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CALENDAR

Step Show 2006

 7 p.m. Friday at the Carbondale Middle School, 1150 E. Grand Ave. \$10 at the door

Octoberfest

• 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at St. Michael Parish in Staunton, Exit 41

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SIUC College **Democrats Meeting**

• 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Student Center in Activity Room B

The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot quarantee that all items will run.

Submit calendar items to the Daily Egyptian newsroom, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call (618) 536-3311, ext. 266.

CORRECTIONS

In Monday's issue of the Daily Egyptian, the page story, "SIUC, According to Jim" Fredric Kisak's name was misspelled.

If you spot an error, please contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 253.

NEWS BRIEFS

SIUC Homecoming parade Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

The 2006 SIUC Homecoming parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. The Carbondale Police Department said the parade would cause traffic delays, and traffic on U.S. Route 51 from south of Walnut Street to Pleasant Hill Road will be re-routed starting at 9 a.m. In addition, Mill Street and Lincoln Drive between Poplar Street and South University Avenue will be the staging area for the parade and will be closed.

The police will detour both northbound and southbound traffic on U.S. Route 51.

The parade will begin on South University Avenue at West Mill Street. It will proceed north on South University Avenue to West Cherry Street where it will turn east and go to South Illinois Avenue. The parade will then turn south on South Illinois Avenue and go to the SIUC physical plant where it will end. All streets within the closure will remain closed until the entire parade has reached the physical plant.

Governor's daughter's check controversial in race

CHICAGO (AP) — For months, Gov. Rod Blagojevich has been fending off accusations he bungled government programs and awarded jobs and contracts to contributors and cronies. But suddenly, one issue has cut through the clutter: a \$1,500 gift to one of his daughters.

The check came from a lifelong Blagojevich friend, and it arrived soon after the friend's wife got a state job.

The governor has said he is unsure whether it was a birthday gift for one daughter or a christening gift for another, but he insisted it had no connection to the job. At the same time,

he acknowledged asking his chief of staff to help the woman. With just weeks to go before Election Day, the \$1,500 check has gotten voters' attention in a way some of the other allegations — involving audits, contracts and bureaucratic

"People think, 'My kid never got \$1,500; there must be something wrong here," said Cindi

Canary, executive director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform. Blagojevich, a Democrat running for a second term, got elected four years ago as a reformer promising to clean up state government, but his administration has been mired in controversy for doling out jobs and contracts to the politically connected.

The race is playing out against a backdrop of political corruption, with convictions at Chicago's City Hall, an FBI raid on Cook County's government offices and the recent sentencing of Blagojevich's predecessor, Republican Gov. George Ryan, to more than six years in

Blagojevich's GOP opponent, Judy Baar Topinka, is using the \$1,500 check to paint him as corrupt. She is running an ad that shows Blagojevich fumbling to answer questions about the money. And at a recent debate, her supporters held up huge, fake checks and shouted, "Hooray for birthdays!"

While it is not illegal in itself for Blagojevich's family to accept a gift from a friend, it would be if the money was a thank-you for the new job.

The governor's office initially said the check was a gift for his older daughter, Amy, on her seventh birthday in 2003. Blagojevich later told reporters it might have been a gift for his younger daughter, Annie, who was christened about the same time.

Blagojevich said there is nothing odd about his close friend Michael Ascaridis giving such a large gift. At the same time, pleading a faulty memory, he would not say whether Ascaridis has given similar gifts in the past.

POLICE REPORTS

University

A 26-year-old male SIUC student reported a battery at 11:25 p.m. Friday west of Allen Hall. No description of the assailant was available

A 19-year-old male SIUC student reported that he was battered by one to four males at 3:21 a.m. Suday at Schneider Hall. No description of the assailants was avail-

SIUC student Benjamin E. Rouse, 19, of Coal City was arrested and charged with criminal damage to property at 1:36 a.m. Saturday at lot 45. Rouse posted \$100 cash bond and was released.

A theft over \$300 occurred between May 5 and 9:34 a.m. Monday at Life Science II. Two Sony monitors and an Apple Printer-Imagewriter were reported stolen. There are no suspects.

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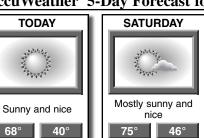
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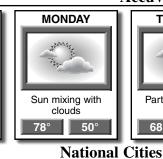
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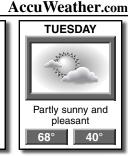
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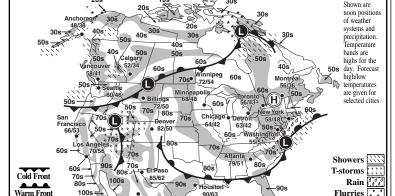
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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

October 6, 2006

SIUC leads in enrollment drop

Wayne Utterback

DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC lost the most students among Illinois public universities for fall 2006, while other schools throughout the state are experiencing record numbers.

SIUC suffered a 2 percent loss in student enrollment, with 21,003 students enrolled compared to the 21,441 in fall 2005. The bulk of the 438-student loss came from the freshman class.

Eastern Illinois University and the University of Illinois-Springfield both had increases that broke enrollment records. Numbers from Chicago State University were not available.

Marya Leatherwood, associate vice chancellor and director of enrollment management at UIS, said the enrollment boost could be attributed to growth both on the campus and the Internet.

"We've had growth in online and campus programs," Leatherwood said.

Community colleges in Illinois also had enrollment success this year. John A. Logan College in Carterville had a record-breaking year as its enrollment rose from 5,764 to 5,783.

Rend Lake College experienced an exponential 16.6 percent increase from 3,996 students to 4,661.

Mary Bornheimer, dean of student services at Rend Lake College, said the results are attributed to new programs, including more classes integrated with the Internet.

SIU President Glenn Poshard spoke about the Carbondale campus' enrollment issues during a DAILY EGYPTIAN editorial board meeting in September. He said SIUC has unique challenges because of its rural location, distance from a large city and relative closeness of other states.

He said a mandate from the

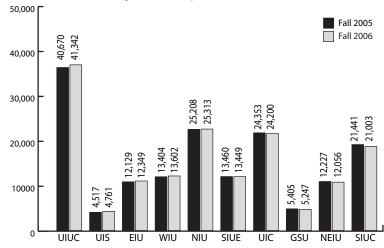
Illinois Board of Higher Education, called "reciprocity," hurts SIUC's enrollment efforts because it does not allow Illinois public universities to offer in-state tuition to students from nearby states. He said the IBHE should consider allowing Illinois universities to have the option to do so.

"We are at a disadvantage here in terms of enrollment," Poshard said. "We're going to have to ratchet up our off-campus offerings.'

SIUC recently teamed with Rend Lake College to offer a baccalaureate degree in elementary education. The new program will offer classes at Rend Lake College toward a fouryear elementary degree at SIUC.

Don Sevener, spokesman for the IBHE, said the body will discuss the state's possible inclusion in the Midwest Student Exchange Program during its meeting Tuesday. The program, which includes 11 other states, would allow out-of-state

These are the enrollment figures for all of the public universities in Illinois, starting with the largest increase. Numbers from Chicago State University were unavailable.



students to pay in-state rates or at least considerably less than non-residential tuition.

If the board agrees with the proposal, it could vote on the program during its December meeting.

"(SIUC) can even tailor it to their own needs," Sevener said.

"The Carbondale campus could decide to offer the program for students in engineering and not in any other discipline."

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Left to right, John Hunsaker of Hurst tries on a mask while Sadie Atterberry of Herrin looks over a wall of masks Tuesday afternoon at the Halloween Store in Marion.

New director named for University Housing

Brandon Weisenberger

DAILY EGYPTIAN

An on-campus living official with more than 10 years of experience is SIUC's new director of University Housing.

Julie Payne, residence life director at the University of Southern Indiana, replaces longtime leader Ed Jones, who left in July for California State University in Sacramento.

Payne, 35, begins work at SIUC on Dec. 4 with a \$96,000 salary. Vice chancellor for student affairs Larry Dietz announced the

"It's really exciting," Payne said from her Evansville, Ind., office. "I've known people there for quite some time. It's a very respected team in our region."

Payne was named residence hall director at Texas A&M University in 1995 and worked at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, before landing at USI in 1998.

She holds a master's in education from Texas A&M and is working on her dissertation for a doctorate in educational leadership, administration and foundation through Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

"The depth of her experience was a strong component of our selection," Dietz said. "We thought Julie was the best fit for the position."

Payne said she is thrilled to lead SIUC's housing operation, mainly because it is much larger than USI's, which erected its first residence halls in the mid-1980s.

Another selling point? Saluki football.

"I've worked at places the past 10 years where there wasn't a football team. I even worked at Texas, and football is their lifeblood down there," Payne said with a laugh.

USI's on-campus housing largely consists of apartments, and Payne said she was ready to get involved with SIUC's new Wall and Grand complex.

The apartments have faced construction delays that pushed move-in day for the first of three buildings from Aug. 12 to January.

Lisa Marks, an associate University Housing director who has led the team on an interim

basis, said in a news release

Julie Payne Thursday that Wall and Grand residents would be able to move in before the start of spring 2007.

The new housing complex was scheduled to open for the start of the fall semester, and the date was delayed. Earlier this week, Marks told the DAILY EGYPTIAN the move-in date had been pushed to Nov. 8, but even that date has changed. Marks said the second building is due to be complete and open this winter, and the third should be ready to house students by fall 2007.



residence life director at the University of Southern Indiana, will replace Ed Jones as the new director of University Housing.

