SIU vs. FBS

Salukis take on college football’s top tier at Northern

Sean McGahan
Daily Egyptian

The Appalachian State Mountaineers didn’t only hurt the Michigan Wolverines with their shocking upset of the former No. 5 team in the nation. They may have hurt the Salukis as well.

As SIU (1-0) heads into its only matchup against a Football Bowl Subdivision opponent this week-end, the Salukis will have their work cut out for them as they prepare to play a team defined as not becoming the next Michigan, Kern said.

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Fewer hours of power

Students: recreation center should stay open past 10 p.m.

Frankie Migacz
Daily Egyptian

The SIUC Recreation Center is open fewer hours than any other major surrounding university, and some students are fed up with the constraints put on their workout.

The Recreation Center, which is paid for by student fees, closes at 10 p.m. or midnight on weekdays. Recreation center at other area universities — including Illinois State University, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University — close at either 11 p.m. or midnight on weekdays.

Despite the lack of operation hours, though, a warm student passed last year that cost students $14 more per semester to utilize Recreational Sports and Services.

Ryan Britton, a sophomore studying education, strains during his workout at the SIU Recreation Center.

“Another hour would really help,” Britton said.

Willie Ething, director of Recreational Sports and Services, said he has received a large amount of feedback from students regarding the early closing time.

Ething said one of the main reasons for the Recreation Center’s comparatively limited hours of operation is the cost of energy used to keep the building operating. Ething said administrators at the Recreation Center are awaiting the results of an energy audit that would help determine whether an increase in operating hours would be affordable.

Danny Wenger
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole initiated an investigation this week into allegations of police brutality.

A group of students spoke Tuesday at the City Council meeting to express its feeling of insecurity in the community. One resident, who graduated from SIU, mentioned the arrest of Daryl McNeil and questioned police conduct during the event.

While students made no specific allegations, Cole said the group should file a formal complaint.

According to a report given to Cole by City Manager Jeff Doherty, the manager at Southern Illinois Nightclub contacted police about McNeil Aug. 25.

Greg Knoob, owner of Club SLIN, said his security contacted police because McNeil refused to leave.

“Security made a decision based on his attitude at the club,” Knoob said.

“He was causing some type of disturbance and wouldn’t leave,” Knoob said. McNeil was intimi-

ed to leave and walked to the door.

“As he got outside he flailed his arms. It could have been interpreted as a swing towards the police, and actually struck one of the police officers,” Knoob said.

After McNeil flailed his arms police pointed their pepper spray cans at McNeil but did not spray him, Knoob said.

“He did not even mace [McNeil], because he took it out and he had the pepper spray near [McNeil] away and this time he struck one of the officers with pepper spray,” he said.

McNeil ran and was pursued into the community.

Knoob said he didn’t follow after they left his property.

Knoob said he didn’t see McNeil treated improperly at his club.

According to the report, McNeil was transported to the Memorial Hospital of Carbondale to treat a head wound. While in the hospita-

l, McNeil told police he was very intoxicated and apologized for his actions.

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Former Saluki running back Arkee Whitlock breaks free from an NIU defender in SIU’s 23-22 loss in its last meeting with NIU on Sept. 11, 2004.

Notable Upsets

Sept. 5, 1992 — The Citadel 10, Arkansas 3

The Citadel stunned the Razorbacks, leading to Arkansas head coach Jack Crow’s firing the next day.

Sept. 11, 2004 — New Hampshire 35, Rutgers 24

Here, a real surprise as a non-Division I-A quarterback Ricky Santos threw for 385 yards and five touchdowns, completing 30 of his 40 attempts in the upset over Rutgers. The Wildcats shut-out Rutgers in the second half, scoring the final 21 points.

Sept. 17, 2005 — UC Davis 21, Stanford 17

UC Davis, a team in the nation, stunned the Cardinal in the second half and New Hampshire quarterback Ricky Santos donned 21. The team would face the Cardinal.

