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**Morris money approved**

Sarah Lohman
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There is a light at the end of the Morris tunnel.

The SIU Board of Trustees recently approved an additional $14.8 million dollars to complete the renovation of Morris Library, bringing the project’s grand total to $56.5 million.

Although the BOT has approved the new budget, the University has not found a source for the money. Gatton said the money would be part of the capital request from the state for fiscal year 2009. He said the request was submitted for fiscal year 2008 as well.

“If we don’t receive it one year, we request it the following year with escalation,” Gatton said.

Library officials originally planned to postpone the renovation of floors six and seven until funds were secured. The $14.7 million increase should fund the completion of floors six and seven. It would also provide for purchase of the remaining needed shelving for the upper floors of the library.

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**Now on her own**

New associate provost for academic affairs assumes role

Scott Mieszala
Daily Egyptian

After shadowing Thomas Calhoun for a few weeks, Patricia Elmore has taken over.

Calhoun’s last day as the associate provost for academic affairs was Friday, though Elmore was appointed to the post July 1.

“She started on her own Monday. "If the work would not be completed, I would attend the meetings with him to try to make sure that the transition would not, in any way, hinder the students or the programs,” Elmore said.

Elmore said she shadowed Calhoun in meetings since June, all while remaining the interim dean of the College of Education and Human Services.

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**Council tables liquor proposal**

Mayor and city manager also propose half-percent sales tax increase

David Lopez
Daily Egyptian

The Carbondale City Council delayed the prospect of Mayor Brad Cole becoming sole proprietor in liquor licensing Tuesday by tabling licensing talks.

Cole had proposed legislation in an effort to speed the licensing process, which could take weeks to accomplish under its current system. Cole must now wait until the Council’s next meeting Aug. 21 to address the issue.

Cole and City Manager Jeff Doherty also proposed a half-percent increase to both the city’s home rule and general sales taxes. The issue was presented as an informational item to be voted on at the Council’s next meeting, Aug. 21.

The increase in sales tax will help fund a variety of community projects including a new public safety center, a new Westside fire station, open space development and Saluki Way.

SIUC, which needs $80 million to complete the Saluki Way project, could rake in up to $20 million from the city of Carbondale during the next 20 years to help fund the project.

Carbondale would then become the lead outside investor for Saluki Way.

Liquor control vote has been the issue of controversy since Cole issued a memo in June stating his intention of taking control of liquor licensing.

Steve Payne, a non-voting member of the Liquor Advisory Board and owner of Quatro’s Pizza, feels the change of power would streamline the process of liquor licensing and make the liquor advisory board’s job simpler.

“It’s much easier to educate one or two people to make decisions than seven,” Payne said.

The power-change could come with a $9,000 raise for the mayor, which would double his salary to about $18,000.

Payne feels the raise would be a good thing for the position of mayor of Carbondale.

“If you want to draw good people to public office, would you want them to do it out of the benevolence of their heart?” Payne said.

Due to state laws that prohibit elected officials from giving themselves pay raises mid-term, the raise would not go into effect until the 2011 mayoral term.

Carbondale remains the only major college town in Illinois where the mayor does not act as the sole liquor control commissioner.

Milton Ben, a businessman from Chicago was the last person to obtain a liquor license from the commission. Ben said it took him three months to obtain it.

Liquor licensing does not always take that long, however. Tip O. Cook, owner of Global Gourmet, said it took him only a month to obtain his license.

“The process wasn’t as long as everyone makes it out to be,” Cook said.

Cook said the reason his process was so quick was because he had all his paperwork in order before applying for the license.

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Lawmakers adopted a resolution calling on the governor to reside in Springfield nearly year-round to avoid the appearance of tax dodging on the budget stalemate.

Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Dixon, Ely, withstood complaints from Democrats that he proposed a bad joke before Blagojevich and legislative leaders are deadlocked over a spending plan for the budget year that began July 1.

The House resolution tells Blagojevich how important it is to stay in the state capitol and be accessible to lawmakers. The results cannot be assumed to represent the opinion of the membership of the Illinois General Assembly.