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Recruiting a statewide endeavor

Wayne Utterback

DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC's recruitment drive is centered largely on the bustling Chicago area, but students in the smaller region the university calls home are not overlooked, interim director of Undergraduate Admissions Jim Carl

"You always hear this myth out here that, 'Oh, you guys don't recruit people in southern Illinois," Carl said. "That's just nonsense."

SIUC representatives travel statewide to bring in more students, Carl said.

The concentration is on Chicago, where five people live and work specifically. Recruiting in the state's largest metropolitan area is not more difficult than other places, but there is a larger population to be covered,

Carl said staff members are dispatched out to many area schools, including Marion, Murphysboro, Sparta and Carterville. They also work with guidance counselors on getting SIUC known to the high school student body.

Jennifer Shafer-Robinson, a guidance counselor at Carterville High School, said she talks to SIUC more than any other school

"If students want to go to a four-year university right out of the gate, they usually go to SIUC," Shafer-Robinson said.

The university recruits through a variety of methods, such as holding campus open houses, attending college fairs and visiting high schools to talk to students.

SIUC also aims recruiting at the state's northwestern quadrant, where there is stiff competition from DeKalb's Northern Illinois University and the private Northwestern University in Evanston.

SIUC representatives visited Hononegah High School in Rockton, Wis., Wednesday night during a college fair.

Kris Sanderson, a Hononegah High School guidance counselor, said SIUC's visits are helpful because the school is located more than six hours north of Carbondale.

"It makes it much easier for students to get basic questions answered," Sanderson said.

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Homecoming key part of local economy

Brandon Augsburg DAILY EGYPTIAN

Homecoming at SIUC draws in alumni and fans from all over, but the university is not the only entity that benefits. As people pour into town, they spend money — and lots of it.

Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty said the weekend has a positive impact on the local economy and the business community.

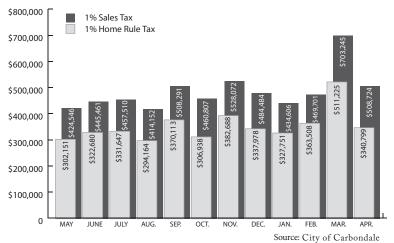
He said the extra people in town \$300,000 spend money at bars, restaurants and hotels, as well as at University Mall. When parents come into the city they buy things for students, and when alumni travel to Carbondale they also spend a lot of money, he said.

Doherty said the city sees the extra revenue through the state sales tax, which is 7.25 percent, and the home rule sales tax, which is 1 percent and is levied by the city. He said the city's sales tax does not apply to items licensed by the state, such as cars, but pertains to items such as clothing and televisions.

Doherty said the fall is always a busy season for the area, so there is not a noticeable jump in revenue from Homecoming weekend, but major events are essential to the economy nonetheless.

'Things like Homecoming and parent's weekend happen every year, and they're built into the Carbondale economy," Doherty said. "So, it's part of what drives Carbondale's econo-

He said December and August are typically the best months for sales tax revenue because of holiday shopping and back-to-school shopping, respectively. He said sales tax returns are on Sales tax revenue for FY 2006 Revenue is on a three-month delay



a three-month delay, so revenue from October will be in the city's coffer in

Doherty said businesses would suffer without events like Homecoming more than the city because the city has a diversified economy, and the sales taxes would remain fairly consistent. He said businesses would feel the sting of fewer people because they do not have the ability to draw revenue from more than one area like the city does.

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole said high-traffic weekends such as Homecoming have to be factored into the year-round cycle. He said some weekends are better than others, so Homecoming weekend helps even out the economy in the long run.

He said the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce works with some businesses, especially those on Carbondale Main Street, to help them increase revenue on big weekends, but the city itself does not help in any particular way.

Roxanne Conley, executive director of Carbondale Main Street, said the group has organized some student groups to paint the windows of businesses such as 710 Book Store. She said she hopes the town will be covered in "Saluki maroon" by the weekend.

She said this year's cooler weather might also help businesses.

"The nice thing — I think it's going to cool off again — is people will stay around and spread out around the area," Conley said.

Cole said events such as Homecoming not only affect the city while they are going on but also hold opportunity for the future of Carbondale.

"It's an opportunity for us to showcase the community," Cole said.

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airing segment on Carbondale murder

'Cold Case Files'

Brandon Augsburg DAILY EGYPTIAN

A 25-year-old Carbondale murder mystery that was finally solved in April will be featured on national

television Saturday.

According to the A&E Network's Web site, "Cold Case Files" will air an episode about Susan Schumake, the SIUC student who was raped and murdered on campus in 1981, at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Carbondale Police Sgt. Paul Echols, who worked tirelessly on Schumake's case, said the show would be bittersweet.

"It's bittersweet when you look back and see what had to happen," he said. "It's positive when you're able to look back 25 years later and see everyone is getting recognition for bring Daniel Woloson to justice."

Echols said he is comfortable because Schumake's family has given the show its blessing. He said he has talked with Schumake's brother, John, at length about the

In September 2004, advances in DNA technology led to the arrest of Woloson, who lived in Michigan at the time. He was linked to the murder after investigators recovered a cigarette butt from his vehicle and used genetic material to link him to

Echols said the show could help other families or law enforcement agencies. He said police can learn that a case is never without hope of being solved, and the public can see their tax dollars are actually aiding law enforcement.

Woloson, 47, was convicted of murder in March, but he could not be tried on rape charges because the statute of limitations had expired. He was sentenced to 40 years in prison in May. He received the maximum penalty under the 1981 statute, but with good behavior and credit for time already served, Woloson could serve only 18 to 20 years of his sentence.

Schumake's body was found on Aug. 17, 1981, between Illinois Route 51 and the railroad tracks across from the SIUC Physical Plant in an area that was then known as the Ho Chi Minh trail. A pedestrian overpass was built as a result of the murder, and the bridge has been dedicated to Schumake.

Police found that Schumake had been raped and strangled to death. Schumake was a 21-year-old senior from Chicago Heights who was studying radio and television.

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Simon says

Bike-riding councilwoman, Sheila Simon, loves the small-town life

Liz Choate DAILY EGYPTIAN

You might see her riding her bike around town. You might recognize her last name as the same as that of her father and late U.S. Senator, Paul Simon. But to her family and friends, she is just Sheila.

Sheila Simon, who is nearing the end of her first term as a member of the Carbondale City Council, announced in May she would run for mayor.

Simon, 45, said she has always enjoyed keeping track of local, federal and state government, but she decided to become personally involved in the council after a

neighbor suggested it.
"There was an issue our neighborhood was concerned about when the high school was going to be moving out," said Simon, who lives on the west side of Carbondale. "Neighbors were concerned with what would happen to the property

Simon said after she and neighbors discussed the fate of the neighborhood now called the "Arbor District," she decided

Meet your

to run for city coun-

council member "I thought, 'You know, maybe this is a good time to do it," Simon said. "It's close to home. I can eat my dinner and ride my bike to a city council meeting. I don't even have to get in the car."

Simon said she is an avid bike rider, and she serves on the city's Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee.

In addition, Simon is an assistant professor at the SIU School of Law, where she has worked as an adjunct professor for 12 years. She teaches legal writing and family law. Simon is no stranger to the SIU

School of Law; she graduated from it after attending Georgetown for her first two and a half years of law

The move from Washington, D.C., back to Carbondale began with Simon taking a semester off to help her father campaign. She decided afterward to move to Carbondale to finish school near her friends.

Simon said although Georgetown was a very respectable school, she felt very welcomed and enjoyed her time at SIU.

"It really was fun," Simon said. "There's something nice in actually getting to know your professors, which I did here."

Simon, who is originally from Troy, near St. Louis, attended junior high in Carbondale and has always liked the area.

"To me, it's the best of a bigger city in a small package," she said.

Simon said highlights of living in the area are the excellent entertainment oppor-

tunities, such as the free music at Shryock Auditorium on the SIUC campus.

Despite Carbondale being a small town, it is really very global, thanks to the university, she said.

Even with the many work and play offerings, Simon always finds time for her family.



Italian bread, Wednesday evening at their home on North Springer Street. Simon is an assistant professor at the SIU School of Law, a city councilwoman and a 2007 Carbondale mayoral candidate.

She has been married to her husband Perry Knop since 1987 and has two daughters with him, Reiley Knop, 16, and Brennan Knop, 12.

Simon said her family loves to travel and has visited Russia, Spain, Austria and Costa Rica over the past few years.

For fun, Sheila plays in a band, The Loose Gravel, a five-member group of friends that plays a combination of instruments.

Simon said she plans to stay in Carbondale in the foreseeable future because of the beauty of the community and all the opportunities.

"My daughters growing up here have really had the advantage of having friends who have lived in neat places all around the planet, and that's not something most small

She's committed to making a positive difference in the community. She's a people-person.

town kids grow up with," Simon

Mike Lawrence, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, has known Simon since he moved to Carbondale in 1997.

He describes her as personable, thoughtful and always willing to

He said most of his interactions with Simon have been through her family and the institute, but nonetheless, he has formed a friendship with her over the years.

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director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute

positive difference in the community," Lawrence said. "She's a people-

Alicia Ruiz, a longtime friend of Simon's and assistant dean for administration in the law school, describes her friend as very creative and caring.

"She's a very positive person who looks for the best in people. She's very intelligent," Ruiz said.

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Southern Illinois residents discuss living with AIDS

Aerial McCall DAILY EGYPTIAN

Steven St. Julian has AIDS, but instead of denying it and going into hiding, he shares his knowledge with young people in the 19 counties in and around southern Illinois.

The disease thought to be "a gay man's disease" is now 90 percent heterosexual. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the first reported cases of what is now known as the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).