Sept. 9, 2006 — New Hampshire 34, Northwestern 27

New Hampshire held Northwestern scoreless in the second half and New Hampshire quarterback Ricky Santos donned 21 again, once again accounting for all five of his team’s touch-

dows.

Sept. 16, 2006 — SIU 35, Indiana 28

The Salukis went on the road to upset the Hoosiers in Bloomington.

Sept. 12, 2007 — Appalachian State 34, No. 5 Michigan 22

The lowly defending NCAA champion pulled off the upset in its first Division I-A game.

Cole says group should file complaint in police issue

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Local businesses try to thrive against big competition

David Lopez
Daily Egyptian

It’s not easy being a small business owner in Carbondale. With more big-box type stores such as T.J. Maxx sporting goods moving into town, local business owners have had to fight harder for their share of the economic pie, often relying on a set of strategies to stay afloat.

Since June, the Rosetta Stone bookstore has been operating out of the Tropicana Vintage Clothing store. Rosetta Stone, originally located in the Campus Center plaza, was forced to move due to rising costs.

“It was a choice between going out of business or coming in,” said Paula Bradshaw, mother of Jessica Bradshaw, the owner of Rosetta Stone.

Paula Bradshaw watches over her daughter’s store on the days Jessica Bradshaw works her second job at the restaurant, Crazy Joe’s Fish House. Martin’s mother, Mary Lou Martin, opened Mary Lou’s in 1962, and Martin took over in 1990.

With more big-box type stores coming in, many students are using simple methods to keep costs down, including turning off lights when they leave a room or shutting off the air conditioning while they’re gone for the day.

“This is my second job, so it got really hot,” said Mary Lou’s employee Mary Lynn Martin. The Martin family has run this store on the days Jessica Martin works her second job at the restaurant, Crazy Joe’s Fish House. Martin’s mother, Mary Lou Martin, opened Mary Lou’s in 1962, and Martin took over in 1990.

For some, energy rebates can’t come soon enough

Audra Ord
Daily Egyptian

Though energy consumers will soon find some relief from high energy costs with rebates from Ameren, students are still doing their best to keep electric bills low.

With school back in session, many students are using simple methods to keep costs down, including turning off lights when they leave a room or shutting off the air conditioning while they’re gone for the day.

Sandra Edson, a graduate student from Freemons Spur studying professional media studies, said she has altered her lifestyle to cut down on energy use as much as possible.

“I was always good about turning off lights and watching my hot water consumption, but now I’m even more so,” said Edson.

Edson said she uses compact fluorescent light bulbs to help reduce the amount of energy she uses. She said the special bulbs conserve energy and last longer than regular bulbs.

David Graff, a senior from Marion studying civil engineering, said he uses the first floor of his apartment building plays a big part on how hot the air temperatures are.

“I live in a first floor apartment, so it doesn’t get that hot,” Graff said. “Last year I lived in a house apartment in what used to be an attic, and it got really flip-pot hot.”

However, some residents remain unaffected by higher energy costs.

Mutaz Al-tarawneh, a graduate student from Jordan studying electrical and computer engineering, said his rent includes utilities, so he doesn’t care about turning lights off or keeping the air conditioning on a higher setting.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed a rate-release legislation last week, providing customers relief from the higher energy rates they’ve seen that year after the electric rate freeze expired in January.

Ameren spokesperson Erica Abbott said the rebates would come either in the form of a check in the mail or credit on the customer’s bill. If the customer is 60 days or fewer past due on their bill, they will get a check in the mail. If they’re more than 60 days past due, they will receive credit on their bill.

“All customers will be seeing rate-release rebates within a month or two,” Abbott said.

However, the rebate doesn’t entirely make up for the fact energy rates have significantly increased this past year. In lieu of this, customers are working to find ways of keeping their bills as low as possible.

Still, some types of customers can do to save energy and be more energy efficient,” Abbott said.

She said some options are caulking drafty doors and insulating homes. Abbott also said customers should visit www.ameren.com at the beginning of every season to find energy saving tips specific to their season.

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MODENA, Italy — Admirers massed by the hundreds in Modena’s main piazza Thursday to say goodbye to Luciano Pavarotti, the tenor cherished by many as “the last, great voice of the world.”

