. sentiment and the Iraq war.

## Nature: NOAA report on hurricanes blocked by Bush

Randolph E. Schmid

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has blocked release of a report that suggests global warming is contributing to the frequency and strength of hurricanes, the journal Nature reported Tuesday.

The possibility that warming conditions may cause storms to become stronger has generated debate among climate and weather experts, particularly in the wake of the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

In the new case, Nature said weather experts at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration — part of the Commerce Department — in February set up a seven-member panel to prepare a consensus report on the views of agency scientists about global warming and hurricanes.

According to Nature, a draft of the statement said that warming may be

having an effect.

In May, when the report was expected to be released, panel chair Ants Leetmaa received an e-mail from a Commerce official saying the report needed to be made less technical and was not to be released, Nature reported.

Leetmaa, head of NOAA's Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory in New Jersey, did not immediately respond to calls seeking comment.

NOAA spokesman Jordan St. John said he had no details of the report.

NOAA Administrator Conrad Lautenbacher is currently out of the country, but Nature quoted him as saying the report was merely an internal document and could not be released because the agency could not take an official position on the issue.

However, the journal said in its online report that the study was merely a discussion of the current state of

hurricane science and did not contain any policy or position statements.

The report drew a prompt response from Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg, D-N.J., who charged that "the administration has effectively declared war on science and truth to advance its anti-environment agenda... the Bush administration continues to censor scientists who have documented the current impacts of global warming."

A series of studies over the past year or so have shown an increase in the power of hurricanes in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, a strengthening that many storm experts say is tied to rising sea-surface temperatures.

Just two weeks ago, researchers said that most of the increase in ocean temperature that feeds more intense hurricanes is a result of human-induced global warming, a study one researcher said "closes the loop" between climate change and powerful storms like Katrina.

## WIRE REPORTS

## WASHINGTON

## Congress not likely to pass wiretapping bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is unlikely to approve a bill giving President Bush's warrantless wiretapping program legal status and new restrictions before the November midterm elections, dealing a significant blow to one of the White House's top wartime priorities.

House and Senate versions of the legislation differ too much to bridge the gap by week's end, when Congress recesses until after the Nov. 7 elections, according to two GOP leadership aides who demanded anonymity because the decision had not yet been announced.

House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, told reporters Tuesday that his chamber would bring up a bill by Rep. Heather Wilson, R-N.M. Asked whether that version could be reconciled with the Senate's White House-approved bill, Boehner replied:

"We'd like to, but I think that might be a stretch."

## MORGANTOWN

## Two miners committed suicide last month

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Two miners whose jobs included watching for safety hazards inside the Sago Mine before the deadly explosion last January committed suicide in the past month.

Neither man had been blamed for the disaster that killed 12 of their comrades, and neither one's family has definitively linked the suicides to the accident. But those who knew the men say there is little doubt the tragedy haunted them.

"I'm not sure anybody ever gets over it," said Vickie Boni, the ex-wife of one of them. "You live with it every day."

Both men were working at the Sago Mine on the day of the blast and had been questioned by investigators along with dozens of other witnesses. One former co-worker said at least one of the men felt investigators were treating him as if he had done something wrong.

John Nelson Boni, whose job that day was to maintain water pumps, shot himself Saturday at his home in Volga, State Police said.

# West Nile still a threat

**Liz Choate**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus are proving to be quite a threat to Illinois.

This year, nine deaths have been attributed to mosquito-transmitted West Nile Virus, including the death of a Cook County woman last week.

Kevin Gillespie, director of the environmental health division at Jackson County Health Department, said the risk of contracting the virus is still present, despite the recent drop in temperature.

"There is evidence of West Nile in the area, and as long as mosquitoes are around, people should take precaution so they're not bitten by one," Gillespie said.

West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne disease that first emerged in the United States in 1999 in New York. It can lead to encephalitis and meningitis and can infect birds, horses and humans.

The virus has left its mark on the state. In 2001, West Nile was found in two dead crows in the Chicago area. By 2002, Illinois had more reported human cases and deaths than any other state, with 42 fatalities in Cook County. The remaining deaths were spread out among the state, with one Jackson County death in 2002.

Every year since 2002, the

Jackson County Health Department has set up surveillance sites in various parts of the county.

Gillespie said since the first of June, 12 out of 100 batches of mosquitoes have tested positive for the virus, although there have been no known human cases of the virus in the area since 2002.

"There could be many people bitten who may develop flu-like symptoms and develop a milder form (of West Nile)," Gillespie said. "But anyone bitten by a mosquito is at risk for some form of the disease."

Statistically, people over 50 years of age seem to have the highest risk of severe disease, Gillespie said.

Kimberly Parker, communication manager of the Illinois Department of Public Health, said mosquitoes are most often attracted to standing water, whether in a birdbath, old flowerpot or gutter.

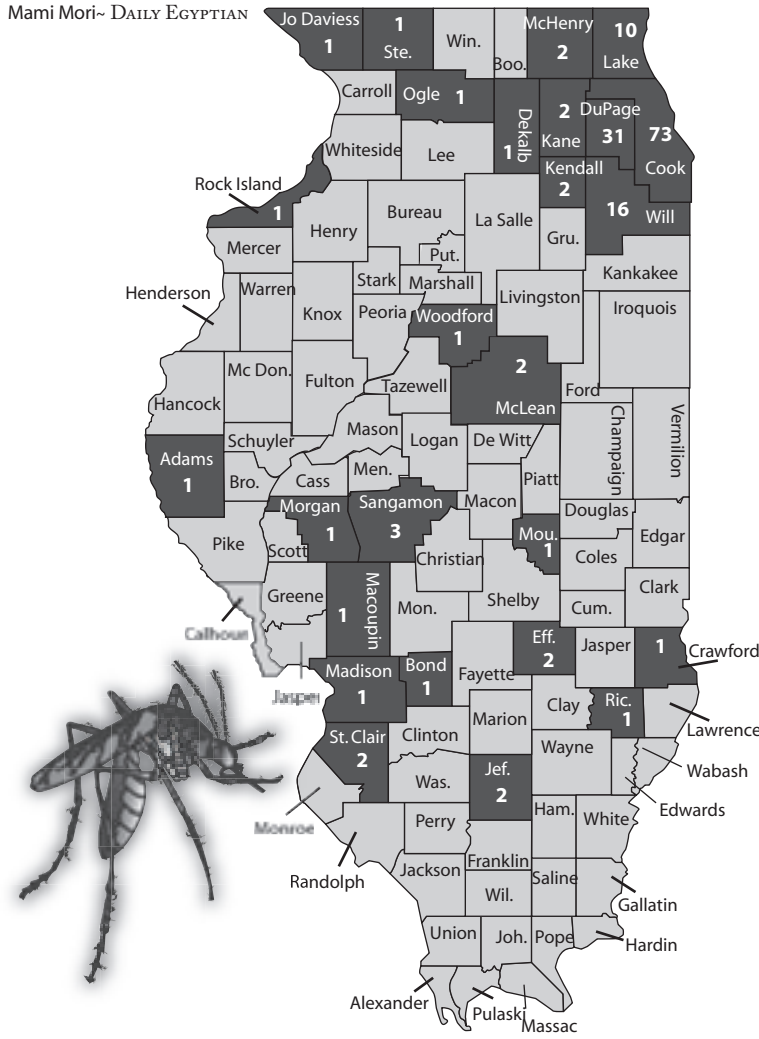
"We want to make sure you eliminate all source of standing water because mosquitoes tend to breed around those areas," Parker said.

Parker and Gillespie both stressed the use of repellent as well as the importance of keeping skin covered while outside to prevent being bitten.

Parker said mosquito season should end once the first dose of very cold weather arrives, but she promotes caution in the meantime.

## Counties with West Nile Virus infections in 2006

Mami Mori- DAILY EGYPTIAN



"Be vigilant," Parker said. "We are almost at the end of the season, but we're not there yet, so do what you can to keep you and your

family protected."

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# Venezuelan president protests treatment

**Christopher Toothaker**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez said Tuesday that Venezuela will summon the U.S. ambassador to issue a diplomatic protest because the foreign minister was temporarily detained by authorities at a New York airport. Chavez warned Venezuela could take similar measures if it happens again.

Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro says authorities at John F. Kennedy International Airport attempted to frisk and handcuff him Saturday as he tried to catch a flight after attending the U.N. General Assembly session.

"We're going to put out a protest note, and the U.S. ambassador in Venezuela will be called," Chavez told reporters. "And in that protest note, it says 'If that happens again, we would be obligated to give at least equal treatment to whomever.'"