**1. Champaign County**

**High**

65° "Joye the Crown" Lombardo, 78, Fishers, 70, and Anthony Dufore, 61, of Champaign. They are charged with taking part in a racketeering conspiracy that included extortions, gambling, tax cheating and 18 long-unresolved murders, including those of Haggerty and Albergo, a loan shark himself who was under investigation and threatened to cooperate with federal prosecutors.

Nicholas Calabrese’s description of the Albergo murder was particularly grisly.

“My brother pulled out a knife and cut his throat,” Nicholas Calabrese testified.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael A. Harris asked: “Do you know why your brother did that?”

“Make sure that he was dead,” Nicholas Calabrese said.

He said the same thing happened to his brother when his brother passed away in a garage belonging to the mother-in-law of a mobster.

While much of the testimony at the trial has focused on loan sharking, gambling and the extortion of “street tax” — similar to protection money — from businesses, the heart of the case involves long-unresolved mob murders.

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Crowded House picks up the pieces

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Crowded House

“Time on Earth”

Release Date: July 10, 2007

Record Label: Elektra / Parlophone

www.crowdedhouse.com

4 out of 5 stars

The numb, groaning heartache of having lost a loved one, the painful crawl of the mourning process and the bitter-sweet glow of hope rising like the sun after a long darkness just cannot be done justice on paper.

“Time on Earth,” the newest pop gem from Australian group Crowded House, comes close to perfectly encapsulating those indefinable feelings. Spanning 14 songs in nearly an hour, the album is an extended meditation on melancholy and subdued beauty.

For Crowded House, the pain is real. The band had been broken up for more than 10 years when in 2005 drummer Paul Hester took his own life. The remnants of the band came together to ease each other's pain through songwriting and music. What had been a third solo album for bandleader Neil Finn slowly evolved into what is now “Time on Earth.”

The band has embraced a sense of hope that anyone who enjoys alternative rock could be a masterpiece.

The stretch of tracks one through five is a dismal offering. For a good portion of the album, the songs meld into a depressing symphony, with only “Near to the Wild Heart of Life” standing out as something new and just as beautiful.

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Even such relatively upbeat moments as “She Called Up” have a streak of mournful-ness running through them. Co-written by ex-Smith Johnny Marr, this brief number bears a disturbingly dissonant “La la la” hook that offsets its almost mockingly chipper arrangement.

Taken as a whole, the album is tough to handle. Sadness can breed super catharsis, but beyond the 35-minute mark, it all starts to feel overly maudlin. Over-the-top strings in “You Are The Only One To Make Me Cry” only add to the problem, making it difficult for the listener to work up any more tears.

With a little pruning, though, the album could be a masterpiece. The soaring “Nobody Wants To,” moody “Say That Again” and sing-along “Heaven That I Making” are stand-alone tour de forces. Listening to this album is a nagging reminder of what made the power pop geniuses of the 1960s far more delicate.

Listening to this album is actually depressing. Those who enjoyed alternative rock could hope a band with as much history as the Pumpkins could avoid. The songs are dull, sleepy and far too similar in construction.

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For the most part, it’s littered with a sound reminiscent of past Pumpkins offerings. The problem is Corgan, close to 20 years older than he was when they started, sounds old and tired of repeating the same grumpy lyrics of yesteryear.

As for the music, it's too much a part of the past to make the album effective. Maybe it’s cynical to believe a man who probably earned tons of money off of earlier successes shouldn't be wallowing in his angst, but it has gotten to the point where the band needs to try something different instead of relying on the unhappy stand-by to sell a few CDs.

“Zeitgeist” is a disappointing effort from a band whose comeback was so anticipated by fans. With sleepy voices, boring and far-too-similar songs the only redeeming quality is the rather interesting lyrics. Unfortunately for this album, it isn't spoken word.

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Pumpkins’ latest smashing failure

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Maybe it would have been better if the Smashing Pumpkins never put out another album at all. At least it would save every hopeful fan or nostalgic 1990s listener somewhere from becoming just another casualty along the road of trying to reclaim past glories. “Zeitgeist,” the first album the band has released since 1999, is a dismal offering for a band that just reunited two years ago.