Since 1981, 25 million people around the world have died, and 40 million more are infected, with one million in the United States alone.

AWADAIDS International hosted the "Living with HIV/AIDS" documentary and panel discussion Thursday night in the Mississippi Room of the Student Center with panelists Scott Thorn and St. Julian, who is the Jackson County Health Department HIV consortium coor-

St. Julian said he went to the doctor to have an AIDS test, and after months of curiosity, his doctor, with a smile, told him his he was HIV positive. Shortly after, St. Julian said his face was above the fold of the frontpage of the Southern Illinoisan.

St. Julian dedicates his life to informing people primarily ages 13 to 24 of the symptoms, progress and

treatment of HIV/AIDS. He chooses to speak to this age group because it has the highest rate of contraction, while Americans between the ages of 25 and 44 are actually dying from

Few people actually know the difference between HIV and AIDS.

"The difference between HIV and AIDS is the difference between being two weeks pregnant and being in your ninth month," St. Julian said.

HIV is the virus that may cause AIDS. Celebrities such as retired American basketball legend Magic Johnson and English-American journalist Andrew Sullivan Ellis were diagnosed with HIV. Johnson, for instance, was diagnosed with HIV for 15 years ago, but his T-cells have not gotten low enough for him to be diagnosed with AIDS.

Thorn, a resident of southern Illinois, is another man living with the reality of HIV/AIDS. Thorn tested positive for HIV in 1991. He said he spent 10 years dedicated to church work but left the church not because he was diagnosed with AIDS, but because he was divorcing his wife.

Thorn recalls the reactions of many members of his church when a visitor, who was also HIV positive, was not allowed to sing because they were afraid he would spit onto the microphone and people would contract HIV. Thorn saw the reactions



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Steven St. Julian, left, listens as Scott Thorn gestures toward his son during the "Living with HIV/AIDS" panel discussion Thursday evening at the Student Center. Thorn said when he tested positive with HIV in 1999, he only hoped to see his now 13-year-old son graduate from high school. Now, he says he expects to see his grandchildren.

of the church members and decided to leave the church without revealing his disease.

"People with HIV just want to be, period. Why can't I be your neighbor or your co-worker? Why

must I be the man with AIDS?"

St. Julian said the stigma can be more debilitating than the disease itself, but if those with HIV present a positive attitude, people would receive them in a positive light, and life wouldn't seem as hard.

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Jim Behounec prepares cans to be sent to Carterville for smelting Thursday evening at the Southern Recycling Center. Behounec has been working at the recycling center for nearly 12 years.

Tribune Co. fires Jeffrey Johnson

Dave Carpenter THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Tribune Co. ousted Jeffrey M. Johnson, the publisher of its largest newspaper, the Los Angeles Times, on Thursday after Johnson had refused to make what he considered potentially damaging staff cuts ordered by the media con-

Putting its own executive in his place, the parent company named David D. Hiller, who has been publisher of the Chicago Tribune, to suc-

The move follows a highly publicized show of defiance last month by Johnson and Times editor Dean Baquet against the latest proposed Tribune cuts, which drew the ire of not only Times staffers but those at some of Tribune's 10 other daily news-

Scott Smith, president of the Tribune Publishing division in charge of the newspapers, said in a statement

change because Inbune and Times executives need to be aligned on how to shape our future."

But it was unclear whether the action means Tribune, which plans major restructuring actions by the end of the year, is determined to keep the paper or put Hiller in place to slash costs and make it more attractive in

Tribune spokesman Gary Weitman declined comment beyond a prepared statement and did not immediately make Smith or Hiller available. Johnson did not respond to an interview request and Times spokesman David Garcia did not return a phone call seeking comment.

In a Web-posted story, the Times reported that Tribune had asked Johnson to resign and that Hiller was expected to ask Baquet to stay, despite the editor's own protests against fur-

Both Smith and Hiller went out of their way to underscore a commit-

that he and Johnson had agreed on the ment to top-quality journalism at the Times in separate memos to Times staff members.

> "I read and love newspapers and have the highest regard for the Los Angeles Times, its great journalism, and the special role it plays in Southern California," Hiller wrote.

> But the furor isn't likely to go away unless Tribune backpedals on demands to further trim costs at the Times, along with its other holdings. A group of Los Angeles civic leaders already demanded in a letter to Tribune directors last month that the company put more money into the nation's fourth-largest newspaper or sell it following the newest proposal on top of 200 editorial positions eliminated in the past five years.

> John Morton, an independent newspaper industry analyst in Silver Spring, Md., called Johnson's ouster predictable and said it probably doesn't have any bearing on whether Tribune will change its mind and decide to sell

Oil prices rebound while OPEC expects output cut

Brad Foss THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Oil prices settled above \$60 a barrel Thursday on expectations that OPEC would soon cut its output, though a representative of Saudi Arabia denied there was a deal to reduce production.

Concerns also grew about the stability of world oil supplies amid violence in Nigeria and as the United Nations considers possible sanctions against Iran over its

nuclear program.

The president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Edmund Daukoru, did not clearly confirm or deny a slew of reports attributed to anonymous sources from member countries who said the cartel plans to trim its daily production by 1 million barrels.

A spokesman for Saudi Arabia's U.S. ambassador said there is no plan in Riyadh to crimp supplies in order to prop up prices, however. "A decision hasn't been made," Nail al-Jubeir told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Oil prices initially jumped by more than \$1 a barrel amid the uncertainty, then eased back as traders said they doubted whether all OPEC members would go ahead with any informal agreement intended to stem a 24 percent decline in prices since mid-July.

Daukoru, who is also Nigeria's oil minister, said the group was considering holding an emergency meeting before its scheduled Dec. 14 conference.

"We each have an idea of what is an appropriate response ... we agree that something needs to be done," Daukoru said, referring to possible cuts in output. "We will have to agree on how much, how soon and how we distribute it among the member countries."

Daukoru said OPEC members would only agree on a formal position on oil cuts after consultations.

"I called my friends at the OPEC

secretariat in Vienna and they said they were baffled ... that there is no agreement," said Manouchehr Takin, an analyst at the Centre for Global Energy Studies in London and a former researcher for OPEC.

Nevertheless, OPEC ministers may be working informally on an agreement whereby member countries individually pledge to curtail production. "That would be logical," Takin said, given how quickly oil prices have fallen from a July peak above \$78 a barrel.

Dow Jones Newswires, citing an OPEC governor, said the cartel's ministers have agreed to cut output by 1 million barrels a day, including 300,000 barrels a day from Saudi

A spokesman for Saudi Aramco declined to comment; the Saudi petroleum ministry could not be reached for comment.

PFC Energy analyst David Kirsch said he was operating on the assumption that OPEC is already making gradual output reductions to tighten up global inventories that are rising due to slower economic growth and increased production from non-OPEC countries.

Kirsch speculated that OPEC – and in particular, Saudi Arabia, its largest producer — may choose to maintain a low profile on any output cuts until after the mid-term elections in the United States.

"That's probably the leading factor why they're not more forthcoming about the details," he said.

Light sweet crude for November delivery settled Thursday at \$60.03 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, an increase of 62 cents. Oil prices climbed as high as \$60.97.

Prices temporarily fell to a fresh seven-month low on Wednesday after U.S. government data showed rising inventories of crude, gasoline and heating oil and following comments from Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States that suggested no formal OPEC cut was imminent.



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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

The big hurt The Salukis must stop RB Herb Donaldson to secure victory

D.W. Norris DAILY EGYPTIAN

Herb Donaldson is the kind of running back who catches a coach's attention.

Donaldson is Western Illinois University's battering ram at 5feet-11-inches and 220 pounds. How he runs in Saturday's 1:30 p.m. game at McAndrew Stadium could determine whether the Leathernecks can break their fourgame losing streak to the Salukis.

Donaldson brings size and power

to Western Illinois' third-ranked **EYE** Gateway Football Conference rushing offense. Saluki

head coach Jerry Kill said once Donaldson gets going, he moves the line of scrimmage forward.

"When you're 220, you're going to get two or three yards, and that's what he's done," Kill said.

Donaldson has gained his yards behind a solid, veteran offensive line but has done more than pound out the clichéd three yards and a cloud of dust. He hits the hole hard with only four negative rushing yards in 79 carries. But while he has the size to punish, Donaldson's speed earned him nearly seven yards a carry.

And he comes to Carbondale fresh off of a career day in Western Illinois' 38-35 Sept. 30 loss to Western Kentucky. Donaldson rushed for 144 yards and three touchdowns on 21 carries.

With only five career starts at Western Illinois, Donaldson could make his best day an average performance if he heeds senior Saluki running back Arkee Whitlock's advice.

"He can't look at it as, 'I'm only a sophomore, I have two more years, I have nothing to worry about," Whitlock said. "He's got to come out and grind every day like it's his last game."

While Donaldson must grind to stay sharp, he is more than simply a grinder. Donaldson aver-

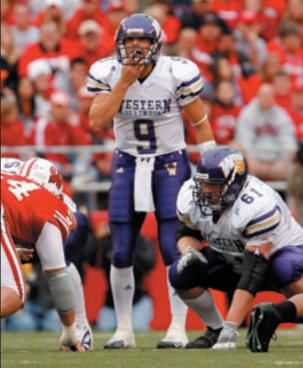
ages 109.8 yards per game — good for fifth in the conference and just below Whitlock's 116.8-yard average.

WIU head coach Don Patterson credited Donaldson's production as a key factor in the Leathernecks' more balanced attack. Patterson said balance makes his team harder

"It gives us a chance to be a little more productive on that side of the ball," Patterson said.