The crowd applauded as pall-bearers carried the white casket into the cathedral, where a funeral Saturday will draw dignitaries from opera, politics and culture. The tenor died early Thursday in his hometown at age 71 after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. Pavarotti moved the world with a wondrous voice, his legacy went beyond the opera house. The tenor collaborated with classical singers and pop icons alike to bring opera to the masses, rescuing the art from highbrow obscurity.

In many ways, Pavarotti fulfilled the public’s imagination of what an opera singer should be: He often wore a colorful scarf and a hat, he'd be a fencer or a boxer, and while he didn’t always have a beard, it was hard to imagine him without it. His bar - a restaurant on his property in Modena — underlined his gourmet appetite.

But above all, his crystal clear voice, prized for its diction, made him the most celebrated tenor since Caruso. “Pavarotti was the last great Italian voice able to move the world,” said Bruno Caglio, president of the Santa Cecilia National Academy in Rome.

On the Piazza Grande, hundreds of people gathered for the first evening of public viewing. Police on horseback stood at attention as mourners shuffled up the steps into the cathedral to view Pavarotti, dressed in his trademark white tie and tails, a white handkerchief and white natty curls in his hair.

His wife, Nicoletta Mantovani, stood off to the side of the casket, chatting calmly with well-wishers.

Italian tenor Pavarotti dies at 71

Trisha Thomas
The Associated Press

IN THE NEWS

Fred Thompson makes his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination official

Liz Sidoti
The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Fred Thompson officially entered a wide-open Republican presidential race Thursday, vowing to inaugurate a united GOP and promising to thwart another Clinton from capturing the presidency.

The former Tennessee senator bursted to the forefront of the campaign March 10, when he and other Republicans seized control of Congress and established an equal counterpart to Democrat Bill Clinton in the White House. Now an official candidate for the Republican nomination, Thompson promised to return the party to better times.

"In 1992, we were down after a Clinton victory," Thompson said in a 15-minute Webcast that laid out the rationale for the candidacy and also declared on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno.

"In 1994, our conservative principles led us to a comeback and majority control of the Congress. Now we don't want to have to come back from another Clinton victory. Our country needs us to win next year. I am ready to lead that effort," he said.

Thompson also swept at his leading Republican rivals, Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney, without naming them, saying: "In 1994, when I first ran, I advocated the same common-sense conserva- tive positions that I hold today." Thirteen years ago, Giuliani was a New York mayor who espoused liberal-to-moderate positions on social issues and even hinted at a run for the presidency. Dick Cheney was a moder- ate challenging Sen. Edward M. Kennedy in liberal Massachusetts.

Today, some conservatives quirking Giuliani’s and Romney’s credentials — and Thompson sees an opening for his can- didacy. Thompson, 65, enters an extraordinarily fluid race four months before voting begins. While Giuliani leads in national polls, Romney maintains an edge in the early states of Iowa and New Hampshire.

Overall, Republican voters have expressed less satisfaction with their choices than Democrats, and Thompson’s campaign ranks strongly in GOP surveys, is maneuvering to become the favorite of a GOP base that is searching for someone with right-flank bona fides who can win in a general election. His quest won’t be easy.

As he prepared to join the campaign, Thompson was plagued by lackluster fundraising, high-profile staff departures, including some prompted by the deep involvement in the campaign by his wife, Jeri, and less-than-stellar performances at campaign events.

He also has endured repeated questions about his role as a lobbyist, his thin Senate record and his record on abortion.

Going forward, he faces not only finance and organization hurdles but also the challenge of living up to his supporters’ sky-high expectations. They have painted him as the second coming of Ronald Reagan and the would-be savior of a Republican Party demoral- ized after electoral losses last year at all levels of government.

After months of playing coy, the veteran actor launched his candidacy Hollywood style and with a multiphase campaign roll- out. He confirmed his bid to Leno in Los Angeles — making him a Republican president of the United States — and the first loudspeakers gathered in New Hampshire to debate without him, then released the online video. A tour of early primary states begins Thursday afternoon in Iowa.