Chavez also slammed U.S. officials for suggesting that Venezuela would make the U.N. Security Council unworkable if the South American nation were to win its bid against U.S.-backed Guatemala for a rotating council seat.

"It's more evidence of how the U.S. government sees itself as the owner of the world," Chavez told reporters at the presidential palace. "It's the United States that should leave the Security Council."

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## Don't take veterans for granted

The state is slighting the veterans who put their lives in danger to make sure having a governor and a legislature were still necessary.

While civilian enrollment at SIUC has dipped consistently in recent years, veterans have found themselves a home at this school.

Fresh off the battlefields of Iraq, Afghanistan and other locales, veterans have taken advantage of increased financial aid. After 11,511 veterans had their tuition paid for by the Illinois Veterans Grant last

year, the grant has been given to an additional 1,000 soldiers-turned-students while using the same amount

of money.

The Legislature is responsible for adding and subtracting money from this grant. One Republican legislator blamed the governor's office. No matter who is to blame, the state is slighting the veterans who put their lives in danger to make sure having a governor and a legislature were still necessary.

One of the main marketing tools of the military is the free tuition offer. After making the sacrifice to defend our nation's pursuits overseas, these men and women deserve a chance to get a free education. Somehow the state has lost sight of that, and like that drunken friend at the bar, the state is leaving the already stretched public universities with its tab.

Ever since the enactment of the GI Bill in 1944, financial aid for vets

has proven to be a productive means of shaping future leaders and developing many people into well-rounded college graduates. The government says it is as devoted as ever to making sure that vets get a good education. Yet, if they continue to leave schools such as SIUC with large deficits because they accept veterans, then the ideals of the GI Bill will become squandered.

SIUC will be left to make up \$1.4 million in tuition and fees as a result of receiving only \$158,000 in reimbursements from the state. The \$1.4 million is the amount being paid out to the 806 vets currently enrolled at SIUC. Between 2004 and 2005, SIUC had more veterans enrolled than any other Illinois university.

Despite being seen as a popular university for veterans to join, this school has received no preferential

treatment from the state. As state aid for the Veterans Grant dropped 14 percent from 2004 to 2005, SIUC has seen its total bill reach \$2.6 million during the last three years, \$1 million more than the state has offered.

What does all this mean for SIUC? Well, in the end, it means another strand has been added to the infernal web of money issues that traps the university. Provost John Dunn has said that money used for other campus projects, mostly repairs, has been re-allocated to pick up the state's check.

Maintaining a strong veteran presence on campus is imperative to SIUC's historical mission, but it also must repair leaky roofs — which those veterans will have to study under. State universities have proven they can take a lot of weight, but not

THEIR WORD

## HIV testing should become routine part of health care

MCT

Twenty-five years into the AIDS epidemic, it's time for HIV testing to come out of the closet.

Some 250,000 Americans are infected with the AIDS virus but don't know it, estimates the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Most won't find out until they have symptoms, which means they may be spreading the virus for up to 10 years, as well as going without life-prolonging treatment.

Last week, federal health officials recommended doctors

routinely test Americans 13 to 64 years old for the AIDS virus, even if they're not in any high-risk group.

To encourage doctors to test even low-risk patients at least once, the CDC guidelines don't require a special consent form or special counseling. Essentially, HIV testing would become as routine as testing for high cholesterol.

There are risks in the new policy. Doctors who have done little HIV testing in the past will need to be prepared to counsel the small number who test HIV-positive. The vast majority who are free of the virus will need to

be reminded that the test is valid only at the time it's given and that results could change depending on the patient's future behavior. That's particularly important with teenagers, who may take one clean test as a lifelong bill of health.

In addition, parents may object to the assumption that children as young as 13 may be sexually active. Most aren't at risk in their early teens, and pediatricians may decide not to test routinely at such young ages. But half of new AIDS cases occur in people under the age of 25. Many were infected in their teens.

Despite the drawbacks, the benefits of routine HIV testing are significant.

More than 1 million people in the United States are infected with the AIDS virus. About 40,000 new infections occur each year.

With much better medical treatments for AIDS, early diagnosis makes a huge difference for patients: Diagnosis soon after infection can provide as much as 25 years of added life expectancy, says a recent Harvard study; even late diagnosis can add 14 years.

Studies show 50 to 70 percent of new HIV infections

are transmitted by people who don't know they're infected. When people find out they are HIV-positive, most change their behavior, greatly reducing the risk to others, researchers say.

A standard HIV test — with results back within two weeks — costs \$2.50 to \$8. A new test that produces a result within 20 minutes costs about \$15. When a test is ordered by a doctor, insurance typically pays the cost.

Diagnosing HIV infection earlier will boost costs for medical care in the short run, but tracking the extent of the epidemic and preventing future infections is well worth it.

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WORDS OVERHEARD

“ I want to decrease the amount of apathy on campus. ”

Gene Burse  
USG senator  
sophomore from Peoria in architectural studies

# Saluki on the street

With the classroom building possibly moving into Saluki Way, students may also be footing that part of the \$118 million bill for the massive overhaul of the east side of campus.

## What do you think of Saluki Way?



**Jeff Stuker**

**Senior from Willow Springs studying industrial technologies:**

"I think it's a resumé thing for Wendler."



**Brooke Morgan**

**Sophomore from Carbondale studying accounting:**

"I think it is terrible for us to have to pay for something we will not even see."



**Ashlee Trotter**

**Junior from San Francisco studying political science:**

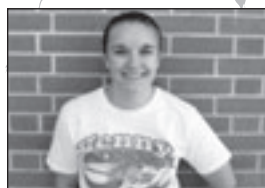
"From what I've read about it, I think it's a waste of money."



**Mary Ellen Garner**

**Junior from Fairfield studying psychology:**

"I think there needs to be upgrades on the athletic end, but it needs to be balanced on academics, and I feel that the administration is doing their best to support student needs."



**Laura McPhee**

**Senior from Brighton studying advertising:**

"I haven't been reading too much on it lately. It has positives and negatives. Raising the tuition was a big factor for me because I am paying for my school myself."



**Keilin Hopkins-Bey**

**Sophomore from Chicago studying administration of justice:**

"Education should be first and foremost and then the stadium."

**Saluki St.**

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Celebrate Banned Books Week

DEAR EDITOR:

What do James Joyce, J. K. Rowling and Harper Lee have in common? Their works have all been banned, challenged or somehow restricted from being freely available to the reading public.

According to the American Library Association, at least 42 of the top 100 novels of the 20<sup>th</sup> century have been banned or challenged.

In a time that is plagued with ethnic suspicions and nationalistic pride and prejudice, I would like to encourage all to recognize their freedom to read and to celebrate Banned Books Week 2006 (September 23-30). The best way to enliven your world and

enlighten yourself is with an open book and an open mind.

We live in a land the laws and foundations of which encourage diversity and abhor intolerance. The contemporary catchphrase "Teach tolerance, celebrate diversity" is more than a cliché — it is the collective mantra from the authors of the past who deserve to be heard and read.

I would like to invite everyone on campus to celebrate Banned Books Week by reading a banned book. Regrettably, the selection of titles is extensive. You can go to the Web site of the American Library

Association ([www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)) and find links to the most frequently challenged books of 2005 (ALA reports that its Office of Intellectual Freedom received a total of 405 challenges last year) and also a list of the top ten challenged authors, 1990 – 2004. I would also call attention to an effort by Google to highlight banned books. Google's Book Search has a good online selection of banned books at [books.google.com/googlebooks/banned](http://books.google.com/googlebooks/banned).

**David Carlson**  
 dean of Library Affairs

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# Air travelers work on adjusting to new rules

Daniel Yee  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Happy that new security rules have cleared their liquids and gels for takeoff, air travelers presented small, clear plastic bags filled with toiletries for inspection Tuesday, but long lines grew at some airports as others confused about the changes filled trash cans with containers that were too large.

Most toiletries can be in containers no larger than 3 ounces, and they must be zipped up in plastic bags that are quart-sized or smaller. Those limits threw off passengers who scrambled at security checkpoints to toss out bottles of shaving cream and hand lotion or to find the proper plastic bags.

"It's an inconvenience," said Ginni Dewbray, whose husband finally found a bag to carry a small bottle of lotion after asking several fellow travelers in a security line at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

"If they're going to stand there and ask you to have plastic bags, they should give them out. They're not that expensive," she said.

Trash bins outside airport security checkpoints filled up with forbidden items, though not as much as they did last month when a broader ban was put in place. Many travelers were grateful for the relaxed rules, which allow them to carry drinks, makeup and other items on board their flights.

"I was glad to see (the changes)," said Vicki McGowan, a professional meeting planner at Oakland International Airport for a flight to Reno, Nev. "How can lipstick or mascara put people at risk?"

