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Audit strips $30,000 from GPSC

President’s office review reveals years of misinterpreting funding guidelines

Wayne Utterback  

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 president’s office was using that money for campus events without providing the necessary documentation.

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Local lodging all booked up

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

Brandon Augsburg  

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, Marion and 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 the 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 2715 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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Enrollment team gets new leader

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CHICAGO (AP) — Illinois' secretary of state has defended hiring relatives, saying he wouldn't hire family members if he wins the election.

Dan Rutherford, White's daughter, Glenna White-Jones, was hired in 1994 when former Gov. George Ryan was secretary of state. She makes $112,000 a year as an executive in the agency. Dave Drucker, a spokesman for White said earlier this month that it was inappropriate to compare his hiring of relatives to the license-for-beds scandal that started when Ryan was secretary of state.

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

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Sun-Times News Group launches online network

CHICAGO (AP) — The Sun-Times News Group launched an online network Tuesday that links its 96 Chicago-area Web sites, letting readers locally access content from the company's newspaper organizations.

"For visitors to our sites, our network allows us to deliver both the helpful, local content for which they are used to relying on such Web sites in an organized and convenient to access," said Fred Lebed, a 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 in 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.

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Police reports

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Latin oste 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 associates—the directors of the multicultural and Latin American studies programs—said Wednesday the minor is important for everyone.

“Everyone should know what is happening in the global community because it will impact you regardless of who you are,” assistant professor of political science Celeste Montoya-Kirk said.

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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.

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“Even if just one 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 was interested to see what courses would be offered.

“People have been asking for a minor like this for a long time,” Espinosa said. “I think it’s important for everyone to learn about Latino studies.”

Rodriguez said. “We are getting bigger and bigger, and it is important for all students 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.

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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.”

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“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.

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**U.S. analysis says Iraq war is ‘cause celebre’**

Katherine Shadrer  
**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

WASHINGTON — The war in Iraq has become a “cause celebre” for U.S. Republicans, drawing support from climate change and hurricane expert warming and hurricanes. And Bush’s top advisers have said the formerly classified assessment of global warming that he supported against the argument that the world is safer because of the war. But more than three pages of track, such warnings about the threat of terrorists over the past year or so have shown an increase in the power of hurricanes in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, a strengthening that some storm experts say is tied to rising sea-surface temperatures. Just two weeks ago, researchers found that the most extreme hurricane systems had an annual trade union conference this month. The prime minister received a standing ovation when he finished.

**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 may have weakened hurricanes. The report, which was expected to be released, was not released because the administration said it had no details of the report. However, the journal Nature reported Tuesday.

The possibility that warming conditions may cause storms to become stronger has generated debate among experts who have documented the current situation were bad news. The report’s few positive notes were couched in conditional terms, depending on successful completion of difficult tasks that the Bush administration continues to censor scientific information. A series of studies over the past years.

*Blair defines his legacy for the last time*

Jennifer Quinn  
**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MANCHESTER, England — Prime Minister Tony Blair, in his final address as leader of Britain’s governing Labour Party, said Tuesday that being the United Kingdom’s strongest ally for Britain’s standing would be infinitely greater. The man who walked on stage in Manchester looked far different then the fresh-faced 41-year-old who took over the party in 1994. His hair is shot 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 terrorist attacks on British soil.

“Now, it’s hard sometimes to be something like America’s strongest ally,” he said. “At the moment, I know people only see the price of these alliances. We give them up and the cost in terms of power, weight and influence for this country, and you may 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 any more,” he said. “People today are reluctant global citizens. We have to make them feel the benefit of their support.

Blair, 53, reminded the conference of Britain’s Labour to victory, domestic issues dominated the agenda. Now, the challenges of global warming, which include climate change, organized crime, and religious extremism.

Michael Lauro, a Labour lawmaker from Derbyshire in central England, was wiping his eyes as 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.

“Thank it will remind people who are saying ‘Tony must go, what he’s done, because you don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone,” said Kate Anduze, a council member in Enfield, north London. “We are losing a great leader.”

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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.

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Don’t take veterans for granted

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tently in recent years, vet-
ers have found themselves a home at this school. Fresh off the battlefields of Iraq, Afghanistan and other the locales, veter-
ans 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-stu-
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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.

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HIV testing should become routine part of health care

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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 20th 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 encourage all to recognize their freedom to read and celebrate diversity. Encourage all to recognize their freedom to read and celebrate diversity.

I would like to invite everyone on campus to celebrate Banned Books Week by reading a banned book. Regardless, the selection of titles is enormous. You can go to the Web site of the American Library Association (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 like to 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/goodbooks/banned.