And the increased production leads to increased touchdowns, mainly on the ground.

Thirteen of WIU's 24 offensive touchdowns belong to the rushing attack, and Donaldson has carried



quarterback Steve LaFalce adjusts his mouth guard before the start of a play during their Sept. 9 football game against the Wisconsin Badgers. PROVIDED

Western

Illinois

backs as the primary threat.

Whitlock said it was a task he could appreciate.

"I was in the same situation as a sophomore," Whitlock said. "I had running backs I had to split time with, but when I was on the field I played every game like it was my

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Come one, come all

October 6, 2006



The SIU football team isn't

The Salukis just know their product deserves a little more attention.

Last week against Indiana State, 13,524 fans poured into the creaky, concrete-cum-aluminum stands of McAndrew Stadium. The total was the most fans to attend a game in head coach Jerry Kill's six-year tenure.

But that wasn't enough. The team wants more.

"We'll love to come out here and see them fill the whole thing up," said senior running back Arkee Whitlock. "I think we deserve it as a team."

The empty stands can hit hard. Last season, a mere 1,400 students showed up for the Salukis' tilt with Youngstown State. It was a showdown of two top-15 teams, and only a sliver of students found it worth their time to attend the free

This Homecoming weekend presents a chance to brush previous attendance woes under the rug.

Tom Weber, the director of media services, said numbers could be a little deceiving. First, he said McAndrew can probably only comfortably seat around 15,000. The stadium has a listed capacity of about 17,000, but the allotted space for seats is not to scale.

As far as all attendance numbers are concerned, Weber said those numbers could also be skewed. Up until last season, all attendance numbers were estimates. Last year was the first year SIU started electronically counting the number of people who entered the game.

So, if 15,000 could comfortably fill the Mac, it wouldn't be far-off to say the SIU-WIU matchup could give McAndrew a standing-room only feel.

Last year's Homecoming game attracted 13,140 fans. The next highest attendance of the 2005 season was 11,381 against Illinois

If 13,524 people can show up to watch the Salukis pound Indiana which owns Division I-AA's longest losing streak — filling McAndrew on Saturday is feasible.

But what's the point; why does it matter if there are 13,000 or 15,000 butts in the seats?

It's a respect thing, and the Salukis take it to heart.

"I can promise you, with 13,500, 14,000, 15,000 (fans), our players

play better," Kill said. Here's more incentive -Leatherneck head coach Don Patterson said a large crowd won't even flutter his team. They've played

in front of bigger, more boisterous

crowds. Prove him wrong.

And in the process, give this Saluki team the support it

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Protect the pass

Jordan Wilson DAILY EGYPTIAN

When two opposing forces collide, one is bound to tumble.

Such will be the case Saturday for SIU's Homecoming matchup with Western Illinois University.

The Leathernecks boast one of the Gateway Football Conference's top secondaries with almost two interceptions a game. However, SIU's junior quarterback Nick Hill is the only signal caller in the conference who hasn't thrown an interception.

In fact, he hasn't thrown one since 2002, when he was an all-state quarterback at Du Quoin High School.

The fact the Leathernecks have tallied eight picks - second in the Gateway to Illinois State's nine could startle a first-year quarterback.

Hill shrugs it off.

"You've just got to go in there with confidence and not worry about anything like that," Hill said. "Let your receivers be receivers and not be scared to throw one in there once in a while."

So far, that strategy has not worked for quarterbacks facing the Leatherneck defense. WIU has tallied five more interceptions than its opponents and has taken one back for a touchdown.

SIU head coach Jerry Kill admitted the Leatherneck secondary could make plays when the situation is right. He's just hoping WIU can't force the Salukis into those situations.

"If they get you into situations where they get up on you and you



the bulk of the scoring load. He

leads the Gateway with eight rush-

But the starting job was not

Donaldson had to battle his

way into the lineup after Travis

Glasford, WIU's career leader in

rushing yards, touchdowns and

carries, graduated. Donaldson sep-

arated himself from WIU's other

ing touchdowns.

given to him.

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Saluki quarterback Nick Hill runs the ball past Indiana State linebacker Shonda Faulkner on Saturday evening at McAndrew Stadium. The Salukis beat the Sycamores 55-3.

have to throw it all the time, then Patterson said. "There will be a lot of they're pretty good," Kill said.

The Salukis hope their running game will keep WIU's defense honest and allow Hill to pick apart the secondary. The Leathernecks' defense, however, might be hard to figure.

The Leathernecks pack a plethora of defensive packages, which could account for their high interception

WIU head coach Don Patterson said his defense's changing face could create problems for the Salukis.

"We're multiple on defense,"

different looks.

Hill, who averages 153 yards passing and 1.5 touchdowns a contest, recognizes the defensive challenge WIU presents. Facing an ever-changing defense and watching hours of game tape have alleviated the threat, he said.

"They kind of try and trick you into throwing some different things, but you've just got to be prepared and watch your film and trust what you see."

No matter the configuration, Kill

said he's confident his offense can handle it. They've dealt with 3-4s, 4-2s, 4-3s, buck defenses and everything

And each time, the Saluki offense which features Division I-AA's toprated running game — has adjusted.

"All we're doing is taking what the defense gives us right now, and we've been very good and efficient in taking what they give us," Kill said.

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Saluki Inside

Saluki <u>Bant</u>

With the MLB playoffs now in progress, baseball writers across the country have already submitted their votes for National League and American League Most Valuable Players. If you had a vote, who would you write in as the NL and AL MVP?



"My NL MVP award goes to whoever fired Dusty Baker. That is seriously the play of the year. Screw diving catches and hitting for the cycle, getting rid of un-trusty Dusty is ginormous. As far as the AL goes, you've got to give it to Jeter."

"In the National League, it's Albert Pujols. Some might say that is a homer pick, but had the Phillies made the playoffs, Ryan Howard would be a no-brainer. In the American League, I am going with Derek Jeter. But Justin Morneau made a strong case, too."





"On the field, it's Pujols in the NL. Off the field, I'm going with Jason Grimsley. When he got busted, it ensured that MLB couldn't sweep steroids under the rug. In the AL, I've got to go with Morneau. As a Pirates fan, I root for the underdog."

QOUTE OF THE WEEK

SIU FOOTBALL

QB Nick Hill

"(Western Illinois is) definitely going to be wanting that win, but we've just got to stay motivated.

I don't think it's going to be a problem. It's Homecoming, we're going to have a big crowd. Coach Kil

is never going to let us be unmotivated.

He tells us to play every game like it's our last. I think last week was last week for both teams, and we've just got to come out here and play hard."

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?

E-mail de_editor@dailyegyptian.com

Detroit ends losing streak

NEW YORK (AP) — Justin Verlander and Detroit's bullpen held down the New York Yankees' mighty offense, bringing just enough 100 mph heat to send the Tigers home with a split.

Curtis Granderson hit a goahead triple off Mike Mussina in the seventh inning to cap a comeback from a two-run deficit, and the Tigers beat the Yankees 4-3 Thursday to even their bestof-five AL playoff series at one game apiece.

"I hope in my heart everybody realizes we are a playoff team," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "I'm not sure everybody believed

After the threat of rain caused a postponement Wednesday night, the skies were sunny for the rare postseason day game at Yankee Stadium. But before a somewhat stunned crowd of 56,252, the wild-card Tigers ended a six-game losing streak that stretched to the final week of the regular season.

Verlander, his pitches reaching triple-digits on the radar gun, allowed his only runs on Johnny Damon's fourth-inning homer, which put New York ahead 3-1.

Jamie Walker, Joel Zumaya and Todd Jones finished with one-hit

Zumaya topped out at 102 mph, according to the center-field scoreboard. Walker got the win, relieving Verlander in the sixth with a man on and a 1-1 count on Robinson Cano and inducing an inning-ending double play.

Jones pitched the ninth for the save, giving up a leadoff single to Hideki Matsui. But Jones, a soft tosser when compared to the Tigers' other hard throwers, struck out Jorge Posada, retired Cano on a soft fly and got Damon to fly out.

New York, an overwhelming favorite with All-Stars at every position, won Tuesday's opener 8-4 and had plenty of chances early in this one. But the Yankees struck out nine times and went 1-for-8 with men in scoring position.

Alex Rodriguez had another tough day at the plate, going 0for-4 with three strikeouts, including one that ended the first with the bases loaded.

A-Rod, booed loudly after his final two at-bats, hasn't driven in a run in his last 10 postseason games and is 5-for-40 (.125) in his last 11. He's 1-for-8 with four strikeouts in this series.

When the series resumes in Detroit on Friday night, Randy Johnson (17-11) will test his balky back for New York, opposed by former-Yankee Kenny Rogers (17-8). Because of the rainout, the teams lost their travel day.