The new rules, announced Monday by the federal Transportation Security Administration, allow travel-sized toiletries to be carried aboard flights in a sealable clear plastic bag. Some items are permitted in any amount: saline solution, eye drops and prescription and nonprescription medicine, according to Transportation Security Administration spokesman Christopher White.

Drinks, liquids and gels purchased in airport stores inside security checkpoints can be carried into passenger cabins. Baby formula is allowed but must be inspected.

The rules replace an outright ban on liquids, lotions and gels ordered Aug. 10 after an alleged plot to bomb U.S.-bound jetliners was foiled.

TSA chief Kip Hawley said the stricter ban is no longer needed,

and that he was pleased Tuesday's transition to the new rules went as smoothly as it did.

"I woke up scared to death this morning," Hawley told reporters in Washington. "It went great today."

Parents were some of the happiest beneficiaries of the new rules, glad to have regained some of their tools in the challenging job of keeping young children content on a plane.

Leslie Walker of Plano, Texas, was planning to carry drinks for her 5-year-old daughter and 18-month-old son onto their flight from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport to El Paso.

"It was really a relief to know that I didn't have to get here this morning and repack everything. It saved me a little time," she said.

Airport retailers were thrilled at the news, and some had already begun stocking up on plastic, zip-top bags. The Paradies Shops, an Atlanta-based company with more than 500 stores in 60 airports across the United States and Canada, will hand out clear plastic bags to customers for free.

"It's good news for everybody," said Bobbi Passavanti, the company's spokeswoman. "It's great for the traveler."

The rules were too much bother for some passengers, such as Pat Henderson, of Palm Coast, Fla., who threw away the deodorant and toothpaste in his carryon before entering the security check line at the Atlanta airport.

"It's not worth the hassle," he said. "I just don't want to deal with it."

By 8 a.m., a trash bin at a checkpoint in Atlanta was 3 feet deep with water bottles and 16-ounce containers of toiletries, including shaving gel and hand lotion. But TSA officials there were going easy on travelers the first day of the new rules, allowing them to carry proper-sized toiletries in gallon-sized plastic bags.

After testing a variety of explosives, the FBI and other laboratories found that tiny amounts of substances — so small they fit into a quart-size plastic bag — can't blow up an airliner.

In Washington, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said the new rules "are likely to be with us for the foreseeable future." Testifying before the House Homeland Security Committee, Chertoff said the new rules would be in place for at least six weeks, but he declined to say whether they would remain as long as six months.



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David Stritzel and Dina Smith of Christopher look at motorcycle helmets Sunday morning at the annual Chamber of Commerce yard sale and flea market in the SIU Arena parking lot.

# Gas prices boost consumer confidence

Anne D'innocenzio  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Falling gasoline prices helped ease American shoppers' worries in September, sending a gauge of consumer sentiment higher than analysts expected.

The New York-based Conference Board said Tuesday that its consumer confidence index rebounded to 104.5 from a revised reading of 100.2 in August. Analysts had expected the index to rise to 103. The reading, the highest since July's 107, followed a big dip in August, when employment worries dragged down consumer sentiment.

The private research group's Present Situation Index, which measures how shoppers feel now about economic conditions, rose to 127.7 from 123.9. Its Expectations Index, which measures consumers' outlook over the next six months, rose to 89.0 from 84.4 last month.

"What we are seeing is an easing of concerns. People are becoming less pessimistic, not significantly more optimistic," said Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board Consumer Research Center.

Lower prices at the pump have helped boost consumer sentiment, economists said. Over the past month, the retail price of gasoline plunged

by 50 cents, or 17 percent, to average \$2.38 a gallon nationwide, according to Energy Department statistics. That is 42.5 cents lower than a year ago, when the energy industry was still reeling from the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Even more important than lower gas prices, according to economists, is that the job market is steady, though consumers still showed some concerns about jobs in the latest consumer survey, Franco said. The government's latest report on employment showed that the jobs bounced back in August, which eased fears that the economy might be slowing too much.

That sentiment was reflected in the stock market Tuesday, when the Dow gained 93.58, or 0.81 percent, to close at 11,669.39. The Dow's advance put it within range of its high of 11,722.98 set in January 2000.

Falling gasoline prices and a steady job market are good news for retailers as they prepare for the critical holiday season. In general, shoppers have remained resilient throughout the year, even when energy costs were higher, though some chains such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. that cater to low-income shoppers have blamed higher prices at the pump for slowing sales.

Franco cautioned, however, that although consumers' concerns have

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— Lynn Franco  
director of The Conference  
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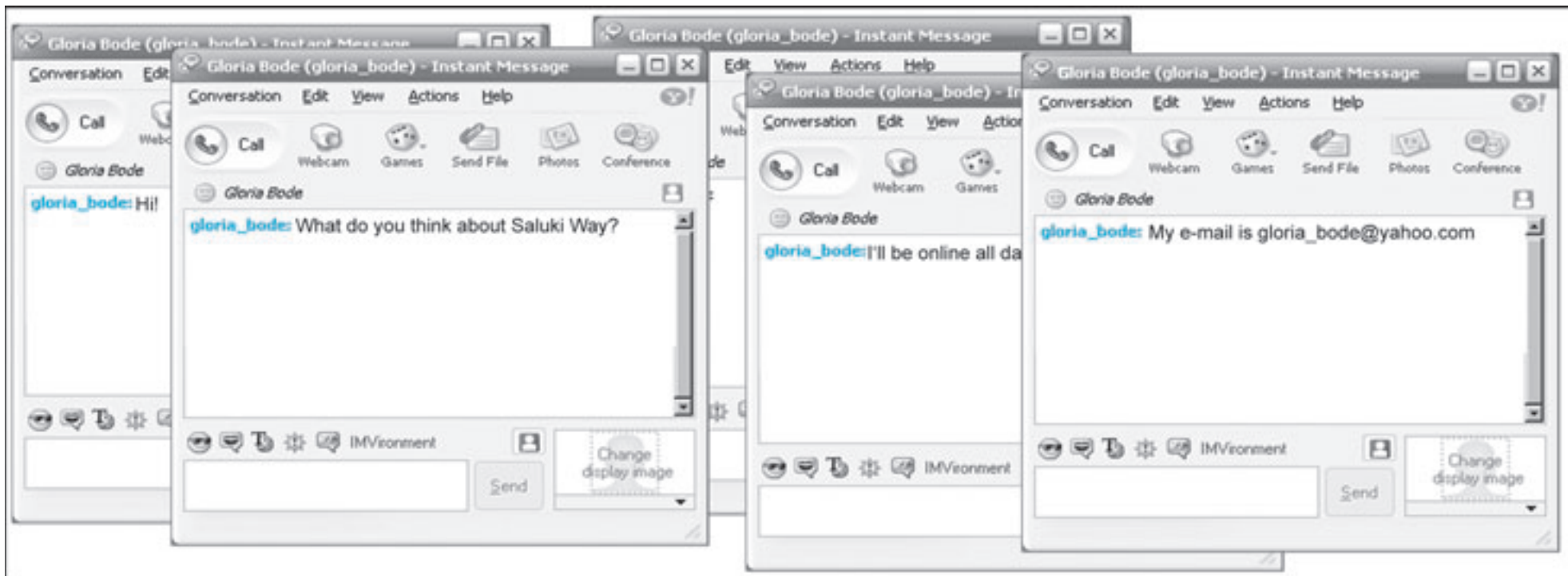
eased “there is little to suggest a significant change in economic activity as we enter the final quarter of 2006.”

The consumer confidence report, derived from responses through Sept. 19 to a survey mailed to 5,000 households in a consumer research panel, showed that consumers' views of the labor market were mixed and hadn't shown dramatic improvements, Franco said.

Those consumers saying that jobs are currently “plentiful” improved to 25.9 percent from 24.5 percent. But those claiming that jobs are “hard to get” edged up to 21.3 percent from 21.1 percent in August.

The six-month outlook for the labor market improved moderately. Those expecting more jobs to become available in the coming months edged up to 14.4 percent from 14.2 percent in August. Those anticipating fewer jobs decreased to 17.1 percent from 18.1 percent.


“Consumers don't expect a big pickup in job growth,” Franco said. But she added that they don't expect a big downturn either.







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# Gas prices falling nationwide

Calmer international front eases pain at pumps for consumers and businesses

**Alicia Wade**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Consumers may be able to continue reveling in the low gasoline prices if life on the international front remains calm.

After Illinoisans weathered a regular gas average of \$3.06 through August, consumers have seen prices dip to a statewide average of \$2.36 midway through September, according to the state's Gas Price monitoring site.