Mysterious frontman Billy Corgan is one of only two original members of the Smashing Pumpkins still in the group. With only half of the original band, formed in 1988, coming back for the reunion, the Smashing Pumpkins are really only about half as good as they used to be — which is luckier than best.

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WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats force overnight session

Senate Democrats pushed the Senate toward an all-night, all-day session Tuesday to eliminate Republican opposition to a bill aimed at advancing troops out of Iraq.

Democrats conceded they were unlikely to get 52 or 53 votes at most. That’s well short of the 60 needed to force final approval on the Democrats’ attempt to override a Bush veto and add a troop withdrawal provision to the war authorization law.

In an announcement after the Democrats held a private meeting, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said intemperate statements about all of this. And I look forward today to bring back at work, really focused on the big picture, the people of Louisiana, like what we were doing — capping a day and night of debate — for a round of applause audible outside the Capitol.

“Last week Dow Jones negotiators met with supermarket billionaire潦 at the Browns to combine GE and News Corp., reaching an initial agreement to sell Dow Jones for $5 billion. Dow Jones has been under pressure from investors to sell the company for $5 billion, and the original offer of $5 billion is too high to be acceptable. Dow Jones, News Corp, and representatives for the Bancroft family have declined to comment. The Bancrofts have been

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“Newspaper and television reporters Monday in Metairie, La., received a call from Sen. Vitter’s residence. He briefly spoke and his wife already had made “very private messages of support,” reported.

The Journal report appeared to contradict earlier reports that the family was considering selling the company. Dow Jones has been under pressure from shareholders to sell the company for $5 billion, and the original offer of $5 billion is too high to be acceptable. Dow Jones, News Corp, and representatives for the Bancrofts have declined to comment. The Bancrofts have been

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After Calhoun departed Friday, Elmore said she spent all weekend moving into a new office.

“I spent all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evening putting up artwork and organizing everything,” Elmore said. “So I felt really at home by Monday morning.”

Interim provost Don Rice said Elmore shadowed Calhoun to help her transition into a new set of roles.

“I’m guessing we’re out of the basement and first floors of the library and the renovated third, fourth and fifth floors will be opened.”

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Inc. has refused all along to say whether a spoiler has the real book or not. According to Good, there is more than one version of the full Potter text on the Internet. She said the different versions all “looked convincing” and all had different content from each other.

“They’re coming from fans, so anybody can spoil the entire book,” Rice said. “This is extremely frustrating. It changes the way we are working.”

“Harry Potter lives or dies, spoilers are coming from fans,” Good says. “There’s a grassroots movement to spoil the book. Everyone is dying to keep down the amount of spoiler traffic that is so much out there that is waiting to be cleared.”

“We’re trying to get ready for him,” Elmore said. “So we have many materials and now the provost has been working with me and the associate deans to get ready for the new dean.”

Logue works well in the position because of her experience with contract negotiations.

“Since I’m still here and I’m still doing part of the job in that office, she and I have overlapped, and she really hasn’t needed much counsel from me because she truly knows contracts very well,” Rice said. “She’s been a tremendous help.”

For as when all three positions will be filled permanently, Rice said that decision is out of his hands.

“What’s going to happen with all three of our positions, really, is a matter of decision for the chancellor and the president,” Rice said. “And when that will happen is a matter for them as well.”

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NEW YORK — In the final days before the world learns whether Harry Potter lives or dies, spoilers — or those pretending to spoil — are spreading on the Internet.

On Tuesday, digital images of what may be the entire text of “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows,” including 36 chapters and a seven-page epilogue, were circulating among Web users. The book was apparently photographed as it lay on a carpet speckled with green and red, a hand at the bottom holding down the pages.


Similar information appeared Monday on http://spookerboy.goodreads.com, where posts have been listed with links to the July 23 release of the real book.

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Our Word

SIU’s future just got brighter

The sun broke through the dark clouds that hang over SIU’s future with Tuesday’s announcement that Mario Moccia will stay aboard until 2010.