ON THE AIR THURSDAY

Major League Baseball

Division Series ,ESPN, 4 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, ESPN, 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

(Home games listed in bold)

Oct. 7 Western Illinois 1:30 p.m. Oct. 14 Illinois State 2:30 p.m. Oct. 21 Western Kentucky 6 p.m. Oct. 28 Missouri State 1:30 p.m. Nov. 4 Youngstown State noon Nov. 11 **Northern Iowa** 3 p.m. Southern Utah Nov. 18 3 p.m. WOMEN 'S TENNIS SCHEDULE TBA Oct. 6 ITA All-American ITA All-American TBA

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Oct. 19 ITA Midwest Regionals **MEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE**

Oct. 8

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 6	Louisville Invitational	All Day
Oct. 6	ITA All-American	TBA
Oct. 7	Louisville Invitational	All Day
Oct. 7	ITA All-American	TBA
Oct. 8	Louisville Invitational	All Day
Oct. 8	ITA All-American	TBA
Oct. 13	Marguette Invitational	All Day

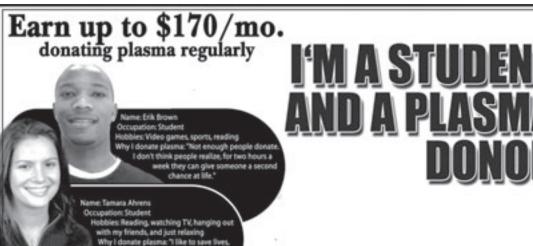
VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time		
Oct . 6	Missouri State	7 p.m.		
Oct . 7	Wichita State	7 p.m.		
Oct . 12	Evansville	7 p.m.		
Oct . 20	Illinois State	7 p.m.		
Oct . 21	Indiana State	6 p.m.		

CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 7	Saluki Invitational	All Day
Oct. 14	Pre-Nationals	All Day
Oct. 28	MVC Championship	All Day
Nov. 11NO	CAA Regional Championsh	nipAll Day
Nov. 20	NCAA Championship	All Day

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Salukis square off against Missouri State Bears

Brian FeldtDaily Egyptian

While you're walking away from Saturday's Homecoming football game, try a two-step and drop by Davies Gymnasium to see two top Missouri Valleyball Conference teams.

Yes, volleyball plays on Homecoming weekend, too.

Fans who bring a ticket stub from the football game receive \$2 off admission to the volley game.

If you're coming Saturday evening, you might as well stop by tonight for the Saluki volleyball rendition of Homecoming, which lasts all weekend.

The Salukis square off against Missouri State University tonight and Wichita State University Saturday night. Both teams are tied for second in MVC standings with identical 4-1 records.

The matches could stand as the toughest weekend for the Salukis on their schedule this season

The Bears and Shockers have a combined 23-6 record and were both preseason favorites to win the conference title.

Missouri State beat Wichita State in a five-game match Friday. This weekend, though, both teams aim at crashing the party known as Homecoming weekend.

The Saluki's will undoubtedly have their hands full as they face two MVC power-houses, but sophomore outside hitter Kristie Berwanger said with the added intensity from the Homecoming crowd, the Salukis

feel confident.

"There is always added extra intensity when we have our home crowd," Berwanger said. "There should be more people there this weekend, though."

The Saluki's first match features a Bears team that comes into tonight's game in somewhat of a vulnerable state as it has lost two of its last three matches.

The Bears are capable of exploding at any moment, though. Before they lost three of four, the team rattled off nine wins in it's previous 10 matches.

Missouri State (11-3) leads the league in opponents' hitting percentage at .124, meaning the Bears have limited opponents to a poor offensive attack.

Head coach Brenda Winkeler said ball control would be key in both matches over the weekend and stressed the importance of the first hit.

"We need to dig more on system because that is really hurting our offense," Winkeler said. "It is the first ball up. It's like getting a good pass to your center in basketball; in volleyball, it is the same thing."

The Bears boast four players with 100-plus kills and 100-plus digs, making it difficult to defend and attack against them.

Wichita State, meanwhile, may be the best team on paper to grace the MVC.

The Shockers, defending MVC champions, lead the league in hitting percentage (.284), service aces (2.15) and digs per game (18.47), making them one of the all-around most talented teams.

WSU also boasts some of the best players



Johanna Yutzy spikes the ball over the net to Belmont on Sept. 9 during the Saluki Invitational at Davies Gymnasium. Then Salukis lost to Belmont 3-0.

KELI BILLINGSLEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

in the conference as well.

Amanda Moore and Stephanie Tokarz occupy the best and second-best hitting percentages in the conference with .410 and .321 percentages, respectively.

Sara Lundgren leads the league in kills with 4.40 per game — 240 overall.

Melissa Branville ranks as the top defensive player in digs with 5.68 per game. SIU sophomore libero Kristy Elswick trails Branville by only a tenth of a point as she has 5.67 digs per game.

With the Shockers ability to play solidly in nearly all aspects of the game, Winkeler said it is imperative to sustain good ball control and to serve aggressively.

The Salukis have worked on several different serving styles lately, mixing deep

serves with short serves — something Winkeler said will keep opposing defenses on their toes, allowing the Salukis better control in the match.

The weekend stands as a crossroads for SIU in its quest for an NCAA Tournament berth.

Two wins would not only propel SIU higher in conference standings but would also boost morale.

Two losses, however, could force the Salukis below sixth place in the conference — the necessary position to earn an MVC Tournament bid.

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Cross Country host Saluki Invitational homecoming weekend

Scott Mieszala

DAILY EGYPTIAN

Saluki pride will be running wild this Homecoming weekend.

Literally.

This Saturday, SIU cross country hosts the Saluki Invitational, which happens to fall on Homecoming weekend. The runners themselves will be playing host to various family members and friends traveling from as far as Seattle to be here.

That's not to mention the alumni who are expected to be in attendance at the meet.

"There's quite a few alumni and people who have run for us in the past who are coming into town because this is Homecoming, and it is a home cross country weekend," head coach Matt Sparks said. "So we will get more cross country alumni in town."

Sparks said that the football game Saturday night and the volleyball matches Friday and Saturday could help the cross country meet.

"The general student population has a sense of athletic pride with so many events going on, and hopefully they will trickle over to the cross country meet," Sparks said.

Sparks said that it was ironic that this year's Saluki Invite was scheduled for Homecoming weekend, but Homecoming is only part of the excitement.

With so many family members and friends coming into town, the most notable visitors will be for senior Cherylynn Schilling.

Schilling's father, grandmother and aunt are coming to the meet Saturday.

"I'm excited. It's always good to be able to see them," Schilling said.

Also in attendance will be Schilling's younger sister, Stephanie.

Stephanie Schilling, a junior at the University of Southern Indiana, will be running for USI cross country in the Saluki Invitational and competing against her sister.

Cherylynn Schilling said she has become accustomed to running against her sister because she has done it so many times. Cherylynn Schilling even joked that her lifetime record against her sister is "637 to zero."

"I remember the first time we ran against

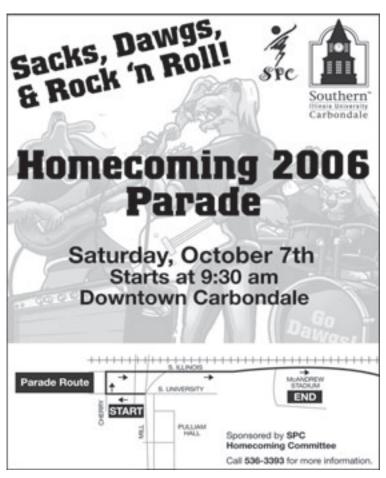
each other, it was kind of weird," Cherylynn Schilling said. "It's also kind of cool too because even though were at college and different schools, I can still see how she does."

However, the sisters are still close, and Cherylynn Schilling is looking forward to seeing and running against her sister again.

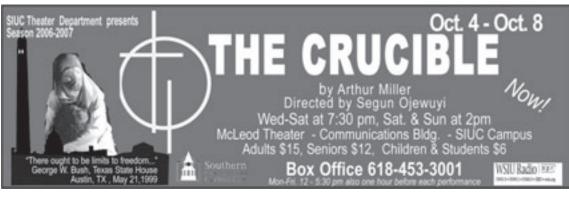
"They're bringing down my sister on Friday actually, instead of her coming down with the team, so I can spend more time with her," Cherylynn Schilling said.

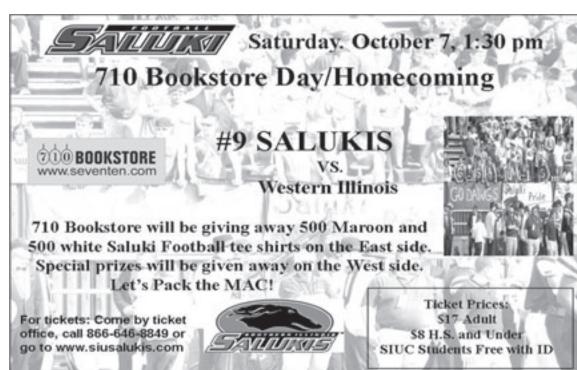
The Saluki Invitational starts Saturday at 10 a.m. for the women and 10:45 a.m. for the men behind Abe Martin Field.

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Media staff and coaches ready for biggest day of the year

Matt Hartwig
Daily Egyptian

On Saturday morning, Saluki fans will set their tailgate parties for the football game while media service personnel and coaches will already be hard at work.

Homecoming is the biggest weekend of the year in terms of attendance and events, so it takes a strong collective effort from everyone involved to make it run smoothly.

Cross country starts the day at 10 a.m. with the Saluki Invitational. The meet will finish around 11:30 a.m. It will end in time for fans to get over to McAndrew Stadium to see the Saluki football team kickoff against Western Illinois University at 1:30 p.m. After the football game, the Saluki volleyball team will take on Wichita State University at Davies Gymnasium at 7 p.m. to finish the night.

Head cross country coach Matt Sparks said Homecoming is a great time to be a Saluki, but it requires a big effort to make it work. Sparks' day will begin at 6:30 a.m. as he sets up the cross country course for the Saluki Invitational.

"We have a couple of recruits here, so everything has to look good on our part," Sparks said. "Trying to entertain parents while coaching the team and keeping my wife and kids happy will be a daunting task."