The site reports Carbondale's gas stations are currently hovering around \$2.15 per gallon of regular gas.

Decreasing prices are a relief for students such as Lindsey Hamlin, a sophomore studying mortuary science who commutes from her home in Marion.

"I have been spending way less gas money," Hamlin said. "My commute before this cost about \$50 a week."

Even a business such as American Automobile Association, which spokesman Mike Wright said sends trucks out to help ailing motorists, has been feeling the positive impact.

"It has reduced the cost of our business," Wright said. "It has prob-

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ably reduced the cost of everybody's business."

Wright said September has been a much more peaceful month on the international front, which he said is probably responsible for plunging prices. Wright said factors in high gas prices occurring six to eight weeks ago stemmed from fighting between Lebanon and Israel, which had reached a high point. Iran's nuclear program was making headlines and anxiety over the hurricane season were high.

"I think the oil market is much bigger than the election," Wright said.

Whatever the reason, students are enjoying the lower prices.

"I don't care why gas is going down," said Kent Delai, a junior from Springfield studying forestry. "I get home easier, and it costs less money."

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## Plummeting Prices



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# Fix rushed for Internet Explorer bug

**Allison Linn**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp. rushed out a fix Tuesday for a security flaw in its Internet Explorer Web browser after attackers had begun exploiting the vulnerability to take control of computers.

The Redmond-based software maker said it was putting out the fix ahead of the next scheduled security fix release date on Oct. 10 because of the severity of the problem. The flaw carries Microsoft's highest "critical" rating.

The vulnerability in Microsoft's browser is particularly worrisome to security experts because computer users could come under attack just by visiting a Web site that had been manipulated to take advantage of the flaw. That, in turn, would give an attacker complete control of a user's computer, including access to e-mails, personal information and other data.

Johannes Ullrich, chief technology officer with the security research organization SANS Institute, said it appears that a couple of thousand Web sites have already been manipulated to launch such attacks. The attack also seems to be spreading via e-mail, he said.

Stephen Toulouse, senior product manager in Microsoft's security technology unit, said Microsoft had only seen very limited attacks since the flaw became public a little over a week ago. But he said the activity was enough to prompt the company to release the update ahead of schedule.

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The shift comes during another year of declining enrollment and less than six months into a major administrative overhaul that transferred enrollment duties from the office of vice chancellor for student affairs into Dunn's domain. Administrators are also searching to fill the 10-month vacancy for a director of undergraduate admissions.

Collins has been director of records and registration since 2002 and became assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management in May.

Suarez, who has spent years focusing on minority student recruitment, said she had no interest in pursuing the position full-time.

"The issue of diversity is where my heart and my passion is. That's

not something I can walk away from," she said.

Dunn said Suarez has extensive recruiting experience and will be a vital asset in the pursuit of students.

Her salary will increase 10 percent to \$96,000 during the interim period.

"Carmen is well-known on this campus. I've always admired her style," Dunn said.

Suarez, who was named coordinator for diversity and equity in 2004, served SIUC in the Chicago area as an affirmative action officer and Hispanic community liaison from 1990 to 1997. She became assistant dean at the SIU School of Law in 1997.

Suarez said her main goal was to

help make the university be more strategic in its marketing to certain populations to increase enrollment. She said enrollment management does not stop at getting students in the door because officials should strive for a positive experience for students before they start classes and into the alumni years.

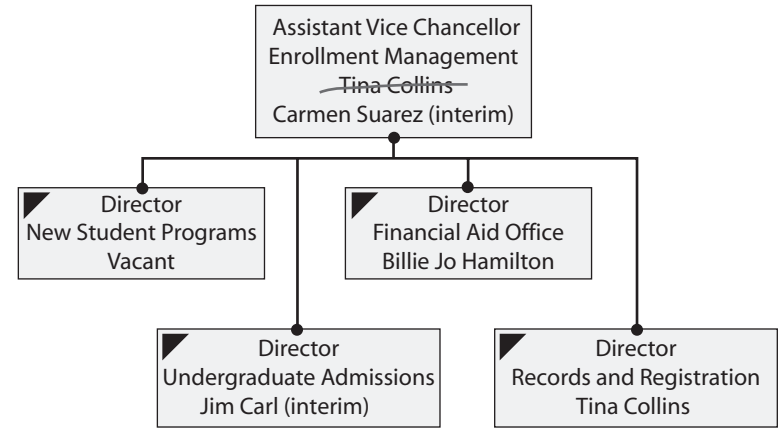
The interim appointment puts Suarez in charge of undergraduate admissions, financial aid, new student programs and records and registration. During her time in that role, she also will continue her work as coordinator of diversity and equity.

Suarez is a two-degree graduate from the university with a bachelor's



**Suarez**  
 • Named interim assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management  
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**Enrollment team**



in history and a master's in medieval history. She is working on her doctoral degree in higher education administration.

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**HOTELS**

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Cole said he'd like to see everyone be able to stay in the city, but short of having deserted hotels the rest of the year, that is not feasible. He said the overflow of people into other communities reaffirms Carbondale's status as the center of southern Illinois and helps the local economies.

He would also like to see about 100 more rooms in addition to the Comfort Inn, but that won't happen for a while, he said. Cole said that amount of additional rooms would still allow the hotels to maintain a good occupancy year round.

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**GPSC**

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The audit's finding has dramatically altered how GPSC will budget money this semester.

"We were actually spending some of the undergraduates' money for the past several years," Ford said.

Last year, GPSC received more than \$120,000 and spent \$100,000, Ford said.

During Tuesday's meeting, a constitutional amendment to change the way GPSC spends its money was tabled after questions arose of how much was in GPSC's reserve fund. Ford, who is responsible for the knowing the amount, said he did not know.

Daniel Hechenberger, a doctoral student in curriculum and instruction, said no decision could be made about the budget until all information was available.

"I don't think we can go realistically through this process if we don't have all the cards on the table," Hechenberger said.

Ford could not verify how much was in the account, and the amendment was tabled until the Oct. 10 meeting.

Opposition to the amendment was expected, Pressley said.

"It took a lot of work to get this together," Pressley said. "It's kind of annoying."

Hechenberger was also outspoken about an amendment to eliminate the position of vice president for graduate school affairs to cut costs. He recalled that the last time the situation was brought up, the focus was to give each vice president equal duties as opposed to getting rid of the position.

Sara Samson, vice president for graduate school affairs, said not much has happened with the Graduate Council to determine whether her job will consist of more duties.

"Right now, I'm a little torn," Samson said. "At this point, I cannot really judge."

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# Supreme Court jumps into dispute over labor union fees for politics

**Mark Sherman**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to decide whether public employee unions must get special permission to spend some workers' dues on political causes, a case testing limits on labor activism just before the 2008 presidential campaign.

The justices accepted an appeal from the state of Washington that involves fees paid to the Washington Education Association by teachers who declined to join the union.

Those workers still can be charged dues by the union to help pay for labor negotiations that affect them. But they can't be forced to pay for the union's political activism, under a string of Supreme Court rulings that reach back nearly 30 years.

At issue is whether the union needs teachers to say "yes" before the fees can

be used for political causes or whether teachers must specifically object to having a portion of the fees spent for that purpose.

The amount of money at issue is relatively small, about \$10 a person, said Stefan Gleason, vice president of the National Right to Work Foundation, which is representing teachers who sued the union in a related case the court will also take up early next year.

If the court sides with the unions, its ruling could open the door to labor efforts elsewhere to roll back limits on the use of union dues, said Gleason, other representatives of anti-union groups and advocates of limits on money in political campaigns.

The nonpartisan Campaign Legal Center in Washington, urged the court to take the case to clarify that similar restrictions in other states do not violate unions' rights.

Arguing against the appeal, the

Washington teachers' union said the case has little implication beyond the state.

The court will hear arguments in the case, as well as a related lawsuit by five teachers to recover their fees, early next year.

The dispute is one of nine matters justices agreed Tuesday to add to the list of cases they will consider in their new term.

### Other cases to be reviewed

- A case that could make it easier for consumers to hold insurers, banks and other businesses liable for failing to notify them about adverse information in credit reports

- The death sentence of a two-time killer in Arizona who says his lawyer was ineffective

- The government's efforts to deport an immigrant who pleaded guilty to auto theft

# Education Secretary presents new 'easier' college process

**Ben Feller**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—Education Secretary Margaret Spellings launched plans Tuesday to redefine the college experience, promising less confusion and more results for families.

Spellings said she would make a handful of changes on her own and start building support for some of the more sweeping ideas that came from her higher education commission.