The athletic director’s first year compared to even the first year of his much-admired predecessor Paul Kowalczyk was absolutely stellar, and the Daily Egyptian is proud of the University for keeping him here.

When Moccia took over last year, it was almost as if an occult hand reached down, grabbed SIU and shook out all of the University’s shortcomings.

The general feeling around SIU when Kowalczyk left for Colorado State was that nobody could fill his shoes.

Moccia didn’t just fill those shoes; he outperformed them.

He grabbed the first donation for Saluki Way with only days in office. Under his tutelage, four of SIU’s sports teams took conference championships.

The GPA of student athletes was the highest in years.

And of course, he kept MVC Coach-of-the-Year Chris Lowery and Dana Ekenberg at SIU leading the best teams in the conference.

It’s safe to say Moccia is one of the best athletic directors SIU has ever employed.

And the rest of the University should take note of his accomplishments and the way he went about accomplishing them. In particular, his goal sheet for his first 100 days in office.

Most of these goals were attainable. Instead of “Raise $500 million for Saluki Way,” Moccia’s list said, “Get a handle on Saluki Way timeable, dynamics and materials.”

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Other administrators should take notice of this approach.

And it worked, because even without blueprints, cash slowly trickled in. When the schematics are finally drawn, there is no doubt in the Daily Egyptian’s collective mind that Moccia will be able to get enough cash together to at least start the ambitious project.

We wonder what else is in store for Moccia. He started off strongly and doesn’t seem to be slowing down, but sooner or later he’s going to hit a wall.

It may be with Saluki Way, it may be with a basketball team that might not be as successful or hundreds of other things.

We hope Moccia looks at these obstacles in the same way he has tackled so many others — as opportunities.

Moccia certainly has a bright future here, and we hope the University will do everything in its power to see his ideas come to fruition.

Big improvements and grand successes look as though they will defeat all SIU’s shortcomings. The athletic department will continue to improve, and we expect the rest of the University to follow suit.

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Our Word

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I think overall you could label it a success.

Maria Moccia

SIU Athletic Director

to the completion of the list of goals he set for himself!
Workers toil in trash

‘Garbage men’ deal with public, odd finds and summer heat

The interior of the truck was dusty and littered with crumpled potato chip bags, empty Gatorade bottles, a worn city map and a list of 140 addresses.

While his hands gripped the vehicle’s oversized steering wheel, Burris Disposal worker Joe Heern explained that his six years of experience with the waste disposal company have made all but the occasional bottle of lemon-lime sports drink and bag of salty snacks unnecessary.

“They call me Mapman,” he said, referring to his knowledge of the local geography and the company’s trash pickup routes.

But as the stifling summer heat continues to sizzle itself, the days are becoming more difficult.

“I could be sitting under a shade tree drinking a glass of tea and I would just be miserable,” Heern said.

But for seven mornings before some night partiers have retired to bed, Heern and co-workers will be at work.

“Time is money,” Jedd said.

After working for Burris Disposal for seven years, he said he has acclimated to the lifestyle in which he is always working with his hands.

“If I went to a desk job right now, I’d be miserable,” Kerley said.

But the outdoors force workers to cope with the unpredictable southern Illinois weather. During the summer months, heat agitates the smell that inevitably drifts from the back of the truck where the garbage is tossed in and compacted. However, Heern said he gets used to the unpleasant scent.

“My daughter will walk up to me with a gallon of milk after I’ve had my head in the back of a trash truck all day long and ask ‘Does that smell bad to you?’ he said, laughing. ‘Smells like roses to me.’

Despite possible distractions, Heern said it is imperative workers be alert for their own safety.

Heern worked last week in place of another driver he said was out with a work-related hernia injury. Accidents occur occasionally, he said, in part because the workers are constantly lifting trash bags and other objects.

“Time is money,” Jedd said. “You’ve got to have fun at it,” he said. “But you also have to push through and be safe.”

