City police brace for the fall

46 underage tickets issued, 12 DUI arrests made so far

Danny Wenger
Daily Egyptian

Ordering a beer might be more expensive than just a dollar for underage students.

As fall breathes new life into the Strip and students line up for house parties, police are adjusting to the increased night activity.

Already this month, 46 tickets have been issued for underage drinking, according to the Carbondale Police Department. Police have also made 12 DUI arrests.

SIU Police Chief Todd Sigler said his department made subtle changes to patrol certain routes to cover areas with more activity.

"Fall is far and away a busier period," Sigler said. "We make subtle adjustments for all. We concentrate more in the residence hall area."

Officer Randy Mathis said no specific changes have been made to staffing or patrols, but adjustments would be made if necessary.

"We deal with things as they come," Mathis said. "We take a look at staffing issues, and if we start seeing that there is a lot of complaints about parties or alcohol violations, then we would certainly staff accordingly."

While police said no definitive changes were made, students have certainly noticed an increase in officers on the streets.

Jason Pulley, 19, a freshman from Gibson City studying industrial design, said he noticed several patrol cars Saturday night on Grand Avenue.

"The first night out there was cops just driving up and down Grand Avenue," Pulley said. "There were parties where kids would be leaving because they thought it was going to get busted, but really it never got busted, there were just so many cops driving around."

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"There's no real extra effort to charge out, you know, 'the students are back, let's go get them!'

— Randy Mathis
Carbondale police officer

Chris Gardner traces his path to 'happyness'

David Lopez
Daily Egyptian

Chris Gardner said it still blows him away that Hollywood spent more than $70 million to recreate his life story.

Gardner's journey from homelessness to wealth was documented in his best-selling autobiography, "The Pursuit of Happyness," which was later turned into a blockbuster film starring Will Smith. Gardner spent Thursday evening in front of nearly 3,000 people at SIU Arena talking about his life experiences.

The speech was scheduled to be held at Shryock Auditorium but was changed to the SIU Arena when officials learned of the popularity of Gardner.

Gardner also spoke at the Southern Business Journal’s Leadership Breakfast to more than 300 people at John A. Logan Community College.

Cavanaugh L. Gray, the director of business development for the Entrepreneur Cafe, said Gardner's story struck a chord with him regarding business principle and work ethic.

"The one thing that rang out the most was responsibility," Gray said. "Regardless of your situation, you have to take responsibility."

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Mike Klein (far side of car), an 18-year-old freshman from Chicago studying aviation flight, was ticketed by Carbondale police officers Wednesday night for possession of a fake ID and underage drinking. Mike was caught while the officers made a routine sweep of Sidetracks.

Students have noticed an increase in police presence in the areas surrounding the strip and student housing.

"They were just looking to give tickets. They were just trying to get me for whatever they could possibly get."

— Mike Klein
Freshman

Carbondale firefighters work to extinguish a dumpster fire Sunday evening at Lewis Park Apartments in Carbondale.

Brandy Oxford
Daily Egyptian

JASON JOHNSTON — DAILY EGYPTIAN

After speaking at the Community Leaders Breakfast, Chris Gardner greeted attendees and autographed copies of his autobiography, "The Pursuit of Happyness" at John A. Logan College Thursday.

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Higher education for all

Brandy Oxford
Daily Egyptian

Two plus two no longer equals four.

SIU’s Two Plus Two outreach program, which is a pre-admission program to help community college students make a seamless transition to SIU, is gaining new recognition for extending its services to several local businesses in addition to seven community colleges and more than 1,000 students.

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Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority Inc. Informational Meeting
1 - 5 p.m. Saturday at the Student Center, Salukis Union
Business Casual Attire
Free admission

Cookout sponsored by Black Togetherness Organization and Residence Hall Association
4:30 p.m., Saturday at Renda field (behind Brush Towers)
Free and open to everyone
Move at 7 p.m., "Blades of Glory"