Sparks said more of his former

athletes return for Homecoming than any other sport. He said his former runners, such as Joe Byrne, are able to compete again.

"What's great about this is that the race is an open meet, which means anyone can participate," Sparks said. "Heck, I could even go out there and compete if I

As expected, the ticket sales department will have a big day as well. With attendance figures expected to match or top last week's 13,000 at the Indiana State game, ticket manager Brad Pietz has to be on the ball.

Pietz will be at the SIU Arena with his team at 8:30 a.m. to organize tickets for the day's events. He will head over to McAndrew Stadium to open ticket sales by 10 a.m.

Pietz said he would be working up until the start of the fourth quarter of the football game, at which point he will bring his staff back to the SIU Arena. After finishing ticket sales, he will set up for the volleyball game at 5:30 p.m. and will remain at Davies Gymnasium until 7:30 p.m.

Similar to family weekend, ticket sales are expected to soar. Pietz said he expects similar figures for football, but volleyball should have a much better turnout.

"Anywhere between 12 and 14,000 should be expected for the football game," Pietz said. "The volleyball game should bring in

400 to 500 people."

In addition to selling tickets for sports, Pietz is also in charge of the tickets for Alpha Phi Alpha's 35th annual Miss Eboness Pageant.

"We'll head over to the event by 10 (p.m.), and we will probably finish up around two in the morning," Pietz said. "After that's all done, I hope to get home around three in the morning."

Even those who have a light schedule will still be yearning for a break in the action. Marketing director Mike Trude's day will be longer than usual but said it was nothing he didn't already expect.

Trude's day starts at 9:30 a.m. setting up displays for the SIU Alumni Association on Saluki Row. After that, Trude said his marketing team plans to set up its T-shirt giveaway.

"The first 1,000 fans on the east side of the stadium will get one of our T-shirts," Trude said. "With attendance numbers expected to be like last weekend, they should go pretty fast."

When the football team starts walking into the stadium slightly after noon, Trude will be signing up contestants for the halftime Punt, Pass and Kick competition.

After the game, Trude will send assistant Mike Lucchessi over to Davies Gymnasium to start setting up for the volleyball game. Lucchessi will be in charge for the rest of the evening.

Trude said after the football

game is over, he gets to enjoy the volleyball game as a fan.

"It'll be nice to relax and watch the volleyball game from a fan's viewpoint," Trude said. "The media services department will still be hard at work while I'm at the game."

The media services team might have the longest day of anyone, but Matt Crouch plays it off as business as usual. Crouch will be covering all three events Saturday and will have to scramble to each event with little time to spare.

Crouch said he will start his day at 8 a.m. setting up computers for statistics at McAndrew Stadium. After a quick set-up, he has to hustle over to the cross country course to prepare for the Saluki Invitational.

Once the races are complete, he'll post the results and photos online with only a few minutes until football kicks off. Crouch said he is part of a four-person team that compiles all the stats throughout the game for official scoring.

"As soon as the game is over, I turn the stats into the NCAA for further review," Crouch said. "I need to run over to Davies (Gymnasium) to do the same thing for volleyball, then I hope to be home by 10."

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Whitlock came to the Salukis from Coffeyville Community College in 2004 with the task of replacing former running back Tom Koutsos, SIU's career leader in rushing yards, attempts and touchdowns, but he was not alone.

Whitlock found himself in competition with Division I-A transfers Brandon Jacobs from Auburn, now a running back with the New York Giants, and Terry Jackson, who came from the University of Minnesota.

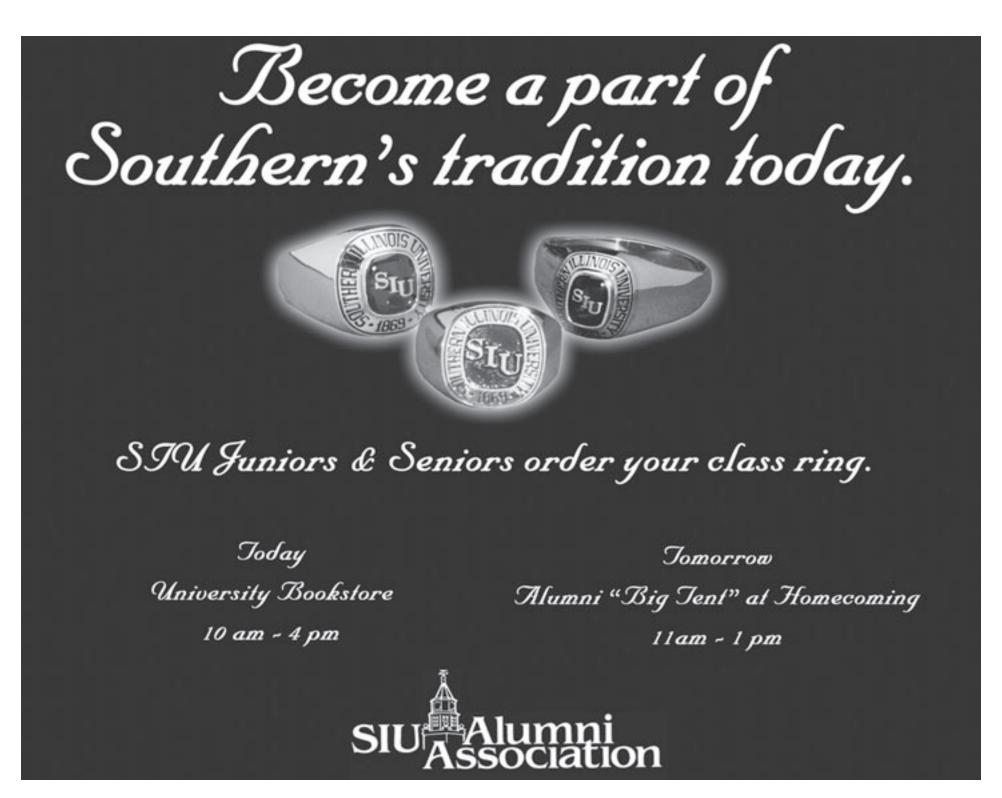
While Jacobs and Jackson brought BCS credentials, Whitlock brought his game. By the start of the 2004 season, Whitlock earned the starting spot over his more highly touted backfield mates.

Now Whitlock faces off against a bruising young back looking to make his mark on the Gateway. Whitlock does not see the meeting as a direct challenge, though. He said he was more focused on the scoreboard.

"I'm not into competing with him for yards or anything like that because the only thing that matters to me is the end goal, whoever wins," Whitlock said. "If I get 160 yards and we lose, then it's no good to me. If I get 65 yards and we win, then I came out on top, whether he had 200 or not."

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Alumni Association pulls out stops for weekend festivities

Group will provide free lunch for SIU community

Sean McGahan
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This weekend, the beer and brats are on the house.

As part of its Homecoming festivities, the Alumni Association is hosting the 22nd annual "Big Tent Celebration" near the east end of

McAndrew Stadium starting at 11 a.m. Saturday.

"Whoever attends the event can have lunch and beverages on the Alumni Association," said Greg Scott, spokesman for the association.

The free lunch will include hot dogs, bratwurst, beer, Pepsi products and cake and is open to all students and community members, Scott said.

"We take pride in the fact that this event really brings all of the various audiences together," Scott said of the celebration that precedes Saturday's Homecoming football game against Western Illinois.

"It's just a really fun time," said Tuesday Ashner, assistant director of alumni services. "The whole atmosphere of it all gets everybody really riled up for the game, and you're just so ready to go in and cheer those Salukis."

Ashner said the event traditionally draws roughly 3,500 students, alumni and community leaders.

"We will have somebody from every state in the Union come through that tent," Ashner said.

The Alumni Association and each SIUC college pay for the celebration. Outside sponsors include Pepsi, Soundcore and Egyptian Electric Cooperative.

Saturday morning Homecoming festivities will also include the Homecoming parade, which begins downtown at 9:30 a.m.

"We have 19 different high school and junior high bands, which is as large as parades get around here," said Donald Castle, assistant director of the Student Center

He said the parade will also feature the Homecoming court, the Marching Salukis, the Spirit Squad and a number of local politicians.

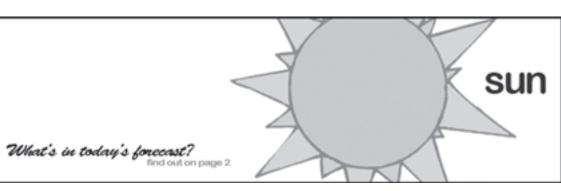
"This parade brings a lot of different parts of Southern Illinois together," Castle said. "It's just a great chance for the students to have fun and show off their school pride."