On Leno’s show, Thompson called Giuliani, Romney and Arizona Sen. John McCain formidable but added: “I think I will be, too” as he rejected the notion that he was jumping too soon into what he has been calling, in the few months he's been suggesting it, “too early to go out.” In the online video, Thompson emphasized his long-time adher- ence to states’ rights, limited gov- ernment and individual liberties. He also countered the perception that he is unsuited to do the hard work necessary to run for office, much less serve as president. “I’m not going to give this campaign all that I have to give,” he promised. Thompson portrayed himself as capable of addressing “grave issues affecting the safety and security of the American people and our economic well-being.”

On foreign policy and national security, he said, “The specter of weapons of mass destruction in the hands of our worst enemies continues to grow, and will we have yet to really come to terms with the natural extent of the threat we are facing from radical Islamic terrorism.”

“Iraq and Afghanistan are cur- rent fronts in this war and the world watches as our will is test- ed,” he continued. “I can do everything in our power to achieve success.”
“They’re not going to be able to sneak up on anybody because (the FBS teams are) going to be fully aware that schools at our level can win those games,” Kern said.

Though Football Championship Subdivision, formerly Division I-AA, teams are at a distinct disadvantage with 22 less scholarships available, the lines between the levels are becoming more blurred, said SIU Athletic Director Mario Moccia.

Moccia, a previous administrator at FBS school University of Missouri, said facing a more prominent opponent can do great things for a program in addition to gaining revenue through a portion of the larger venue’s ticket sales.

Such was the case with Appalachian State, who in addition to the Wolverines’ pride, also escaped the Big House with $400,000 in revenue for the athletic department.

Like Appalachian State, SIU is no stranger to Big 10 upsets.

Last season, the Salukis became the first team in Gateway Conference history to defeat a Big 10 squad, coming 23-22 after head coach Jerry Kill stuck with the call a week he has never regretted, making the decision to go for the win.

“I regretted not winning the game I guess you’d say. I guess it wasn’t a very good call — we didn’t win the game,” Kill said. “As I watch films, if I was making that call in that particular situation I’d do it again, I just wish we’d executed the play better.’’

Kill said he would love to be forced to make the same decision Saturday.

“I hope I’m in that same position,’’ Kill said. “I hope we’re in that position to win.’’

Senior cornerback Craig Turner was in the process of redesignating during the last Northern Illinois game, and said he got even more excited by the environment at the FBS school.

“I loved it,’’ Turner said. “I wanted to take my redshirt off that game, but it obviously wasn’t my call. This time I get to show the guys what they missed out on.’’

Turner said he prepares even harder knowing he is facing an FBS school.

“I don’t see it as a pushover, I don’t see it as a mismatch,’’ Turner said. “I just see it as a football game that has to be played.’’

Senior running back John Randle, who transferred to SIU from Kansas University, an FBS school, said he appreciates the change in atmosphere but doesn’t see much difference between the two subdivisions.

“We’re not really worried about a (FBS) team, it’s just the next team to us. The next team in the way, pretty much, so we get to take care of them,’’ Randle said.

Randle said most of the talk surrounding the distinct advantage of the FBS schools is empty “hoopla.’’

“They may suit up 70, 80, 90, 100, but they’re going to have 11, and our 11 is going to be pretty good too,’’ Kill said. “The bottom line is how our 11 plays against their 11. It doesn’t matter if we play in a big stadium, small stadium or if we play in the street.’’

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— Craig Turner

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McNeil currently faces charges of criminal trespassing and resisting a peace officer.

Before Tuesday, Cole said he had not been informed of McNeil’s arrest.

“I had not been advised of anything formally,’’ Cole said. “I hadn’t been contacted by anybody involved in the instance.’’

Cole said a formal complaint needed to be filed to give city officials information about what caused the complaint.

“Basically it allows them to describe everything that happened and then state what their complaint is,’’ Cole said.