Jedd begins each day at 6 a.m. The first task is to dump the recycling materials into the proper receptacles before the route pickup begins. Jedd is the youngest member of the 17-person operation. His brother, Lonnie, has worked at Burris Disposal Service for five years, Aaron has worked there for about three months.
Students at the robotics camp practice their skills on Dawgzooka, a robot used to launch T-shirts at SIUC’s basketball games.
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“I feel like we have a very close working relationship,” Thiemann said. “Even though he has all those external things going on, he still makes time for his staff.”

Moccia said from a social standpoint, athletes have been very enthusiastic about community service endeavors such as food and clothing drives.

Another highlight in Moccia’s reign is that not one student athlete was involved in any arrests in the past year.

“This really says something about the character of the kids and the emphasis coaches have been putting on them,” Moccia said.

On top of all this, the Salukis advanced to the playoffs in football, the Sweet 16 in men’s basketball and were conference champions in both basketball programs.

Moccia renewed the contracts of both head basketball coaches.

While Moccia’s accomplishments at Salaki athletics are apparent to anyone paying attention, he also devoted a lot of time and energy to Saluki Way to get the adjustments to the sports facilities underway.

Associate Athletic Director Kathy Jones said Moccia has committed much of his time working with the architecture of Salaki Way in an attempt to get a blueprint of what the new stadiums will look like.

Jones said not having a blueprint of the stadiums makes going out to the community and finding companies to fund the project very difficult.

“It’s hard to ask someone for a significant chunk of change if you don’t have something fairly real to show them and what it is going to look like particularly if you are talking about something as substantial as a naming opportunity,” Jones said.

Jones said the athletic department’s annual fund has also grown substantially since Saluki Way’s first year on campus.

“What he brings to the table and part of what we needed at this stage in the athletic department’s life was someone who could build on a foundation that is here to produce those revenue streams or increase those revenue streams,” Jones said.

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**WRESTLING**

Investigators find steroids in body of wrestler who killed wife and son

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) — Pro wrestler Chris Benoit had a steroid and other drugs in his system when he killed his wife and young son last month and hanged himself in the family's home, investigators said Tuesday.

Benoit's body contained 10 times the normal level of testosterone, as well as amounts of the anti-anxiety drug Xanax and the painkiller hydrocodone, an autopsy showed.

The testosterone, a synthetic version of the primary male sex hormone, is intended as anabolic steroid. The stary's top medi-cal examiner said it appeared to have been injected shortly before Benoit died.

Dr. Kerr Sperry said there was no evidence of any other steroids in the star's body. The next day, police said they would charge family members for the killings.

“Testosterone can contribute to paranoia, depression and violent outbursts known to be a problem in wrestling,” said Jerry McDevitt, a partner for a law firm representing two patients other than Benoit. He has pleaded not guilty.

Investigators have also raided Anti's offices several times since the deaths, court documents alleged.

Before he was arrested, Anti told the AP he prescribed testosterone to Benoit, a longtime friend, in the past. He would not say what, if any, medications he prescribed when Benoit visited his office June 22, the day authorities believe Benoit killed his family.

World Wrestling Entertainment last夏季 sentenced Benoit for steroids in April. It said the results released Tuesday were proof Benoit did not possess for illegal substances.

“All it means is that scientifically, it's now known that sometime between April 10 and when he died, he had treatment with testosterone," said Jerry McDevitt, a WWE attorney. "That's all it establishes." 

**NFL**

Michael Vick indicted by federal grand jury in dogfighting probe

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick was indicted on federal charges Monday by a federal grand jury in Virginia for crimes related to illegal dogfighting.

Vick and two others were charged with violating federal laws against competitive dogfighting, processing and training pit bulls for fighting and using the enterprise across state lines.

The indictment alleges that Vick and his co-defendants began sponsoring and participating in dogfights as early as July 2005, the former Virginia Tech star's rookie year with the Falcons.

Said Vick's lawyer, Tony Taylor, of "infringement sponsoring and exhibiting an animal fighting contest," of conducting a business enterprise involving gambling, as well as buying, transporting and receiving dogs for the purposes of an animal fighting.