Chief among them is the creation of a massive information-sharing system, opening up greater review of how colleges and universities are performing. It would require vast data collection on individual students, already raising privacy concerns in some corners.

Spellings also pledged to make it easier for people to apply for financial aid and to compare the price and the value of one school to another. She spoke of more federal college aid but would not endorse a specific request to raise Pell Grants, as her commission wanted.

Sensitive to how colleges would react to her plans, Spellings heaped praise on them. Then she mocked the idea that everything is fine.

"Is it fine that college tuition has outpaced inflation?" she asked in a National Press Club speech. "Is it fine that only half our students graduate on time? Is it fine that students often graduate so saddled with debt that they can't buy a home or start a family? None of this seems fine to me."

Even with the leverage of her office and the ear of President Bush, Spellings will need help to turn the ideas into action. In most cases, she will need support from Congress, governors, state boards of education and a complex mix of public and private colleges.

Her overarching theme is to make everything about college — choosing one, affording one, succeeding in one — easier for families. Parents should be able to shop for a college as simply as they shop for a car, she said, with a clear expectation of what they will get.

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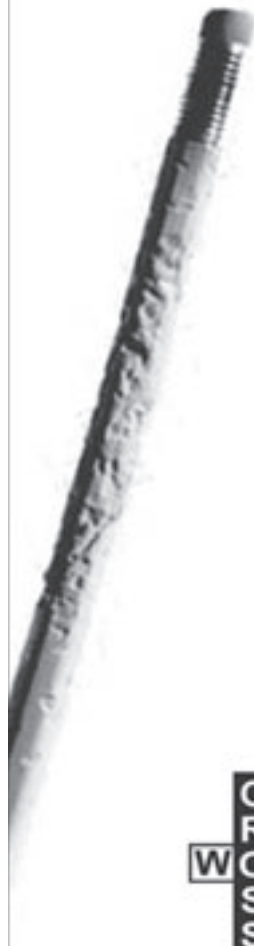
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# Golf great Byron Nelson dead at 94

**Jaime Aron**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING, Texas — Byron Nelson, golf's courtly "Lord Byron" whose 11 straight tournament victories in 1945 stand as one of sports' most enduring records, died Tuesday. He was 94.

His wife, Peggy Nelson, told family friend Angela Enright that her husband appeared fine as she left for Bible study Tuesday morning. As she left their Roanoke home, he told her, "I'm so proud of you," something he often said about her church involvement. When she returned, she found him on the back porch facing his woodworking shop.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office said he died of natural causes.

Known for his graceful swing and gentle manner, Nelson had the greatest year in the history of professional golf in 1945 when he won 18 tournaments. He captured 31 of 54 tournaments in 1944-45. Then, at age 34, he retired after the 1946 season to spend more time on his Texas ranch.

"When I was playing regularly, I had a goal," Nelson recalled years later. "I could see the prize money going into the ranch, buying a tractor, or a cow. It gave me incentive."

That incentive pushed Nelson to become one of the best players of his era. He won the Masters in 1937 and '42, the U.S. Open in 1939 and the PGA Championship

in 1940 and '45.

He also finished second once in the U.S. Open, twice in the Masters and three times in the PGA. Nelson played in British Open only twice, finishing fifth in 1937.

Nelson's long, fluid swing is considered the model of the modern way to strike a golf ball and his kind, caring style with fans and competitors made him one of the most well-liked people in sports. "I don't know very much," Nelson said in a 1997 interview with The Associated Press. "I know a little bit about golf. I know how to make a stew. And I know how to be a decent man."

Arnold Palmer called Nelson "one of the greatest players who ever lived."

"I don't think that anyone will ever exceed the things that Byron did by winning 11 tournaments in a row in one year," Palmer said in a statement. "But I suppose that is not the most admirable thing that he did, although it was certainly tremendous. He was a fantastic person whom I admired from the time I was a boy."

Nelson's second British Open was in 1955, when he was no longer a serious competitor, although he did win the French Open on that trip for his last professional victory. His prize money, however, was not enough to pay the hotel bill.

"I had to put up another \$200," he told the AP with a huge smile.

Nelson was born Feb. 4, 1912, on the family farm and started in golf

in 1922 as a caddie at Glen Garden Country Club in Fort Worth. One year, he won the caddies' championship, defeating Hogan in a playoff.

It was the beginning of a rivalry that never really materialized. Though they were born six months apart, Nelson won all five of his major championships before he was 34 and Hogan won all nine of his after he was 34. Sam Snead, the all-time leader in PGA victories, also was born in 1912.

After graduating from high school, Nelson got a job as a file clerk in the accounting office of the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad and played golf in his spare time.

He lost his job during the Great Depression but found work in 1931 with a bankers' magazine. The same year, he entered his first tournament, the National Amateur in Chicago, where he missed qualifying by one stroke. With jobs hard to find, he turned professional in 1932.

Nelson started out competing against Gene Sarazen and lived to see Tiger Woods, an era that went from hickory shafts to titanium heads.

He made an appearance each year at the Masters, joining Snead and Gene Sarazen in hitting the ceremonial first balls, and hosted the Byron Nelson Classic each May.

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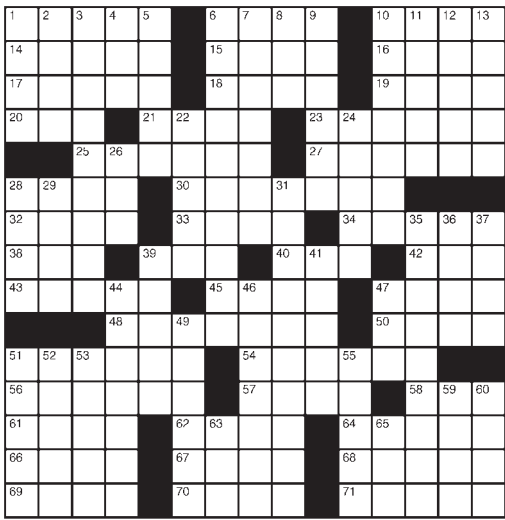


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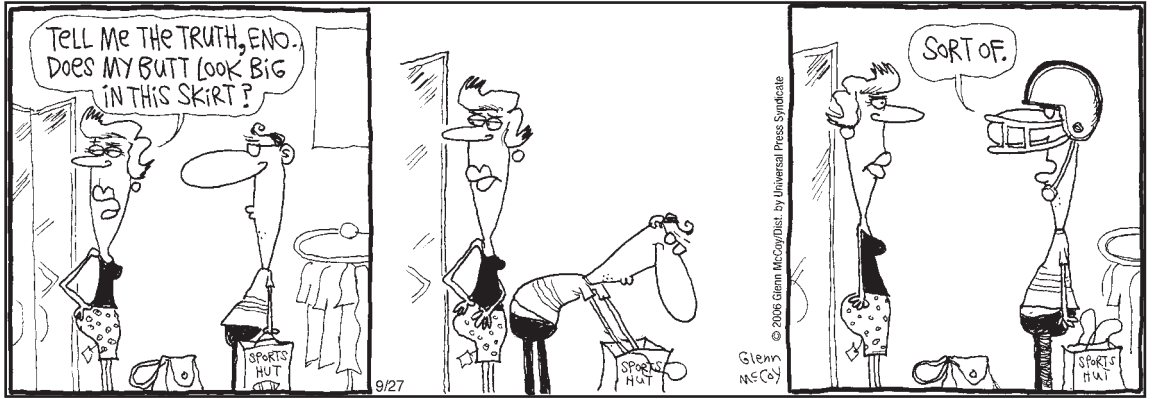
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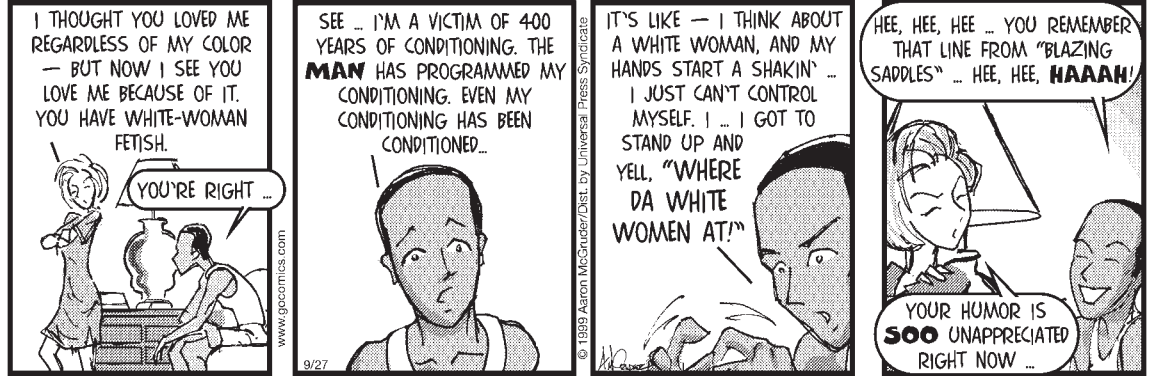
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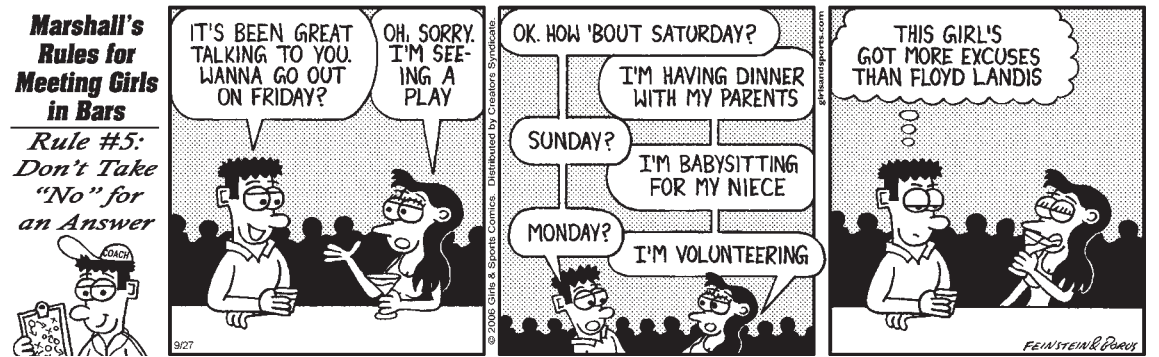
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**Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6** - Continue to plan and verify. Don't go rushing off quite yet; you're not quite ready. Go through your checklists one more time.  
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**Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7** - You're very creative, but that doesn't give you an excuse to slack off. Keep up with the reading and you'll find many new sources of inspiration.  
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**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6** - Keep a low profile; it's best not to draw attention to yourself. Changes are going on. Wait to see where the dust settles.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7** - Just because you're doing well doesn't mean you can relax. Keep up with the reading so you can stay ahead of the competition.  
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**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6** - Clear out your workspace quickly; there isn't much time left. There'll be a new assignment, with new challenges, appearing soon.  
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3	6	8	4	2	1	5	9	7
7	9	1	3	8	5	6	2	4
6	1	9	7	3	8	4	5	2
5	3	2	6	4	9	8	7	1
8	7	4	1	5	2	9	6	3
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# New Orleans savors a sweet victory but issues remain