Man gets medical release from jail
EDWARDSVILLE — An Alton man accused of threatening a state sena- tor’s life has been freed from jail on court- ordered medical furlough to get treatment for a brain tumor his doctors say will kill him within two months without chemo- therapy.
Steve Rain, 55, was released Tuesday from the Madison County Jail in this St. Louis suburb, roughly five weeks after being charged with a felony count of threatening a public official.
Police arrested Rain on July 11 after someone at the Argosy casino in Alton reported overhearing Rain making threats against state Sen. Bill Hane, an Alton Democrat who was in Springfield at the time.
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Illinois soldier killed in Black Hawk crash
NEW LENOX (AP) — An Illinois sol- dier killed when a Black Hawk helicopter crashed in northern Iowa was remembered Thursday for charm that made him a mag- net for both family and friends.
Philip Brodnick, 27, was among 14 soldiers who died when the helicopter went down Wednesday after picking up troops from a mission. Military officials say it appears mechanical problems caused the crash.
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The new budget includes an increase of $597 million, or 9 percent, for elemen- tary and secondary schools. It depends largely on natural growth in state revenues during the fiscal year, a forecast that is ending a handful of tax breaks for business.

But the disagreements are likely to continue as officials try to come up with money for roads, bridges and mass transit.
Blagojevich offered no explanation for cutting some expenses and not others. His staff did not respond to repeated ques- tions about his 79-page veto to the 1,384- page budget.

The military did not immediately release the names of soldiers who died in the crash. But family and friends have confirmed deaths that touched towns in California, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington.
"He was so charming," Larson told WLS-TV of Chicago. "He was so charming." And his family just loved him. He’ll be missed by everyone.
Mayor Harry Klein said Brodnick lived in Burbank until he was 8, then moved to St. Louis’ County Jail in this St. Louis suburb. "I believe the military does as much as humanly possible to take care of things after a death of a service member," he said.

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‘LESAR’ searches for more of its own

Barton Lorimar
DAILY EGYPTIAN

It’s not hard to seek out Dana McGuire, but it is hard to hide from her.

McGuire, the president of Little Egypt Search and Rescue (LESAR), is a part-time search and rescue member who, along with his team, responds to emergency calls within 100 miles of Jackson and Union counties.

McGuire created LESAR in order to give his “smart dog an activity.” Since then, he has been on teams in a large California county that has single-handedly responded to more calls than all of southern Illinois’s in a week.

LESAR, which was founded in November 2003, is composed of volunteers from throughout the community.

LESAR held a meeting Thursday night for those interested in joining the depleting LESAR roster. The 15 in attendance ranged from stay-at-home mothers to retired Marines and Scott County K-9 trainers.

Johnny Johnson, of Ullin, eagerly sat in the front row, hoping his nervous feelings would be calmed and lead to a future spot on the LESAR team.

Johnson said he could bring unique experience to the search-and-rescue team.

“I work at a mental health institution,” Johnson said. “We have a lot of people that run away, and it’s sometimes hard to find them. I thought I might be able to help out.”

Throughout the next 10 weeks, trainees will be interacting with helicopter, trained dogs and search-and-rescue officials from as far away as Los Angeles, Ky.

LESAR is not a first response team, though. When situations arise, local authorities notify McGuire, who then begins a calling tree to the rest of the team. Search-and-rescue teams are called in as-needed and are told what to do by authorities already on the scene.

While LESAR awaits non-profit organization status from the state, the last of its funds were spent on handouts and bottled water to keep the audience cool in the non-air conditioned building. The company is not permitted to accept donations at this time.

LESAR members are volunteers, meaning everyone is responsible for their own equipment and are free to go as they please. As it stands, the LESAR team consists of those interested at the learning center.

McGuire’s experience and passion for the field was displayed in his observations of the recent collapse of the J-35 bridge in Minneapolis and search for coal miners in Utah.

“This (search-and-rescues) who have been out there for a while just won’t stop. They’re trained not to. When they are asked to go out and do it, they’ll do it,” McGuire said.

Search-and-rescue canine handler Jayn Bigler of Anna checks on her partner Trooper during a training and introductory meeting sponsored by the Little Egypt Search and Rescue group Thursday evening at the Touch of Nature Center in Makanda.

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Mayor experiences Filipino culture

COLE visits island nation as American delegate to lead group of political leaders

Surely Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole has a lot of correspondence to catch up on.

Cole was out of the office for an excursion in the Philippines from Aug. 3 through Aug. 17.

Accompanied by eight fellow delegates of the American Council of Young Political Leaders, an association of political leaders between the ages of 21 and 40 from all over the country, Brad Cole traveled to the Philippines for a 14-day acclimation to Filipino government.