Telephone messages left at the offices and home of Vick's attorney, Larry Woodward, were not immediately returned.

A woman who answered the phone at the home of Vick's mother said the family knew nothing about the charges.

On July 7, federal authorities conducted a second search of the Surry, Va., property owned by Vick that is the center of the dogfighting investigation.

According to court documents filed by federal authorities earlier this month, Vick and his associates have been sponsored by "Bad News Kennels" at the property since at least 2002. For the events, participants and dogs traveled from South Carolina, North Carolina, Maryland, New York, Texas and other states.

Fifty-four pit bulls were rescued from the property during searches in April, along with a "rape stand," used to hold dogs in place while they were being whipped. It also included a bloody piece of carpeting, the documents said.

During a June search of the property, investigators uncovered the graves of seven pit bulls that were killed by members of "Bad News Kennels" for following sessions to test whether the dogs would be good fighters, the documents alleged.

Meanwhile, the federal government has suspended and exhibited fights in other parts of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland and New York, according to the filings.

On Vick's Web site, he lists his birthplace as Newport News, Va., as "a.k.a., BadNews.

The documents said the fights usually occurred late at night in the early morning and would last several hours.

Before fights, participating dogs of the same sex would be weighed and bathed, according to the filings. Opposing dogs would be washed to remove any poison or narcotic placed on the dog's coat that could affect the other dog's performance.

Sometimes, dogs seemed "fed to make it more hungry for the other dog."

Fights would end when one dog died or with the surrender of the losing dog, which was sometimes put to death by drowning, strangulation, hanging, gun shot, electrocution or some other method, according to the documents.

Vick initially said he had no idea the property might have been used in a criminal enterprise and blamed family members for taking advantage of his generosity.

**MLB**

Bonds held out of starting lineup for second straight day

CHICAGO (AP) — Exactly a week before Barry Bonds' 43rd birthday, the effects of his age started to truly show.

Bonds got a second straight day off Tuesday, with San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy saying the slugger is out of the starting lineup again to rest his sore body.

Bochy said Monday that Bonds might sit Tuesday and then said after Monday's game that No. 25 would be a go the next night against the Cubs.

Bonds last sat out back-to-back games June 3-4 at Arizona while dealing with shin splints. Bochy has said the slams aren't the issue, though Bonds has acknowledged in recent days that his legs, feet and ankles are hurting enough to play in a full game.

And he said during the weekend, when he played all three innings in a three-game sweep of the Los Angeles Dodgers, that he was still recovering from the All-Star festivities last week in San Francisco.

He was scratched for Monday night's 3-2 season-opening loss at Wrigley Field after telling the trainers he didn't feel good once play started.

The Giants play consecutive afternoon games Wednesday and Thursday against the Cubs before a three-game weekend series against the Milwaukee Brewers.

"It's a day-night game with a left-hander tonight," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said Tuesday. "We'll go with (Carlos) Zambrano."

The lefty (was to the Lakers).

Zambrano, a right-hander, is an 11-game winner this season.

A federal grand jury is investigating whether Bonds provided performance-enhancing drugs. The panel's term could expire as soon as Thursday, but prosecutors also have enough evidence to extend it.

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Moccia leaves his mark within first 12 months

Eugene Clark

Mario Moccia sculpts through his office to find a piece of paper that lists about 20 things he wanted to accomplish in his first 100 days as athletic director.

Next to every bulleted point on the page lies a checkmark. T’aint overall could label it a success,” Moccia said.

Moccia is wrapping up his first year on the job as the athletic director of SIU.

Moccia took over the post Aug. 1 after previous AD Paul Kowalksy departed SIU to become the AD of Colorado State University.

Moccia said things are measured in the athletic department by athletic academic success, social responsibility and athletic competition. The student athletes excelled academically.

More than 50 percent of SIU student athletes received a 3.0 GPA or higher in academics and 10 of 18 athletic teams received a team average of 3.0 or higher, Moccia said.

Assistant Athletic Director Kristina Therriault said Moccia has always made it a point to know what is going on in the classroom.

Academics are just as important to Moccia as winning championships.