Cole said he thought the comments made Tuesday at the Council meeting were vague and gave no detail into what happened. He also said he thought it was an ineffective way to communicate.

“Coming and walking in with 20 or 30 people late to a City Council meeting, making some vague statements and then leaving is not really participating in finding a solution to whatever your problem is,’’ Cole said.

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A brother would never haze another

Ray Sophie
Guest Columnist

I’ve never been a goat — my brothers have never been goats, and our pledges will never been goats. Now, I know what you’re asking — what’s this kid’s bizarre obsession with goats? Well, before the 1980s, fraternal habits were much different. When Phi Kappa Tau was last here — the late 1970s — pledges were known as “goats.” While I’m not what sure why they called their pledges “goats” they were forced to do, I am relatively certain it would qualify as hazing by today’s standards.

Fraternity Information and Programming Group, which is the resource for Greeks on all risk management issues, defines hazing as: “Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether or not fraternity/sorority permissions, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrass-
Colleen Lindsay

Blagojevich: The budget, the good, the bad and the ugly

For days I was expecting to read the budget. “The lights go blank in Springfield.” For a brief, glimmering moment, I thought as though we would be without a government for a while. After months of bickering, blaming and pointing fingers, Gov. Rod Blagojevich slashed his way through the state budget and made it his own.

One of the more important highlights is that this process is finally over. This was an unnecessary protracted series of events that want my way and nothing else will do” that needed to end. Even though it hurt to hear our elected politicians bicker and fight, it showed citizens of this state that our government is actually alive and kicking.

On a positive, Blagojevich cut $141 million in pork money. It’s an interesting term with many names — political pork, legislative member initiatives — that describes a process in which members of the legislature receive money each year, earmarked for various expenses that may arise in their communities. These expenses include repainting or building a bridge, fixing sidewalks or adding street lighting. However, this money has been absorbed in some instances. Either the money has not always gone back to the community, or it has, but in a very peculiar way. This is due to the lack of supervision for the program. Nowhere along the line are members required to track where every dollar lands. It looks like a large amount of money that was slashed. In actuality, it might help fight corruption in Illinois politics.

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What about the rest of us?

Dear Editor:

I applaud Glenn Poshard for the integrity of his actions in response to recent allegations from accusers that mask themselves in anonymity. He is a man that has spent a lifetime in public service, making southern Illinois a better place for all of us. I find it disgusting a small group of disgruntled, faultless, publicly employed university employees can so easily utilize the local press to carry out their attack. It makes me wonder if this can happen to someone who has done so much for so many, what about the rest of us?

Jim Shaffer
Carbondale resident

BLENDING

A BATTLE OF THE MINDS

Colleen Lindsay

Erik Rancatore
Dick’s opens its doors

Retail giant debuts in Carbondale

David Lopez

The next big-box store has opened in Carbondale, and many people are holding their breath. Dick’s Sporting Goods opened its doors to the public today for the first time during its grand opening. The store, which inhabits the old K-Mart building, will provide sporting supplies and equipment at big-box store prices.

Already, other local businesses are anticipating its arrival. “It will definitely bring more people to the area,” said Angela Saunders, a manager at Petco and a senior from Beloit, Wis., studying pre-veterinary medicine. “It will probably change our payroll. We’re going to have more people on hand for the increased traffic,” Saunders said.

Unlike Petco or Best Buy, which could benefit from the increased traffic produced by Dick’s, smaller, locally-owned stores could lose customers and profit.

Rick Reeve, the owner of Shawnee Trails Wilderness Outfitters, is not looking forward to the competition. “I don’t mind competition, but even if it took 10 percent of my business, that’s not getting paid,” Reeve said. “Carbondale is a hard enough market to operate in.”

To combat the giant, Reeve called his suppliers to see if they were going to supply to Dick’s. Reeve said based on the information given to him, he pulled some merchandise off the racks that would be sold at Dick’s.

Reeve said he thought the city could have made a better decision for what business could fill the gap left by K-Mart.

“If they had paid more attention to what we already have, and to what Dick’s sells, they would have brought something that we don’t already have,” Reeve said.