Cole led the group, acting as the liaison between the host country and the group of U.S. delegates. His escort position required that he organize aspects of the meetings with the Filipino government.

After visiting Manila, where the U.S. embassy is located, the group traveled to smaller communities and provinces of the Philippines to understand the relations of its national, regional and local governments.

Cole said meeting with Filipino legislators occupied most of his time, but there were opportunities for casual social activities and even a chance to see unique wildlife common to the Philippines like the tarsier, the world’s smallest primate.

While Cole said he traveled without expense to the Philippines, Councilwoman Mary Pohlmann said she was concerned about not knowing who provided funding. She said the council is sometimes asked for expenditures approval after it’s been spent.

“Maybe we could see that this was a part of his role as a mayor and totally justified, but I would’ve liked to have known ahead of time,” Pohlmann said.

ACPLYL acting CEO, Quentin Lide, said most of the funding for its delegates is provided by a grant that the ACPLYL receives from the U.S. Department of State.

“Participants aren’t really required or asked to fund anything other than personal expenses, phone calls, things like that,” Lide said.

Cole said one of the most touching things of the experience was his visit to a Death March memorial. He also said he enjoyed meeting with the Filipino people.

Cole said that despite the poverty and economic straits of their country, there were “no friendlier people” than Filipinos.

“The real plus,” Cole said, “was just interacting with people and building friendships and developing relationships with a democracy and a real friend of the United States.”

The trip was Cole’s second with the delegation since his nomination by Chicago U.S. delegation Judge Glen Bower in 2002. His first trip was to Northern Ireland.

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Northern Illinois hit by more storms

Dan Strumpf
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A fast-moving, nearly nonstop downpour with more than 70 mph named skies from day to night across a wide swath of the Chicago region damaged buildings and businesses, splitting trees and bringing planes and trains to a halt.

A roof collapsed at the north end of an industrial building in the suburbs, injuring 40 people, authorities said. West Chicago Police Department spokesman Mike Uplegger said it appeared people were sent to the erial and the roof restoration refused at the scene. None of the injuries was expected to be life-threatening.

A large piece of metal scaffolding at Northwestern Memorial Hospital’s Prentice Women’s Hospital collapsed during the storm, and two people suffered minor injuries but refused treatment, Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford said. Also, the wall of a four-story building under construction on Chicago’s North Side collapsed, but no injuries were reported.

The uprooted tree lay across two other vehicles and her car, completely crushing it. It “looks crazy around here,” he said while waiting for help. “It’s really bad.”

Matt Srinivasan, 29, of St. John, Ind., was in Chicago for his wedding on Saturday – was walking downtown with his fiancee and friends when the storm struck.

“As soon as it hit, we made a break for the nearest bar,” he said. “We were inside and it was pretty bad. We’ve seen a lot of storms, but this one was pretty bad.”

The severe weather – which included reports of funnel clouds in several western suburbs – filled trees and traffic lights and forced the bail of commuter rail lines throughout the city. About 350 flights were canceled at O’Hare International Airport.

“Today everyone evacuating and passengers should expect delays of up to 2 1/2 hours, according to Chicago Aviation Commission Naria Fernandez. Flights at O’Hare Airport were delayed up to 90 minutes.

Judy Parnoont, a spokesman for United Airlines, said there were delays throughout the system because of debris on the track and malfunctioning signals.

“It’s going to be a slow commute home for us,” she said.

Langford said fires in several areas of the city hit power lines and exploded transformers, setting utility poles on fire.

Chileans Charleston

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Richard Jacobson
The Associated Press

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Scholarship Web site to become easier to use

New site would have database for student information

Christian Holt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC students searching for scholarships may want to clear their calendars. Currently, searching for SIUC scholarships can be a strenuous process of inserting information and reading nearly every description to find an appropriate scholarship.

Financial Aid officials, though, hope this may not be the case for much longer.

Heads of the financial aid department said they are trying to make the process of finding a scholarship easier for undergraduate students by creating a database with information on every campus scholarship available to students.

Once completed, the database would allow students to enter personal information to review relevant scholarships. Information such as year in school, gender, ethnicity and hometown would be among the criteria used for the search.

Billie Jo Hamilton, the director of Financial Aid, hopes the database will make the process of finding scholarships easier and less time consuming so more students will apply for scholarships.