Therriault said Moccia is adamant about interacting and communicating with his staff.

Athletic director prepares to expand on last year’s accomplishments

The 2007-2008 school year will mark another set of goals that Moccia wants to accomplish.

Moccia, SIU’s athletic director who is finishing his first year in office, said there is still a lot more that the department can do to improve on last year’s progress.

With one great year behind him, Moccia is focusing his sights on the upcoming school year.

He said he would attend a staff member retreat where goals for next year will be discussed. Part of these goals will involve another checklist to be crossed off.

And of course, there is always room for improvement no matter how much you have done.

“Are you content where you are at then you are in the wrong profession,” Moccia said.

Many of Moccia’s plans for next season revolve around expanding on the great events that took place in the 2006-2007 school year.

Moccia said he would like for more SIU football game tickets to be sold. Aside from single game sales, he would like to see season sales increase.

Athletically, Moccia said that thanks both the football team could go deeper in the playoffs and volleyball team can improve on last season.

Improving the atmosphere for fans attending basketball games would be another priority for next year, he said.

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If you build it...

Miners on pace to break Frontier attendance record

Alejandro Gonzalez

There is no Barry Bonds or Derek Jeter. The players don’t sign million dollar contracts and are in an independent league. Yet, the Southern Illinois Miners have recently filled their stadium with dir-hard fans.

Despite low player salaries and not being associated with the MLB, the Miners’ fans continue to pack Rent One Park. Meanwhile, the Miners (25-25) are aiming to shatter a Frontier League record fan attendance in a season.

“Our ticket sales have been off the charts,” Sean Patrick, account executive and boothmen coach said.

Since the start of the season, attendance has not dipped below 4,000 fans for a single game. The Miners hope to reach 250,000 fans before the season end, which would surpass the previous Frontier League record of 217,000, Patrick said.

Eric Haag, vice president of the Miners, said they didn’t expect the attendance to excel at its current rate.

In fact, Patrick admitted he never thought the Miners’ attendance would reflect that of its league counterparts.

“Going on what other teams in similar markets have gotten, we did not expect this many people,” Patrick said.

Patrick said fans are coming out at record pace because there is no other team in the southern Illinois region. He also noted that the players play hard because many want to get picked up by a MLB franchise team — a trait fans admire.

“If they play poorly, they don’t get that chance to play at the next level,” Patrick said. “So they always have to be at their peak while they’re making a million dollars or five dollars.”

Teams in the Frontier League have a salary cap of $60,000. On average, each player makes about $600 a month. Most have to live with roommates and take several classes.

“This league is all about opportunity,” Patrick said. “It’s not about the money.”

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Coffin continues to break records

Jerry Kill called it a storybook ending.

That’s how the SIU football coach described former SIU place-kicker Craig Coffin’s performance at the International Federation of American Football World Championship.

Coffin was nominated by the SIU football coaching staff to play in the World Championship of American Football in Japan. He proved his worth Sunday when he made a 23-yard field goal in overtime to help Team U.S.A. win the 2007 championship.

Coffin, who graduated in December, also set a tournament record for converted field goals after knocking in 15 consecutive PATs.

Even before the tournament was over Coffin set a new tournament record for the United States. The previous record set in 1999 was 12 converted PATs.

But breaking records is nothing new for Coffin, who holds the all-time scoring record for SIU football.

After arriving home from a long flight back from Japan, Coffin gave credit to his offense, which gave him the abundance of opportunities.

“Seventy-seven points in one game, it’s all about having good offense,” Coffin said, referring to an early 77-0 rout of Korea.

While Coffin said the experience of competing internationally was exciting, his college career was amazing.

“I couldn’t have asked for a better experience in college,” Coffin said.

Coffin said he still keeps in touch with some players through text messages about twice per week. He even spent Thanksgiving with some of his teammates.

Kill said Coffin’s experience at SIU was unique. He said not many players can come in and kick for four years, but Coffin was just that kind of guy.

“He’s been great for our program,” Kill said. “He kicks every record you can think of and did very well academically, he had a great deal of respect.”

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