Kevin Baity, assistant City Manager for economic development, has already been inside the store and feels it will bring something new to the Carbondale community. “I don’t think we have another store in town that has an indoor driving range,” Baity said. “If we do, I haven’t seen it.”

Dick’s will also offer the city’s only indoor archery range and custom golf clubs and hunting bows.

Despite the competition, Baity does not think local sporting goods stores will suffer too much of an impact. “They may see an adverse effect in the beginning, but I don’t think it’s going to affect them in the long run,” Baity said.

Rashid Zakeri, a graduate student from Chicago studying chemistry, is loyal to the local businesses, but predicts people will always flock to the better deals. “The fact of the matter is, if they put a sign out here and they have lower prices, people are just going to say, ‘Screw it,’ and shop here,” Zakeri said.

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On the shore of Campus Lake Wednesday, Brandon McBride, a senior in zoology from Virginia Beach, Va., looks over his canoe after pulling it out of the water. McBride was taking part in an exercise for a wildlife techniques class where students learn how to deal with difficult situations in the wild. Wednesday’s lesson taught students how to deal with a capsizing canoe.

Hours of Operation for University Rec Centers

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“I don’t think that students realize how much it costs to run a facility like this,” Zakeri said. Things like using four gallons of water per toilet flush as opposed to five and using halogen lights instead of the current light sources have been assessed and fixed during the audit, Zakeri said.

Ehling said another issue that makes expanding the hours difficult is the raise in minimum wage. “It’s just one extra hour on weekdays by all guests,” Ehling said.

The added cost has brought about extra charges on patrons, Ehling said. Starting this year, staff and faculty have to pay $5 for all guests. Before the rule change, family members of staff could get in for free.

Pending on the results of the energy audit, Ehling said he hopes to keep the Recreation Center open at least one extra hour on weekdays by Christmas.

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8. You have a lot of “honey-do” chores that you've been avoiding. Get into that this weekend, and you can become a happier person.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7. — Your friends applaud your recent efforts. They admire your wit and your perseverance. Gracefully accept their applause.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8. — Great wealth is already yours, but you can have even more if you play. You can have more and more and more. More is better, right?

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Conditions for expansion are excellent. This ought to be fun. Your success is practically guaranteed so set forth with confidence. You always do that anyway, but this time, even more so.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — You may need something just a bit of advice from an old friend. There's the need for you to remember, however, you will have to pay back the back and paycheck can't be rough. Find the best interest rate.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — You can talk to a person who has certain skills you lack. Explain the situation clearly, in no uncertain terms. Yes, you can understand the mess over now. Without a heads up.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) — Today is an 7 — Less time talking, more time acting. That's today's agenda. Focus on your work and you will learn to love it.

Stranger things have happened.

By The Mepham Group

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Full of hot air

Balloons take to the sky this weekend in Cascade of Colors festival

Audra Ord
Daily Egyptian

Tacking advice from an old performance adage, the show must go on, the Cascade of Colors will continue this weekend come rain or shine.

After an eight-year break, the Cascade of Colors hot-air balloon festival has returned to the Southern Illinois Airport in Murphysboro for its sixth year, although inclement weather has been forecast for the weekend.

The four-day event began Thursday evening at Blue Sky Winery with the balloon inflation and continued Friday with balloons flying from area schools at 6:30 a.m.

More launches will take place Friday and Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 6:30 a.m. — all launches will be from the Southern Illinois Airport.

Gary Schaffer, the manager at Southern Illinois Airport, said the event began back in the 1990s but was stopped after five years because it required too much time and energy for those involved.

“It takes a tremendous amount of volunteers — over 200 — to pull off an event of this size,” Schaffer said. “And after five years, everybody began to burn out. So we opted to take a break from the festival.”

Also said the people of the area wanted the balloons back, so the organizers of the event decided to re-energize and regroup to get the festival going again.

While Schaffer said organizers expect thousands to attend, the weather may keep some people away.

“The festival will be run very close to how it was done in the past, with launches taking place in the mornings and evenings,” Schaffer said.