Hamilton said SIUC’s list of scholarships is fairly extensive and for students to have to go through and read every one of those, it could get tedious and frustrating.

“We’re hoping to do with the searchable database is to take all the same information that is already there and just make it easier to find what works for the student searching for a scholarship,” Hamilton said.

Hamilton said the project was started a year ago but employment changes delayed the project’s start date. She said a launch date for the database is set for October.

Currently, 14.5 percent of SIUC students receive scholarships or grants to help pay for school. The average scholarship amount is $2,104.

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Others, though, came just to see Gardner, whose personality was made popular by Smith in the movie.

Michelle Weber, an alumnus of SIUC from Murphysboro, said she went to see Gardner for his quasi-celebrity status alone.

“I saw the movie with my brother and I thought it was really awesome how he persevered,” Weber said. “I just wanted to see him speak and see what he had to say.”

Chris Gardner, Jr. — Gardner’s son — was portrayed in the film as a child but is now 26-years-old. He said while he was too young to remember, he still has a vague recollection of his father’s story.

“The only thing I remember was just me and my dad always together,” Gardner Jr. said. “We were always on the move.”

Gardner Jr. also admits the movie does not stray very far from the actual story, claiming the movie is at least 80 percent accurate.

Growing up without a father, Gardner said he made a decision at the age of 5 that his children would not grow up fatherless. After a stint in the Navy and a semi-successful career publishing medical journals, Gardner found himself on the streets of San Francisco with his then 2-year-old son.

When asked how he became homeless, Gardner said it was not drugs or alcohol, but something just as lethal: life.

Though he found himself in a seemingly hopeless situation, Gardner continued toward his dream of becoming a millionaire. Besides his son’s welfare, Gardner said one of the main motivations in his life was his mother, Bettye Jean Tripplett née Gardner.

“I had one of those older-fashioned mothers who told you to do anything you want,” said Gardner.

Gardner struck it big upon landing an internship with Dean Witter Rentals training program. There he learned the ropes of stock brokering despite not having any experience or college education.

Spending nights with his son sleeping in subway bathrooms, under his office desk and at the Glide Memorial Church, Gardner worked during the day on Wall Street and eventually became a top broker in his company.

Latter, Gardner would become the top broker in his company and would go on to found Gardner Rich and Co.

Today, Gardner has offices in Chicago, New York, San Francisco and South Africa.

Despite all he has accomplished, though, Gardner said his greatest accomplishment was not the money he made, but the fact he was able to break the cycle of men not being there for their children.

“I got the chance to give my little boy something: a father,” Gardner said. “It’s such a blessing to be in a space where the rest of the world feels you added something. How can you take that for granted?”

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Every brother has his story

Ray Sophie
Guest Columnist

Life is funny. As I write this article in class, I can’t help but laugh that I have a column to promote Greek life when, ironically, I chose SIUC so that I wouldn’t have to deal with fraternities.

After all, who wants to be hazed, forced to drink insane amounts of alcohol and live in a house with 40 drunken idiots who are abusive to women? Besides that, I’m not comfortable with popping my collar or having the color pink in my wardrobe. I would rather have stuck a pen in my eye than become the elitist scum bag known as “the frat boy.”

Before I go into why I made a quick U-turn, let me first tell you a bit about myself. I am a junior here at SIUC, double-majoring in radio-television and journalism. I have the honor of serving as the Inter-Greek Council vice president, the president of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and I am a walk-on member of the University swim team.

Now, I didn’t get on the team right away, so the first two months of freshman year I was pretty lost. When you swim for 14 years, life gets confusing when it suddenly stops. So when I met the only social kid on my floor, I bonded with him right away. He was a sophomore, so he basically helped me adjust to life here in Carbondale.

Within a week I had been introduced to his fraternity and met his brothers. His brothers, to my surprise, were far from the “frat boy” image to which I had pictured them. These were kids who wore T-shirts, used the phrase “boomers,” talked to everyone and gave a rather roasting rendition of Natalie Imbruglia at one in the morning — they were, you know, goodballs.

And I fit right in. Despite taking to these guys right away, I remained steadfast in my anti-fraternity mindset. Then I attended the alumni weekend tailgate. Watching a number of old men reliving events far too explicit to recall in this column, I knew that this kind of brotherhood was exactly what I wanted.