David Carlson
Dean of Library Affairs
ATLANTA — Happy that new security rules have cleared their liquids and gels for takeoff, air travelers presented small, clear plastic bags for inspection Tuesday, but long lines grew at some airports as others continued to fill trash cans with containers that were too large.

Most toiletries can be in containers no larger than 3 ounces, and they must be slipped into plastic bags that are quart-sized or smaller. Those limits threw off passengers who were used to security check-points to toss out bottles of shaving cream and hand lotion or to find the proper amount to bring on a plane.

“It’s an inconvenience,” said Gina Debroz, whose husband finally found a bag to carry a small bottle of liquor after asking several fellow travelers for some at the check point 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. Toiletries were grateful for the relaxed rules, which allow them to carry drinks, make-up 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.

“Trash bags that are quart-sized or smaller allow them to carry drinks, which allow them to carry drinks, make-up and other items on board their flights.”

For some passengers, such as Pat Ginni Dewbray, whose husband 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.

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Gas prices falling nationwide

Calmer international front eases pain at pumps for consumers and businesses

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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 probably 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 Delia, a junior from Springfield studying forestry. “I get home easier, and it costs less money.”

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Fix rushed for Internet Explorer bug

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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-mail, 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-related 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 and registration 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 SITC 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 more strategic in its marketing to certain populations to increase enrollment. She said her 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.

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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 that 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.

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

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.
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, she told him, “I’m so proud of you,” a sentiment she often expressed 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.

“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.”

The 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 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 all my life.”

“Tiger Woods, an era that went from hickory shafts to titanium heads.”

“I did not ever dream in my wildest imagination there would be as much money or that people would hit the ball so far,” Nelson said in his 1997 interview with the AP.
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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 33-year-old stadium — all spruced up, to be sure, but ancient in the what-new-stadiums-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 amping crowd of 70,000 packed the Superdome for the Saints’ 23-1 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 good about 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, large 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.

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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 fans overwhelming show of support in the wake of the storm. The Superdome is sold out for the season — the first time in 2006.

“I was lobbying hard and it’s not a pretty story out there,” manager Ozzie Guillen said. “He was dominating from the beginning. The kid is a special player.”

Sabathia lowered his ERA to 3.22, completing it takes nothing away from his performance. C.C. pitched it didn’t matter,” manager Wedge said. "It was the wise thing to do.

C.C. was outstanding. Not comple- menting 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 31-56 career record.

Chicago starter Javier Vázquez (11-15) 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.

The loss continued a second-half skid by the 2005 World Series champi- ons, who were eliminated from return- ing to the playoffs Monday by a 1-4 drubbing at Jacobs Field.

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NEW ORLEANS — The beignets at Café Du Monde tasted especially sweet for a fine-arts musician pounding out a poppy tune on his keyboard. Smiling — if somewhat weary — streetwalkers strolled through the narrow streets of the French Quarter in their Reggae Bash 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 normality Tuesday, the morning after the New Orleans Saints returned to the Superdome with a soaring, 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 33-year-old stadium — all spruced up, to be sure, but ancient in the what-new-stadiums-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 amping crowd of 70,000 packed the Superdome for the Saints’ 23-1 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 good about just how far it’s come since Katrina flooded the Big Easy nearly 13 months ago.

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**Women’s golf opens fall season**

Megan Kramper

Finn from out on, ruling will be the last thing on the minds of the Saluki 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 leader from DeKalb.

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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.

D.W. Norris contributed to this report.

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A libero—what?

**Libero: the new and unknown position**

**Brian Feldt**

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

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

Elswick is the only player designed to be a defensive specialist on the court.

“People get confused with the horoscope sign, levels and was adapted into NCAA teams to keep a player designed to be a libero — accurately defends against opposing offense kills, or spikes, a ball which is close, I am going to try for it.”

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

With a libero talent to record many digs per game, libero 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 row, those are mine. If the ball is deep, 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, sive capabilities, many teams would be exposed to the opposition’s attack.

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

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“We are happy enough to have one of the best libero in the league playing for us,” head coach Brenda Winkleman said. “She is a great type of player, a person that just goes after the ball.”

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In less than two months, nearly 10,000 fans will pack the SIU Arena for the Saluki men’s basketball 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 hate 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.”

Boni said athletes should take small doses of supplements such as protein powder because, “the body will not use it.”

The visit was set up by academic advisor 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 at the finest end of the season.

“Actually worked better because we hit them at the beginning of the year,” Kimball said.

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