Also included in the festivities are concerts by local bands Saint Stevens Blues, 4 on the Floor, Ivan John and Mufflied Clown, a dance band from Cape Girardeau, Mo.

“This is a family-oriented event,” said Alyssa Phoenix, administrative assistant for the Southern Illinois Airport. “It’s something the community can get involved in.”

Phoenix said there’s something for everyone at the festival, including food vendors, wine from local wineries and a children’s area.

She said families have the opportunity to crew a balloon — a difficult yet rewarding job that includes folding up the balloon, taking care of the lines and basket and chasing the balloons to wherever it lands.

“It’s hard work, but it’s a lot of fun,” Phoenix said.

For Mark Gindlesparger, a balloonist from Murphysboro, this year’s festival will bring him full-circle.

Gindlesparger became involved with ballooning in 1995 when he crewed for a balloon with his family at the Cascade of Colors.

“Once that festival was here, the Cascade of Colors, I got pretty infatuated with it right then and there,” Gindlesparger said.

After the 1995 festival, Gindlesparger decided to pursue ballooning. He trained and received his pilot’s degree then bought a balloon. He participated as a balloonist in the 1996 festival.

Gindlesparger is looking forward to participating in this event, particularly because it’s on his home turf.

“I think it’s going to be great fun,” Gindlesparger said. “I get to play a little host.”

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Deal with Cleveland State's potent blocking, led by freshman Ben's 1.43 blocks per game, will require SIU to continue their high percentage attack, Winkle said.

Junior libero Krissy Elswick now stands second all-time in SIU history in digs with 1,182 while the Northern Illinois offensive line was the result of the play of the offensive line. SIU head coach Jerry Kill said the Northern Illinois junior running back Montell Clanton had 13 carries for 49 yards, a performance Huskie head coach Joe Novak said was the result of the play of the defensive line.

SIU defensive coordinator Tracy Claeys said it's better than it played against Iowa, its first one.

“I think this win definitely is the one to start because of what they needed and what they were looking for,” he said. “But I feel real good, I’m really proud of myself.”

Clayes said Williams played well in the first game, but would have liked to see Williams play more physical in the second half.

“I loved it because I worked hard over camp, we all did, and the coaches felt like I would probably be the one to start because of what they needed and what they were looking for,” he said. “But I feel real good, I’m really proud of myself.”

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“Overall he played pretty good for a first start and out there on the edge by himself,” Clayeys said. “He did a little better than expected, probably.”

The Saluki will also be without starting cornerback Derek Bell for at least four to five weeks due to a knee injury suffered against Quincy, but Marty Rodgers will be back at safety.

As a result of Belton’s injury, freshman Mike McElroy won’t be redshirted, and freshman defensive back Rashad Graham may not be redshirted either.

“We’ll have to pull a redshirt or two off a couple youngsters, and they’re probably not ready to play, but we need to get them ready to play,” Kill said.

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St. Louis (69-68) is one game behind NL Central co-leaders Chicago and Milwaukee, scoring its most runs since Aug. 29, 2001, against San Diego. The Cardinals had 22 hits, the highest total since April 27, 2003, at Florida.

“They took some of our young kids and hit them hard — period,” Pirates manager Jim Tracy said. “That pitches in the middle of the plate get hit often, and hard.”

The Cardinals are 17-9 since the Ankiel callup.

“It seems like we’ve been winning since I’ve been here,” Ankiel said. “Hopefully we can continue.”

Mike Maroth, back from a bout of elbow tendinitis, allowed two runs, six hits and two walks in 1 2-3 innings, throwing 54 pitches in his first appearance since Aug. 4. On Wednesday, Mark Mulder pitched for the first time in over a year and gave up six runs over four innings in an 8-2 loss.

“It was a matter of just not being aggressive enough early in the count,” Maroth said. “I made a lot of pitches that would have been good with two strikes, or when I was ahead in the count but early in the count you’ve got to make them put it in play.”