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NEW ORLEANS — The beignets at Café Du Monde tasted especially sweet. A French Market musician pounded out a peppy tune on his keyboard. Smiling — if somewhat weary — revelers strolled through the narrow streets of the French Quarter in their Reggie Bush jerseys and “Home Sweet Dome” T-shirts.

“What A Show!” the local newspaper blared across its front page.

Life in New Orleans had an air of normalcy Tuesday, the morning after the New Orleans Saints returned to the Superdome with a rousing, inspiring victory.

But plenty of difficult questions remain for this team and its hurricane-ravaged city.

The population is still less than half what it was before Hurricane Katrina. Who knows if enough deep-pocketed companies will return to buy up those pricey club seats and luxury boxes. And the Superdome is still a 31-year-old stadium — all spruced up, to be sure, but ancient in the what-new-stadium-have-you-built-for-me-lately NFL.

“In terms of the Saints’ future, we’ve got a ways to go,” acknowledged Doug Thornton, who runs the Superdome and oversees its \$185 million renovation. “There’s no doubt the public will support the team. But there’s always that issue of the economic base, the corporate base.”

The support was certainly there Monday night. An earsplitting crowd of 70,000 packed the Superdome for the Saints’ 23-3 victory over the Atlanta Falcons in a showdown of

unbeaten NFC South rivals.

New Orleans (3-0) has first place all to itself and a reason to feel proud of just how far it’s come since Katrina flooded the Big Easy nearly 13 months ago.

The Superdome is the most noticeable symbol of the halting rebirth. A scene of misery and shame in the days after the hurricane, it now has a new roof, improved scoreboards, larger video screens and several fresh coats of paint. The second phase of the renovation will take place after the season with the construction of four 19,000-square-foot lounges for club-seat holders.

“New life has been breathed into this place,” Thornton said. “Out of the destruction came opportunity. You never know how things will turn out. It’s an ironic twist of fate.”

For now, there’s no talk of moving the Saints to another city, not with the NFL’s commitment to having the team serve as a catalyst for the massive rebuilding job and the fans’ overwhelming show of support in the wake of the storm. The Superdome is sold out for the season — the first time that’s ever happened — and once-reviled owner Tom Benson seems to have made an uneasy truce with the team’s passionate fans. He even broke out his parasol and did the “Benson Boogie” on his way out of the stadium after the Saints’ dominating victory.

“This stadium has got to be as good as many stadiums around the NFL,” Thornton insisted. “It’s not the best, but it’s somewhere in the middle of the pack.”

Even so, the refurbished stadium isn’t likely to squelch talk of the need

for more money-generating improvements. Before Katrina, Benson angered the fan base by demanding a new stadium or a much more profitable deal with the Superdome if he was to keep the Saints in New Orleans. The storm didn’t totally blow away all those thorny issues.

Thornton is already making plans for a new round of renovations that might address some of Benson’s long-term concerns. He wants to widen the concourse around the lower deck to create better sightlines and more space for concession stands, restrooms and other amenities. He looks toward the towering, largely barren walls above each end zone and envisions several decks of profitable new luxury suites.

“We still face challenges in rebuilding our homes and businesses, but this game ... is proof of what we can accomplish if we work together,” said Rita Benson LeBlanc, the team’s executive vice president. “The Saints have been a unifying force in this community for 40 years now, and we are proud to use this occasion to announce to the world that New Orleans is open for business.”

The players are certainly doing their part, already matching their wins from all of last season, a dismal year in which “home” games had to be played in San Antonio, Baton Rouge and East Rutherford because the Superdome was in ruins.

“We have such an appreciation for being in this situation and having this opportunity,” said Steve Gleason, whose blocked punt just 90 seconds into the game gave the Saints their first touchdown. “It’s such a responsibility for us. This is special.”

# Indians leave Sox scoreless

CLEVELAND (AP) - The only guy C.C. Sabathia didn’t fire one past was his manager.

Sabathia tied a career high with 11 strikeouts over eight innings and Ryan Garko homered and drove in a career-high five runs to lead the Cleveland Indians to a 6-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday night.

Sabathia (12-11) couldn’t convince manager Eric Wedge to let him try for his seventh complete game and third shutout of the season.

“I was pleading hard,” Sabathia said. “As soon as I finished the eighth I looked at him. We talked a long time. I said, ‘See if anybody gets on,’ but he said No.”

Wedge wouldn’t budge despite see-

ing his ace left-hander allow only four hits without a walk, retiring the last 10 batters he faced in his final outing of 2006.

“He was lobbying hard and it’s not easy taking a guy out, but he made over 120 pitches,” Wedge said. “It was the wise thing to do.”

“C.C. was outstanding. Not completing it takes nothing away from his performance.”

Sabathia lowered his ERA to 3.22, third-best in the AL, and improved to 4-0 this season and 12-3 in his career against the White Sox. He also reached double digits in strikeouts for the third time this season and eighth time in his career.

“I felt this year was the best I’ve ever pitched,” said Sabathia, who at age 26

has a 81-56 career record.

Chicago starter Javier Vazquez (11-11) struck out 12, surpassing 10 in a game for the fourth time in five September starts. But the right-hander dropped to 0-5 in eight starts since beating the New York Yankees on Aug. 10. He allowed six runs, six hits and two walks over seven innings. Chicago lost for the ninth time in 12 games.

“The effort was good, but the way C.C. pitched it didn’t matter,” manager Ozzie Guillen said. “He was dominating from the beginning. The kid is always good against us.”

The loss continued a second-half skid by the 2005 World Series champions, who were eliminated from returning to the playoffs Monday by a 14-1 drubbing at Jacobs Field.

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## Saluki Banter

Only five days remain in the regular season for Major League Baseball. The American League playoffs are almost set, but the National League is a different story as the New York Mets are the only given for the playoffs. At the end of the week, what three other teams will be representing the NL in October-ball?

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"Baseball's dead to me. Usually, I'll keep up for a couple months. Sometimes, Derek Lee will be chasing a triple crown, then I'll watch a little more. Aside from that, I just catch SportsCenter highlights to see how big of a lead the Cubs blew. As for the NL, let's go Astros and Reds."