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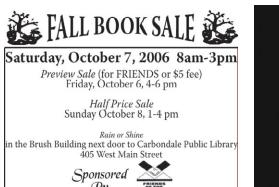
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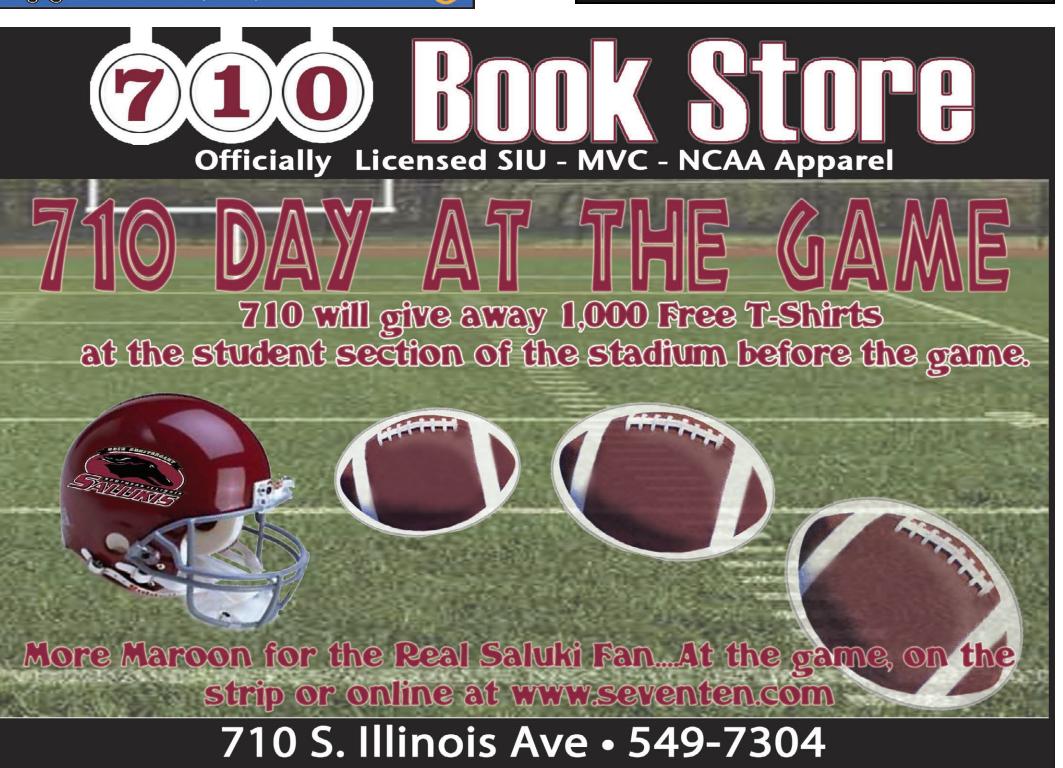
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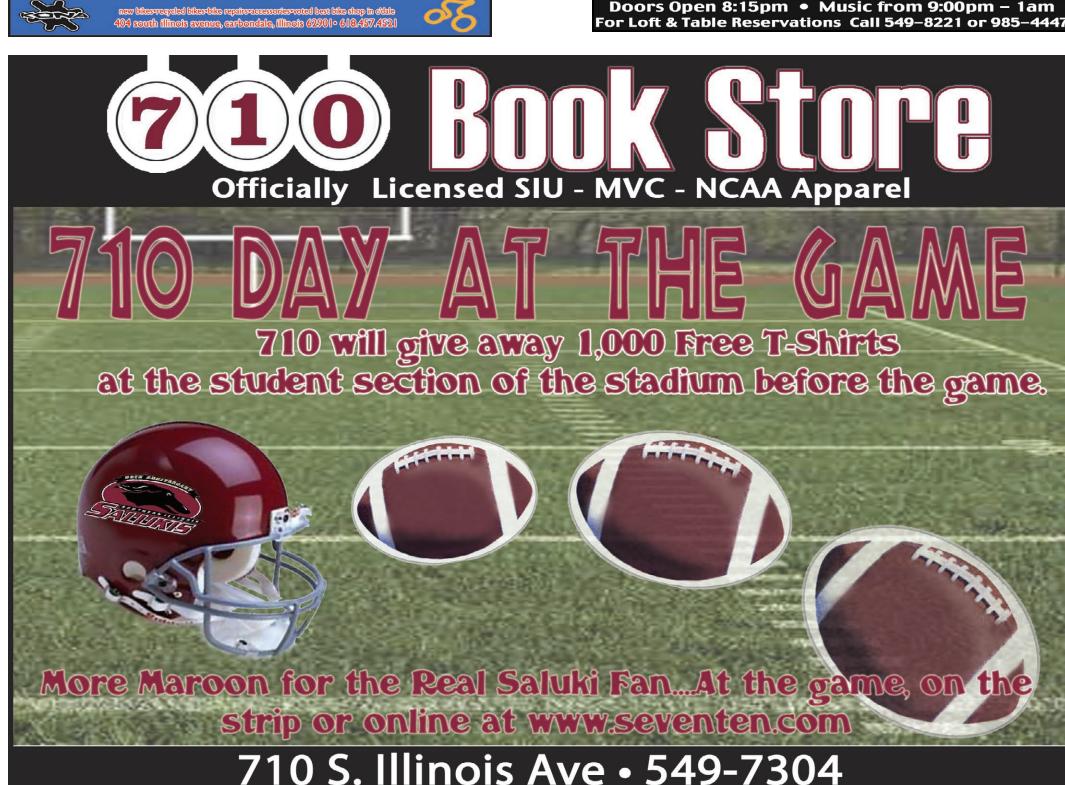














Alumni, eligible students can order class rings

2002 marked creation of official SIUC class rings

Aerial McCall
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If you are a junior with 56 completed credit hours, you are eligible to order an official SIUC class ring.

"The class ring was designed by a committee of alumni and students, and the class ring is for alumni and students," said Greg Scott, spokesman for the association.

The sizing and ordering of class rings, graduation caps and gowns began at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at the University Bookstore in the Student Center. Sizing and ordering will continue today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the SIU Alumni Association's Homecoming Celebration, under the Alumni "Big" Tent, east of McAndrew Stadium.

Desiree Arnold, a manager at the University Bookstore in the Student Center, said there had been roughly 25 students in the first hour of business ordering from Balfour.

Balfour is the manufacturing company that provides SIUC and thousands of other schools with class rings that Balfour feels symbolizes a tradition of success. This symbol of success can be measured from \$340 to \$885, including Balfour's guarantee of your satisfaction and a lifetime warranty that includes free resizing, cleaning and polishing.

Such a pricing for a ring that would forever symbolize your success and accomplishments from SIUC is not as appealing as it sounds to some

Justin Dewey, a sophomore from Evergreen Park studying forestry, said he would never purchase a class ring.

"Whatever it costs, I have 30 other things that I could spend my money on," Dewey said.

Supplementary to the hefty price, some students may have a problem with the requirements of purchasing a class ring.

Davee Logan, a sophomore from West Frankfort studying accounting, said she would purchase a college class ring, but the restrictions and guidelines may discourage other students who are not at that level of credit hours.



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Brian Ardaugh, a senior studying electrical engineering technology, examines one of the different class rings on display while Balfour college territory manager Becki Beyler helps a different customer Thursday afternoon at University Bookstore in the Student Center. Balfour will be available for ring orders Friday in the Student Center and Saturday in the Alumni tent.

"It would make people feel as if their hard work is not good enough. If the school pays for the rings, they should choose. If I pay, I should choose because its my money not theirs," Logan said.

Scott said the requirement of 56 completed credit hours is actually a good idea.

"It's the fact that it means something, it symbolizes that you are well on your way to graduating," Scott

Even though Dewey said he wouldn't purchase a ring, he understands the guidelines behind it.

"It's a reward for people that are at that particular level. You can't get something for nothing," Dewey said.

Amongst probable student uproar, Scott said it seems as if alumni are purchasing more rings than students. Scott, an SIUC alumnus, said when he was in school, class rings were not even talked about.

Because of that, there is a program that allows people to trade in their rings for close to nothing if they purchased regular 10k gold rings before the official class ring was established in 2002.

There is no cost for a current student trade, but there is a \$95 charge for alumni

Class rings will be presented to students each spring at a ceremony hosted by the university and the Alumni Association during Honors Day weekend. Scott said they try to get the chancellor every year, but if he fails, another dignitary of the university presents the rings to the qualified students.

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Class rings will be available to order Friday and Saturday. According to the Balfour Web site, only alumni and students who are of at least junior status with 56 credit hours are eligible to purchase the SIU class ring.

Emmy winner, SIUC grad serving as parade's grand marshal

Sean McGahan Daily Egyptian

Anyone who has ever watched Saturday morning cartoons, celebrated a Saluki touchdown or been encouraged to "have your break today" is familiar with the work of Glen Daum.

Daum, a 1964 SIUC School of Music graduate, is the grand marshal of Saturday's Homecoming parade, which kicks off at 9:30 a.m. in downtown Carbondale.

Daum has arranged hundreds of familiar tunes, ranging from the theme songs for "ABC World News Tonight" to "Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers."

He won an Emmy award in 2002 for his

compositions for "Sesame Street."

"We always look to honor somebody with the grand marshal that has contributed to SIU and also had great success in representing us in whatever career field they've been in out in the world," said Donald Castle, assistant director of the Student Center.



• 1964 School of Music graduate • Arranged theme song for "ABC World News Tonight" • Won an Emmy for "Sesame Street" theme song Daum credits his time as a student at SIU with giving him the grounding he needed for his career.

He began arranging music for the Marching Salukis as an undergraduate, creating over 100 arrangements and compositions that remain staples for the band today, including "Go Southern Go" and "Go You Salukis."

"I cannot stress what an opportunity it was for me to do arrangements," Daum said. "It was just a

thrill to be able to write."

Daum is conducting a portion of the Marching Salukis' halftime performance during Saturday's Homecoming game. He said the opportunity reminds him of his

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tudent days.

After viewing a foreign film at the former Varsity Theater in the early 1960s, Daum said he was inspired to write a samba tune for the marching band to perform at the Homecoming parade.

"I think people were a little baffled, like, 'What the hell are they playing?' But it turned out pretty well. I'm very proud of that, actually," Daum said.

Mike Haynes, retired director of bands at SIUC and a classmate of Daum's, said Daum's arrangements for the marching band were unique then and have endured time.