I accepted their bid that week. When I was associated, they treated me as though I had been a brother for years. I wasn’t pressured into joining, they didn’t look down upon me as a pledge, and I was seriously never hazed (seriously?).

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This was just my experience. For every fraternity man, there is a story of how and why he became involved with his brothers. Every fraternity has something to offer that no other group on this campus can. Some do wear colored shirts, while others, I am convinced, don’t own a single shirt with sleeves — you know who you are.

But seriously, for those who are interested in becoming a fraternity man, or if you’re just a little curious, there is a bags tournament from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25 at Rinella Field. The first place duo is taking home two $75 gift cards to Wal-Mart, and anyone is welcome to attend. I hope to see you all out there!

Ray Sophie is a junior majoring in radio-television and journalism.

GUEST COLUMN

We’re rollin’ now
Dear Editor:

I was delighted to hear that the issue of the football stadium has finally been settled.

A slight financial deficit still lingers, but I’m sure our leaders at the Foundation will find the money, even if they have to print it themselves.

And the list of compelling reasons for the new stadium just seems to grow every day. I mean, what’s a higher priority, saving the coach’s job or building new learning centers that can be used by all students? Come on, the answer is obvious; it’s a no-brainer.

Michael T. Madigan
Professor of Microbiology

That’s not a Dawg
Dear Editor:

You recently reported that the tracks of a giant Saluki dog have appeared on the roads of Carbondale. Sorry, but they are not Dawg paw prints, not even dog paw prints. They are CAT prints. Dog paw prints show a small mark made by the claw at the end of each toe. Cats have retractable claws and their paw prints do not show claw spots. Presumably the “pride” in “Saluki Pride” must refer to a pride of lions.

Given that any smart five-year-old who has visited a petting zoo can tell between doggies and passycats, I presume that boosting SIU spirit has the side effect of eroding knowledge of our companion animals. Perhaps SIU should introduce a core curriculum course on the Biology of Cute and Cuddly Animals. Finally, I would recommend that all SIU administrators who truly care about enrollment should get out there with small paintbrushes and add the claw marks.

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WORDS OVERHEARD
“We can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel of death.”

David Carnes<br>Dean of Library Affairs<br>on the progress of the Morris Library construction project
Healthcare has commonly been perceived as a “third rail” of American politics — an issue our elected representatives have refused to engage lest, God forbid, they spark a controversy from which they could not recover. To grab this proverbial piece of charged steel would be to commit a gruesome and not to mention public act of political suicide.

Little do Americans know this is an oddly appropriate analogy for an extremely complex and often misunderstood subject. The first step in developing an employees’ extended healthcare program were railroad companies at the turn of the 20th century. The early 1900s saw a number of important changes in relation to healthcare, the most important of which was the beginning of the American Medical Association and the end of a doctor’s obligation to provide free treatment. Railroads, coalashes of their employ-ees’ lack of medical care, became the only corporation to provide pri-vate insurance to their workers.

And not much has changed since. A survey from the Center for Disease Control estimates that 66.5 percent of Americans still receive health insurance from their employers. Meanwhile, a staggering 43.3 million are without any coverage whatsoever.

It is the latter that has prompted Democrats to push for two of the dirtiest words in the neo-conserva-tive language: universal healthcare. However, despite the first genuine debate on universal healthcare during the decade on enforming our failing system, plans introduced by presidential hopefuls have been characterized as “bleeding heart liberalism” or, in a particularly grotesque farfarming to McCarthyism, as “outsight socialism.”

So the question remains is it “un-American” or “anti-democratic” to support free medical care?

First of all, politicians and citi-zens on both sides of the fence need to learn the difference between socialized medicine and universal healthcare. The former is the com-mon-friendly version in which the state issues a standard level of medical care to its citizens, regardless of class or wealth. The latter means every individual is guaranteed a cer-tain level of care that is paid for by various governmental programs. The companies providing health insurance are, at the end of the day, still businesses. It is the complexities of doing so that has scarred us away from universal programs. For example, fees of huge tax raises and endless spoils of bureaucratic red tape defeated the National Health Security Act, a bill spearheaded by then First Lady Hillary Clinton and introduced to Congress on Nov. 20, 1993. What the majority of Americans don’t realize today is that more than a decade ago for that matter, is that we already pay the taxes we’re afraid of. During an interview with Business Week last month, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger estimated that hospitals across the nation are stuck with $80 million a year in unpaid bills. And guess who’s picking up the tab? Bush Giuliani and other Republican candidates would have us believe that the individual market is still the answer. However, the problem with this is that as it’s always been. The companies providing health insurance, are at the end of the day, still businesses.