"The Mets are obviously in. The Cardinals and Padres will take their divisions, and the Dodgers will win the Wild Card. However, Brian Feldt gets bragging rights at the sports desk because neither Jordan Wilson's Cubs or D.W. Norris' Pirates will make any noise come playoff time."

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"Who, besides Rickey Henderson, talks about themselves in the third person, B-Feldt? I think the Phillies could get the Wild Card nod. The Dodgers end their season with three games at San Francisco, and I'm sure the Giants would love nothing better than playing the spoiler role."

**SALUKI TRACKER**

**Quote of the Week**

**Mario Moccia**

"Hopefully the students will return in mass, like they did to the Lock Haven game. Certainly a Saturday, and an evening start, should give them time to get warmed up and get in the stadium."



Athletic Director Mario Moccia on Saturday's 6 p.m. football game against Indiana State University.

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# Women's golf opens fall season

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

From here on out, relaxing will be the last thing on the minds of the SIU women's golf team.

The next five weekends are booked with tournament trips around the country from DeKalb to Honolulu.

The team opened its season in Myrtle Beach, S.C., on Monday in the Myrtle Beach Classic, where they finished just two strokes behind the winner and host of the tournament, College of Charleston.

Senior Kelly Gerlach completed the tournament at 2-under-par and a total score of 220. Senior Josie Lowder finished with a 6-over-par while Lauren May went 15-over-par.

This isn't this first time the Salukis have been in action this fall, though.

On Labor Day weekend, SIU

played in a 72-hole team qualifier at their home course, Hickory Ridge. Lowder and Gerlach tied for the low score of a 1-over-par 289.

Sophomore Lauren May set a new course record at Hickory Ridge when she shot a 67, the previous record of a 69 was held by Head coach Daugherty.

Diane Daugherty said she was pleased with her team's play.

"We played extremely well over the Labor Day weekend, I'm very impressed," Daugherty said. "My only hope is we didn't peak too early."

After finishing third in the MVC tournament last season, the Salukis are ready to prove they are championship material.

The team is looking to receive its first automatic bid to the NCAA tournament this year.

"Well, we obviously want to win our conference, and we want to go on to

the NCAA (tournament)," Daugherty said. "I have not had a team make it to the NAAs. The last conference championship we won was back in 2000. That's a long time ago."

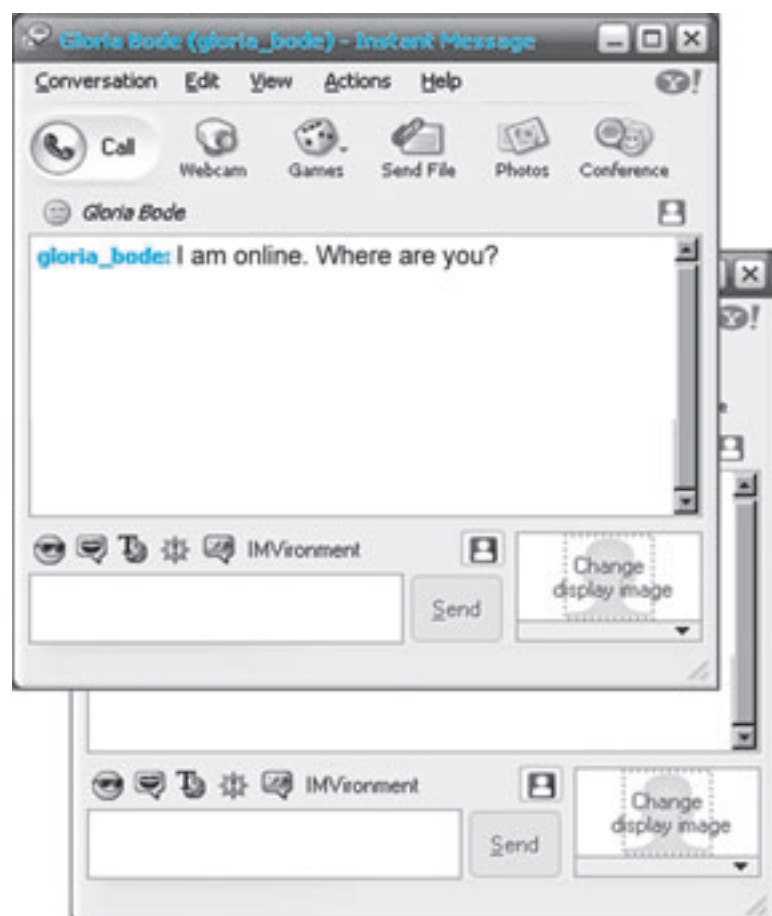
The men's golf team was also in action this week at the John Daillo Memorial Tournament in Chicago which began Monday.

At the end of day two, SIU was in sixth place with a team total of 594.

Transfer Andrew Rauscher tied for first to lead the team on day one.

The Salukis struggled in first round action after they shot a 16-over-par on the first day. SIU bounced back in the second round and shot a 2-over-par, which was a team low.

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**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

**SPORTS NETWORK'S I-AA POLL**

Team (First-place votes)	Record	Points	Previous Rank
1. New Hampshire Wildcats (80)	3-0	2,574	1
2. Appalachian St. Mountaineers (22)	3-1	2,493	2
3. Furman Paladins	3-1	2,271	4
4. Montana Grizzlies	2-1	2,145	5
5. Cal Poly Mustangs	3-1	2,069	3
6. Illinois State Redbirds	3-1	2,046	6
7. Richmond Spiders	3-0	2,006	7
8. Youngstown State Penguins	3-1	1,866	8
9. Massachusetts Minutemen	3-1	1,740	9
<b>10. Southern Illinois Salukis (1)</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>1,704</b>	<b>10</b>
11. North Dakota State Bison	3-0	1,514	14
12. Hampton Pirates (1)	4-0	1,510	11
13. Northern Iowa Panthers	2-1	1,310	12
14. Portland State Vikings	3-1	1,302	15
15. James Madison Dukes	2-1	1,137	17
16. McNeese State Cowboys	1-2	830	13
17. Delaware Blue Hens	2-1	796	18
18. UC Davis Aggies	2-2	788	16
19. Towson Tigers	4-0	766	21
20. Eastern Illinois Panthers	2-2	671	20
21. Western Illinois Leathernecks	3-1	445	NR
22. Harvard Crimson	2-0	432	NR
23. Albany Great Danes	3-1	236	NR
24. Western Carolina Catamounts	2-1	197	22
25. Northern Arizona Lumberjacks	2-2	135	NR

**Others receiving votes:** Alabama A & M 132, Georgia Southern 92, Maine 68, Central Connecticut State 67, Chattanooga 64, Tennessee-Martin 59, Princeton 50, San Diego 46, Bethune-Cookman 41, Wofford 37, Tennessee State 20, Monmouth 14, Southern Utah 14, Eastern Kentucky 13, Mississippi Valley State 13, Elon 11, Jackson State 11, Northwestern State 10, Columbia 8, Penn 8, Sam Houston State 8, Grambling State 6, Jacksonville State 6, Central Arkansas 5, Charleston Southern 5.

**VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE**

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 29	Bradley	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	Northern Iowa	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	Missouri State	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	Wichita State	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	Evansville	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	Illinois State	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	Indiana State	6 p.m.
Oct. 27	Northern Iowa	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	Bradley	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	Wichita State	7 p.m.
Nov. 4	Missouri State	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	Evansville	7 p.m.
Nov. 17	Creighton	7 p.m.

**CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE**

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 30	Loyola Lakefront Invitational	All Day
<b>Oct. 7</b>	<b>Saluki Invitational</b>	<b>All Day</b>
Oct. 14	Pre-Nationals	All Day
Oct. 28	MVC Championship	All Day
Nov. 11	NCAA Regional Championship	All Day
Nov. 20	NCAA Championship	All Day

**WOMEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE**

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 28	MVC Individuals	TBA
Sept. 29	MVC Individuals	TBA
Sept. 30	MVC Individuals	TBA
Sept. 30	ITA All-American	TBA
Oct. 1	MVC Individuals	TBA
Oct. 1	ITA All-American	TBA
Oct. 2	ITA All-American	TBA

**MEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE**

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 2	ITA All-American	TBA
Oct. 3	ITA All-American	TBA
Oct. 4	ITA All-American	TBA
Oct. 5	ITA All-American	TBA
Oct. 6	Louisville Invitational	All Day
Oct. 6	ITA All-American	TBA
Oct. 7	Louisville Invitational	All Day
Oct. 7	ITA All-American	TBA
Oct. 8	Louisville Invitational	All Day

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## VOLLEYBALL



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Sophomore libero Kristy Elswick digs the ball during Saturday night's game against Illinois State. The Salukis lost to the Redbirds 3-1.