Kelvin Jimenez (2-0) got one out for the win, throwing a called third strike past Jason Bay to end the second with the bases loaded.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

John Bradsher

“Hey I'm that guy that supposedly the underdogs can come out and just come out and play hard and win, and win the game because everybody acts like the points the same way. It's how you prepare, and everybody has their day, so hopefully it's our day. We're just going to go out and play hard and try to beat them...”

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**FOOTBALL**

**SIU looks to stuff Huskie run**

Key in North vs. South matchup could be rushing attack

**Scott Mieszala**

*Daily Egyptian*

The SIU football team is expecting the Northern Illinois Huskies to try and prove a point with their rushing game Saturday, and the Salukis said they are ready for it.

The Huskies recorded 21 rushing yards in their first game, a 16-3 loss against Iowa, and should try and gain momentum with their backfield when SIU heads to Northern Illinois for a 6:30 p.m. kickoff at Huskie Stadium in DeKalb.

After the Huskies’ poor show- ing on the ground, Saluki senior defensive tackle Andre Tillman said Northern Illinois is feeling unsure about its rushing attack.

“[They] haven’t been practicing as much stuff the run, make them throw the ball,” Tillman said. “That’s not their game.”

Northern Illinois (0-1) also allowed 250 yards rushing to the Hawkeyes.

The last time the Salukis played a FBS team, formerly known as Division I-A, SIU totaled 244 yards on the ground in its 35-28 win at Indiana last season.

Senior running back John Randle, one of five Salukis to carry the ball, said the Salukis are happy to remain on the SIU campus after spending the last two weekends traveling and missing classes as a result, the Salukis are happy to remain on the SIU campus for an extended period of time.

“We don’t have the pressures of traveling, and we can get our class work done as well,” said Kristie Berwanger, a junior right side hitter.

**VOLLEYBALL**

**Salukis staying at home**

Majority of SIU’s upcoming games at Davies Gym

**Justin Stoffelrath**

*Daily Egyptian*

The SIU volleyball team will become duly acclimated with Davies Gym in the coming weeks.

“The Salukis can enjoy the friendly atmosphere of their home court for six of their next seven matches, beginning with this weekend’s Saluki Invitational.”

SIU opens the tournament today against Cleveland State University at 7 p.m. and concludes it Saturday with matches against the University of Missouri-Kansas City (4-6) at noon and Murray State University (2-8) at 7 p.m.

“After spending the last two weekends traveling and missing classes as a result, the Salukis are happy to remain on the SIU campus for an extended period of time.”

“Having relieved ourselves of the pressure of completing school work during late night road trips, SIU will be better equipped to prepare for Cleveland State (5-3), who should be the stiffer competition of the weekend,” Winkeler said.

Winkeler has stressed the importance her team places on a statistic she considers crucial.

“[It’s] better to be home and on the court we practice on everyday,” Berwanger said.

Coach Brenda Winkeler has described herself as a “stat person,” and the Salukis, statistically speaking, stack up favorably with their Missouri Valley Conference brethren and Cleveland State.

SIU currently leads all MVC teams statistically in kills per set, with a 13.38 kills-per-set average, and maintains the largest conference spread of 4.47 percent.

“The team will open the round-robin tournament against defending Division II National Champion Southern Illinois University Edwardsville at 12:15 p.m. and then the NAIA St. Xavier at 4:45 p.m.”

SIU will play another double-header Sunday and face Heartland Community College at 10 a.m. and Illinois Central College at 12:15 p.m. to conclude the tournament.

Last season, the Salukis went 4-0 during the ISU Fall Classic and allowed only one run in all four games. A big factor in the Salukis’ dominance were starting pitchers Cassidy Snuggs and Ashley Hamby.

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**SOFTBALL**

**SIU eager to return to the diamond**

Softball returns with fall tournament this weekend

**Megan Kramer**

*Daily Egyptian*

The SIU softball team is looking for a chance to gel after a long summer apart.

The Salukis, who begin tournament play in the Illinois State Fall Classic in Bloomington Saturday, return all but three players from last year’s 41-16 squad that went to the NCAA tournament for the fifth consecutive year.

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