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Eugene Clark

About two years ago, six people began a group that focuses primarily on the production of elaborate shawls, scarfs, towels and rugs.

Now called The Shawnee Weavers, the group focuses most of its attention on the art of weaving and how to enhance the skills of everyone involved in the club.

Linn Needham, of Carbondale, said group members showcase pieces they have created during the meetings, discuss problems they have with their projects and sometimes view antique pieces from other countries.

Needham said the primary focus of the group is really quite simple — weaving.

"There's no funding, and we don't pay dues," Needham said. "There's no newsletter, and we don't even take attendance."

The group had a chance to showcase its collection for the first time at the John A. Logan Conference Center Galleries from May 29 to Aug. 19.

Needham said having more exhibits at area colleges is a priority but definitely not the group's focus.

The Weavers all have varying stories about how their interest in weaving began.

Needham said she taught basketry around the Chicago area for many years, but switched her attention to weaving since many of her friends participated in it.

The new interest lasted for many years, and she even opened her own gallery in Cambridge, Wis., a town about 30 miles from Milwaukee, she said.

Melody Shimada, from Carbondale, said she used to do a lot of needlework and yarn work but was astonished to see how many different things could be made through weaving, such as rugs, wallpaper, tapestry, blankets, tapestries, lap robes and more.

"We develop as a person," Shimada said. "I think it is something that just comes to you. It is a desire within you, something you want to do."

Needham said she thinks it is important for people around southern Illinois to learn more about weaving.

"We know that weaving will always be there, and that more people will come back to it when they see how satisfying it is," Needham said.

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POLICE

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House parties are not the only places police have been enforcing drinking laws, though.

Mike Klein, a freshman from Chicago studying aviation flight, was ticketed twice Wednesday night for drinking inside Sidetracks — once for having a fake ID and another for possession of alcohol by a minor.

“They were just looking to get tickets,” Klein said. “They were just trying to get me for whatever they could possibly get.”

Mathis said the added presence of officers insti to catch students vio-

lating laws, but to keep the area safe for students returning for the fall.

“There’s no real extra effort to charge out, you know. The students are back, let’s go get them!” he said.

We want to make sure that our presence is seen not only to reduce people from thinking ‘Maybe I’m underage but I’m going to drink,’ but to help reduce them from becoming victims of crime.”

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LABOR

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John Davis, special assistant to the president, said the program was started as a recruitment tool aimed at students graduating from community colleges.

“We created the outreach centers because we were losing transfer stu-

dents to institutions that are outside the region — Kentucky, Indiana, and Missouri based programs,” Davis said.

“We have high quality programs at SIU that are not only as good as, but exceed those programs.”

Originally aimed at community colleges, Two Plus Two, which began in 1996, has since broadened in horizons and extended its outreach to include classes at Continental Tire through the John A. Logan outreach office. Facilities at Continental Tire have high quality programs, Davis said.

“Students in the community college programs had a 68 percent graduation rate according to a study of 528 students by Brad Simpson, the Two Plus Two coordinator and acting director at the John A. Logan service center.

“This is a pipeline program,” Simpson said. “Right now the thou-

sand or so students that we’re serving will be coming to SIU anywhere from this fall of 2010, and we’ll continue to recruit more. This is going to be a big year for us.”

Program directors have noti-

fied the Sahali Volunteer Corp that they need volunteers to help their students. They have also turned in an application to receive state funds from this year’s budget.

Davis said he would like to see more graduate students used in the program — most students in the Two Plus Two program receive their degree in less than five semesters at SIU.

Simpson, though, said offering baccalaureate programs at some of the community college level is a goal for the future. Some of the campuses already offer education, special edu-

cation and early childcare programs through SIU.

Davis said he won’t know how successful the program was until the tenth day of enrollment, when the transfer figures are available.

“It’s a good program that needed to be supported and used in a more expeditious manner to help transfer students easily from com-

munity colleges. It’s their perfect vehicle,” Simpson said.