# A lib-er-what?

Libero: the new and unknown position

Brian Feldt  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kristy Elswick was in speech class last week trying to explain what a libero is and got nothing but blank stares.

Even Elswick, SIU's sophomore libero, which is a position in volleyball, is quick to admit that not many people know what a libero is or even does.

The libero position was created to raise the level of play and add extra excitement to the game, and it allows teams to keep a player designed to be a defensive specialist on the court.

It was first introduced in 1998 at the international and high school levels and was adapted into NCAA volleyball in 2002.

The position has been pronounced lee-bor-o, lie-bur-o and has even been confused with the horoscope sign, libra. But the position (pronounced lee-bah-ro) is one of the most important in the game.

Elswick, the defensive backbone on the team, is no different from her position — vital to the team's success — and has served as SIU's libero since

coming here last year.

A libero is required to wear an opposite-colored jersey from her teammates because she must be easily distinguished from regular players. The rule is required so scorekeepers and referees can easily identify the libero.

They may not get point recognition — in fact, libero's rarely earn points for their team — but they do stop points from being scored.

A libero's success is almost primarily measured by defensive digs.

A dig is accomplished when an opposing offense kills, or spikes, a ball and a player — in this case, the libero — accurately defends against it. Oftentimes, it is executed within a blink of an eye and usually occurs from diving or plunging after a hit ball.

With a libero's talent to record many digs per game, liberos are positioned in the back row of the court, where kills are usually placed.

"That is my court back there," Elswick said. "If a ball is hit in the back court, those are mine. If the ball is close, I am going to try for it."

In effect, without the libero's defensive capabilities, many teams would be exposed to the opposition's attack, particularly kills.

Elswick currently leads all Saluki players in digs with 285. In theory, Elswick has taken away 285 points from opposing teams.

Elswick's 98 digs in conference games and 6.53 digs per game both rank first among all Missouri Valley Conference players.

"We are lucky enough to have one of the best liberos in the league playing for us," said head coach Brenda Winkler. "You want a gutsy-type player, a person that just goes after the ball, and that is who (Elswick) is."

Winkler said Elswick was recruited to be SIU's libero when she was a senior at Assumption High School in Louisville, Ky., where she earned multiple all-state honorable mention awards.

In her first season as a Saluki, Elswick's scrappy style and fearlessness to go after balls won over her teammates, coaches and fans.

Winkler said Elswick has done everything necessary to be successful at the position and has responded to most challenges.

Elswick's 481 digs in her freshman year ranks second in the Saluki record book for digs in a season and holds the fourth, fifth and ninth best digging performances in a single match with 32, 31 and 28 respectively.

She is on pace to break Kristie Kemmer's all-time SIU record of digs in a career of 1,355 and could become one of the most prolific defensive players in SIU history. Elswick is on track to record more than 1,900 digs in her tenure at SIU, barring injury or setback.

Winkler said Elswick is a leader for a young Saluki team this year and both she and the team should continue to get better as the years go on.

"Elswick is phenomenal," said teammate Johannah Yutzy. "She is such a big part of this team. She moves very fast and stays low and is in on every play, whether she touches the ball or not. She covers a lot of ground and is very important to our team."

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# Hot season tickets

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After only 20 days, season tickets for men's basketball have already surpassed last year's sale of 3,544 tickets, SIU ticket manager Brad Pietz said Tuesday.

The tickets went on sale on Sept. 7 and will be available until Dec. 1. Pietz said that number could go as high as 7,800 if all non-student seats were sold as season tickets.

Season ticket sales also continue to climb for Saluki football. The number of season tickets sold topped the all-time record of 2,044 set in 2005.

Football season ticket sales, which end Friday, increased to 2,134 sold as of 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Mike Trude, SIU's promotions and marketing director, said head football coach Jerry Kill and head basketball coach Chris Lowery deserved recognition for their contributions.

"I give a lot of credit to Jerry (Kill) and Coach Lowery for putting a quality product on the field and the court because that certainly helps drive season ticket sales," Trude said.

Both Trude and Mario Moccia, SIU's athletic director, also said the continued success of both programs are reasons for increased interest in Saluki season tickets.

Moccia said he thought fans were excited about being a part of SIU athletics, especially after the football team's 3-0 start to the 2006 season. Moccia also pointed to increased demand for basketball tickets as an encouraging sign for the future of football ticket sales.

Winning programs attract more fans to games, Moccia said.

"I use the situation in basketball,"

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Moccia said. "Before, we didn't used to sell out all the chair-back seats for basketball, and now you can't get a chair-back. Hopefully we'll build it up to where now you can't get a seat at football games."

With an undefeated football team and two consecutive weekends of large-scale events in Family Weekend and Homecoming, Moccia said he would, "love to see the two best crowds in the Coach Kill era" fill McAndrew Stadium's 17,000 seats.

The SIU Arena holds 9,628, and sellouts have been tough to achieve despite the Salukis' recent run of success, which includes five straight NCAA tournament appearances.

Trude said he hoped for a season ticket base of 3,600 to 3,700 for the upcoming season. If the program could achieve that goal, "getting a good seat will be more difficult as the season goes on."

An adult season ticket for football costs \$70. Basketball season tickets cost \$200 for the lower bowl and \$130 in the upper bowl.

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# Renowned sports nutritionist visits SIU

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In less than two months, nearly 10,000 fans will pack the SIU Arena for the Saluki men's basketball team's season opener, but Monday night the Arena was reserved for student athletes and a seminar with a nutritionist.

Leslie Bonci, most notably the nutritionist for Super Bowl XL Champions the Pittsburgh Steelers, came to SIU on Monday to give all student athletes advice on eating and drinking habits in regard to workouts, practices and games.

"Practices are long. They get there early, they leave late, and they don't necessarily eat what they need to eat," Saluki strength coach Becky Kimball said. "So we're trying to educate them."

Bonci said athletes should get into the habit of eating breakfast, eating 15 minutes after workouts and drinking more fluids throughout the day to give them more energy three things many Saluki athletes said they tend to ignore.

During the seminar, Bonci said eating breakfast and drinking plenty of water will prevent athletes from "running out of fuel," especially later in the season. Junior tennis player Ame Blacketer said after the seminar, her habits need to change.

"I definitely need to drink more water," Blacketer said.

Bonci said athletes should take small doses of supplements such as protein powder because, "the body will get rid of what it does not need." She also dispelled a common myth about caffeine, saying a small dose can actually lengthen a workout.

After her speech, Bonci fielded one-on-one questions with a few athletes, and their additional effort did not go unnoticed among the Saluki coaches.

"It's all what you put into it that you're going to get out of it," Kimball said.

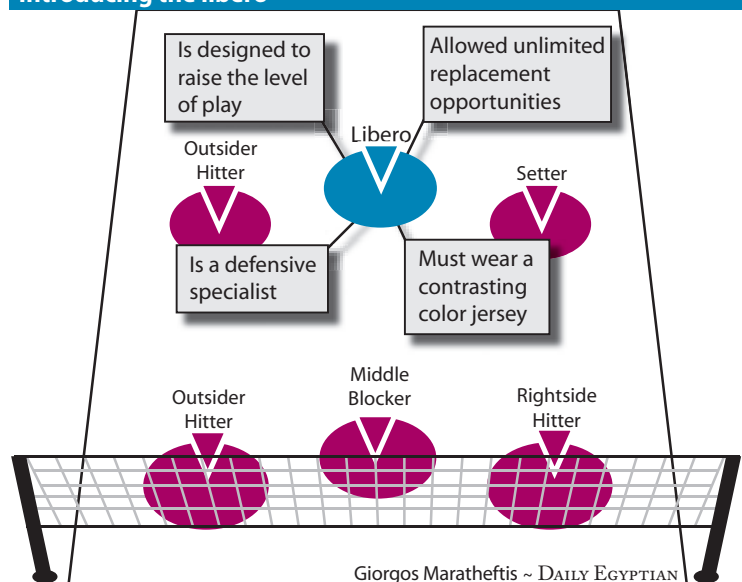
The visit was set up by academic adviser Brooke Morgan and strength coaches Eric Klein and Kimball. Bonci was slated to speak in April, but flight problems postponed her visit until Monday.

The difficulties in April may have been a blessing in disguise because the rescheduled date allowed Bonci to talk to the athletes during the front end of their seasons, Kimball said.

"It actually worked better because we hit them at the beginning of the year," Kimball said.

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## Introducing the libero



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