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Today's Birthday (08-24-07). The borders pleased upon you this year are heavy but you bear them. You have the extra advantage of being loved and living back. Take care of your special people and pets.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating 1 to the weight day, the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — You're in the mood to say that you do anything, immediately, before you find out precisely what's required before you arrive to a decision.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — The exchange of ideas and discovery of new areas of interest is very highly favored. No need to worry, this will happen naturally, and soon.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — Have all the pertinent facts you can find when you talk to the experts. You may not know everything but they'll be impressed if you know something.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — You're smart but you don't know everything. Find somebody who has parts of the puzzle you lack. This alliance benefits you both.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — Your natural positive attitude serves you well in difficult conditions. Pretend you love the work. You won't have to pretend you love your earnings.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Follow through on a whim; it'll lead you in the right direction. You don't have to know everything — just whom to ask.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — You're a very talented person, and you're in a creative mood. Not everything you try will work the first time but don't give up. You can always re-posses.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — The others are enthusiastic, but they're looking for leadership. You're the one most likely to figure out what has to be done. Don't keep it to yourself.

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Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6— You're smart but you don't know everything. Find somebody who has parts of the puzzle you lack. This alliance benefits you both.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — Your natural positive attitude serves you well in difficult conditions. Pretend you love the work. You won't have to pretend you love your earnings.

By Michael W. Smith

The Love I have today is a 6 — Follow through on a whim; it'll lead you in the right direction. You don't have to know everything — just whom to ask.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — You're a very talented person, and you're in a creative mood. Not everything you try will work the first time but don't give up. You can always re-posses.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — The others are enthusiastic, but they're looking for leadership. You're the one most likely to figure out what has to be done. Don't keep it to yourself.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — The money's good and that's good because you have new household expenses. If you don't yet, you will soon. Replace something before it breaks.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Don't go far today — you could possibly avoid it. Traffic will be horrible and there'll be all sorts of breakdowns. Do yourself a favor and stay out of the traffic.

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Junior libero Kristy Elswick focuses on the ball during a drill for the Saluki Volleyball team.

"It was awesome," Bartruff said. "It was great to get away for a little bit."

Like Medics, junior libero Kristy Elswick found time to relax but remained focused on preparing for the upcoming season, which begins Friday against West Virginia.

Conditioning with strength coach Rebecca Kimball was tough at times, but the work has paid off, Elswick said. She said some of her teammates said the preseason training was the easiest they’ve endured, but she disagreed.

“We’ve just been the most in shape coming into it. That has made it more physically easy on our bodies because we’ve already been conditioned,” Elswick said.

The Salukis did not limit their preseason work to conditioning, although the coaching staff required nothing more.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, players would meet to scrimmage either in Davies Gymnasium or outside at a sand court, Bartruff said.

“Our season has come in and set up the nets, and run some blocking drills and work on our serving,” Bartruff said. “It’s worth it. It’s all worth it.”

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Sports

SIU Baseball encourages walk-ons, try-outs Sept. 9

Those looking to wield the Saluki aluminum may soon get their chance.

The SIU baseball team is holding open tryouts on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. at Abe Martin Field. Head coach Dan Callahan said the team has gotten at least one or two team members from the tryouts every year for the past seven years.

“We’re not necessarily looking to keep anybody, but if someone stands out and does something out of the ordinary, we would consider keeping him,” Callahan said.

The coach encouraged participants to bring their glove, spikes and a current physical.

The men return to action at the Wabash Valley Invitational in Pineville, Ky. on Sept. 3 where returning freshmen Brandon Vugir, a senior, and Blake Driskell, a sophomore, should be expected to carry a bulk of the team load.

Newton said all the players won golf tournaments in the summer and hopes the winning experience will help them this year.

“I think I’ve got three or four guys that can just play some good golf,” said Newton.

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Volleyball

Salukis take to perimeter ‘D’

Single system should help at Morehead

Justin Stofferahn
Daily Edition

Less is more in the SIU volleyball team’s new defensive strategy.

Reverting from two defensive systems to one — the perimeter defense — the Salukis have created less confusion defensively and become more of a cohesive unit, head coach Brenda Winkeler said.

“Last year we struggled early defensively,” she said. “We would freeze film and two people would be in the same spot because they would get confused,” Winkeler added.

Winkeler said she hopes the new strategy will help the team as it puts its defense to work for the first time this season today.

The Salukis will face West Virginia at 1 p.m. on the opening day of the Morehead State Tournament in Morehead, Ky. The Salukis will also play against Morehead State University at 10:30 a.m. and Eastern Kentucky University at 3:30 p.m.

Winkeler said she chose the perimeter defense because it gives SIU the best opportunity to compete but the hard serves prevalent in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The new defensive system has especially helped improve junior libero Kristy Elswick, Winkeler said.

“She would usually rush into the middle of the court and then the ball would get hit into the back corner,” Winkeler said. “Now she is doing a great job of rotating back to the peripherals.

“The defense should receive its toughest challenge of the weekend Saturday against the Eagles, who finished the 2006 season second in assists per game (14.48) and kills per game (15.63) in the Ohio Valley Conference.

On Friday, Winkeler said the Salukis hope to attack West Virginia’s poor ball handling with aggressive serving. SIU defeated West Virginia, which last season finished 3-28, last season in three games — 30-11, 30-18, 30-28.

With a number of deep jump servers, Winkeler said she could mix in a variety of serves by implement-

Volleyball players enjoy time off

Justin Stofferahn
Daily Edition

Despite a busy schedule, several SIU volleyball players escaped the confines of Davies Gymnasium this summer and enjoyed themselves.

With a busy season practice, conditioning and summer classes, many of the athletes found a haven outside of the gym.

Sisters Jen and Kristie Berwanger spent a late July weekend with the New Apostolic Church in Denver, attending services, concerts and meeting people from across the country.

“It was real relaxing just to get away from everyday and come out and see our church,” said Jen Berwanger, a freshman outside hitter. “We don’t get to see them that often, because there are not many churches around here that are of our faith.”

Sophomore middle blocker Marina Mede, attempted to make travel plans with the team, but was unable to thwarted.

“We really wanted to take a trip to Six Flags in St. Louis, doing something fun,” Mede said. “We always talked about taking a road trip together, but we all mainly did was go to the pool because we were really tired.”

Junior Erika Bartruff found time for loved ones. The setter used the final weekend in July to take her family in celebrating her 99-year-old great-grandmother’s birthday. Bartruff said planning for her family’s celebration is underway.

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A break from the court

Sophomore outside hitter Kelsie Laughlin spikes the ball during practice Thursday at Davies Gymnasium. The volleyball team opens its season Friday and looks to improve on an 11-17 record from 2006.

Golf

Golfers set to tee off

Men and women look to be top contenders

Megan Kramer
Daily Edition

SIU’s women’s golf team head coach Diane Daughtery admits to being a bit nervous on the first day of practice.

With many team members encouraged to take a mini-vacation from hating the course — advice offered by Daughtery before summer started — some of the team’s best golfers could have become rusty.

“I don’t require them to play over the summer,” Daughtery said. “I encourage them to take a little time off, but not the whole summer, so hopefully they’ve been practicing a little bit.”

Regardless of what they did during the summer, though, the team will get some practice time this week as they prepare for an 18- and 36-hole tournament qualifier that could determine the top five traveling spots for the fall.

Seniors Kelly Gerlach and Christine Zoerlein should lead the team, which returns four of six players. Last year’s team won an MVC Championship and placed 20th in the NCAA Central Regional behind the talents of Gerlach and Zoerlein.

“I think we were going to use the same formula we did last year, just hard work and dedication,” said Gerlach.

The five-year senior said she hopes to pass on the winning tradition to the team’s underclassmen by letting them know a team effort will be needed to repeat as conference champions.

The Salukis play their first match on Sept. 10 at the North Texas Golf Classic in Denton, Tex.

The men’s team, meanwhile, should build upon its season last year. After the men were selected to finish in dead last in last year’s preseason coaches’ poll, the Salukis surprised the league and finished fourth.

This year, the team looks poised to compete with the top teams in the conference.

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Braidy Hood, a junior studying psychology at SIU, reacts to a putt during golf practice Wednesday afternoon. At last year’s Missouri Valley Conference, Hood shot an 84 and Saluki finished low of 68 strokes in the final round of the championship.

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contrepartie d'égalité de la valeur. Si vous avez des réserves sur ses capacités ou son comportement, il est important de laisser ce ressentiment de côté et de se concentrer sur la conception de la stratégie. Cela peut être défini comme un processus de réflexion et d'adaptation des attitudes en fonction des situations. Tout d'abord, l'un des objectifs de cette methodo-