"When he started back in the early 1960s, most marching bands didn't play very

assistant director of the Student Center

interesting or difficult music," Haynes said. In addition to being grand marshal, Daum is one of five "Distinguished Alumni" being honored today by the Alumni Association.

"You want to recognize alumni that do great things after graduation so that current students here have things to aspire to," said Tuesday Ashner, assistant director of alumni services. "You want the students to say, 'Oh my goodness, that person walked these halls before me, and look what they've done. This person won an Emmy."

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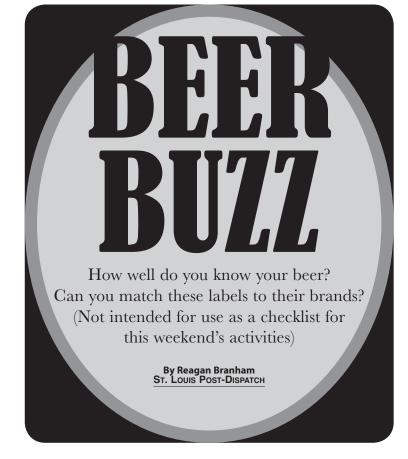
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Slogan: Whatever you do, take pride



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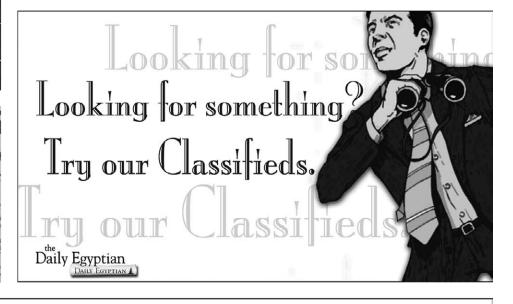
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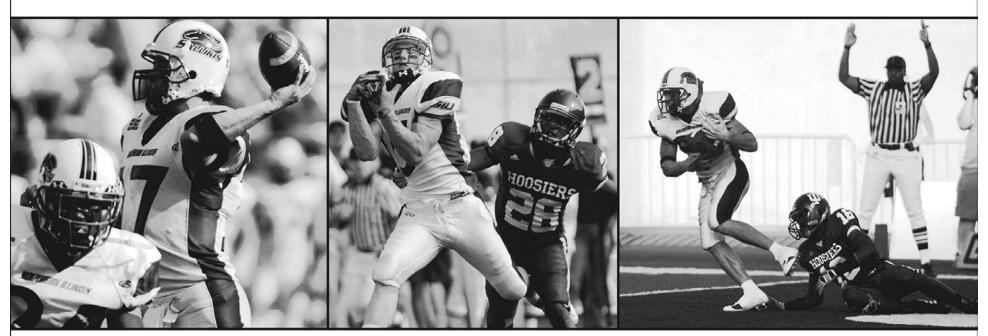
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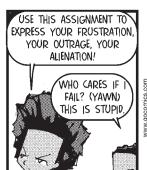
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By Linda Black

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is an 8 - You won't have to shout to get your point across. You'll make a better impression if you speak slowly, distinctively and with great authority.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 7 - You've put off some tasks because you didn't know how to do them, and some because they're icky. Tackle the latter now, with caution and possibly wearing gloves.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 9 - You're moving ahead, but don't start celebrating your success. You need to be careful a little while longer. Make sure you're also well prepared.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 6 - You'll have to rearrange your routine to include a few more chores. This is awkward at first, but you'll make it look easy in no time.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is an 8 - By now you should be just about ready to get up and start again. You've made it through a scary time, and you're stronger now.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7 - You'll figure out how much you really have in the next few days. Don't go shopping yet, it may be more than you expected.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is an 8 - Ask a person who's very assertive to lend you a hand. The two of you will balance each other out, successfully.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Today is a 7 - Concentrate and get the job done, in spite of the distractions. Somebody else can clean up a mess you didn't make.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is an 8 - You're confident, and you have the support of an excellent team. There will be dangers, but so what? That's all just part of the game.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 5 - You're surrounded by individuals with very strong opinions. Don't join in the battle,

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 7 - You're smarter now, and more cautious. Don't waste time congratulating yourself on your victory - keep fighting.

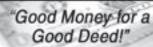
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 6 - You're tapping into the source, and this is a place where you belong. Don't be prideful, that gets in the way. Just do what needs to be done.

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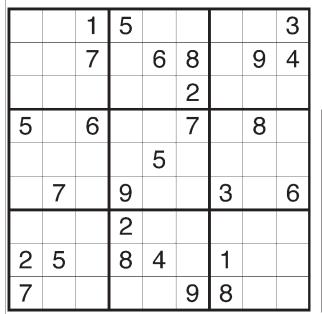




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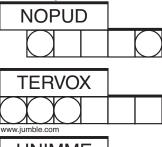




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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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From left, Brian Lilly, Michael Mahone, Ryan Schoonover and Bill Kahre, all of Evansville, Ind., pull a large tent across the grass Thursday morning on the east side of McAndrew Stadium. The tent, provided by Bauers Tents in Evansville, will be used for SIUC Homecoming activities. KELI BILLINGSLEY

Voters: Scandals will affect their vote in midterms

Jim Kuhhenn The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In yet another hurdle for Republicans, the scandals that have dogged Congress for the past year are prominent in the minds of many voters who say corruption will significantly influence their vote in November.

With midterm elections less than five weeks away, the latest Associated Press-Ipsos poll found that about half of likely voters say disclosures of corruption and scandal in Congress will be very or extremely important when they enter the voting booth.

About two out of three of those voters said they would cast their ballots for Democrats in House races, further

complicating the political landscape for Republicans already struggling against negative public perceptions.

The poll was conducted this week as House Republican leaders came under increasing pressure to explain what they knew of sexually explicit messages from former Rep. Mark Foley of Florida to teenage pages. Last month, another Republican, Rep. Bob Ney of Ohio, admitted that he accepted trips, meals and other gifts in exchange for legislative favors.

In that roiling environment, the poll found that by a margin of nearly 2-to-1 likely voters say Democrats would better combat corruption than Republicans. More troubling to Republicans, likely voters in some key Republican groups were split

on whether to trust Democrats or Republicans to clean up corruption.

Voter perceptions about corruption underscore a strong sense of dissatisfaction, if not outright anger, toward Congress. And they help explain the pessimism with which some Republicans in and outside Congress now view their chances on Election Day.

Among likely voters, 28 percent said they are angry at the Republican leadership in Congress and 35 percent said they were dissatisfied but not angry.

Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, told the Associated Press that Republicans had been somewhat upbeat in early September, believing they would only lose a handful

of House seats and still retain their majority. But after Foley's electronic exchanges with teenage boys became public on Friday, Simpson said he now is "not confident" they can keep control of the House.

"From Thursday it went (from) fairly confident we were going to keep the majority to a real tossup," he said.

The Foley scandal, with its proximity to the elections and its simple set of facts, has sent Republican leaders and GOP candidates on a political detour just as they were preparing their final offensive against Democrats to save control of Congress. Since Friday, the Foley affair has broadened amid questions about who in the GOP leadership had been warned about his behavior.

Ryan aide gets 30 months

Mike Robinson The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The key aide who testified against former Gov. George Ryan was sentenced Thursday to 30 months in prison for bid-rigging — a sentence attorneys said was all but certain to be drastically shortened.

Scott Fawell, 49, already serving a 6 1/2-year racketeering sentence at a South Dakota prison, could be a free man in little more than a year under the unusual sentence he received for bid-rigging, attorneys said.

The possibility of an early departure from prison was part of Fawell's reward for helping prosecutors and testifying against his old boss.

"This is a very good deal," Fawell attorney Jeffrey B. Steinback said.

Fawell didn't even make the trip to Chicago from South Dakota but instead took part in the proceedings over a video teleconferencing hookup.

Courtroom spectators could see him on the video screen, wearing a dark green shirt and tan trousers and sitting at a table, sipping a soft drink.

He smiled much of the time and said little.

Fawell was chief of staff for eight years when Ryan was secretary of state and masterminded his successful 1998 campaign for Illinois governor.

"He was the consigliere of the Ryan administration, he was the man who got things done," Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick M. Collins, the lead prosecutor at both the Ryan and Fawell trials, told reporters Thursday.

Fawell was convicted by a jury of racketeering in March 2003. He said at the time he would never testify against Ryan.

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WORLD & NATION

Panel approves subpoenas in page investigation

Larry Margasak THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The House ethics committee approved nearly four dozen subpoenas Thursday, opening an investigation of a page sex scandal that has ensnared the GOP-led Congress. Speaker Dennis Hastert took responsibility but refused to step down.

"Ultimately... the buck stops here," the Republican speaker said, using the phrase of a Democratic president, Harry Truman.

Hastert held to his assertion that he did not know about ex-Rep. Mark Foley's e-mails and sexually explicit computer messages to former pages until the scandal broke last week.

The ethics committee promised to finish its investigation in weeks, not months, but it was unclear whether that would occur before the Nov. 7 election. Hastert's handling of the issue has brought harsh criticism from some fellow Republicans and conservative activists.

An AP-Ipsos poll found that about half of likely voters say recent disclosures of corruption and scandal in Congress will be very or extremely important when they cast their votes. That group is much more likely to vote Democratic.

The speaker, at a news conference, mixed a newfound contriteness with defiance.

"Could we have done it better? Could the page board have handled it better? In retrospect, probably yes. But at the time what we knew and what we acted upon was what we had."

But he also vowed to win re-election and run for House speaker again.

While the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct — the ethics committee — is investigating potential violations of House rules, the Justice Department appeared to be moving with dispatch in its criminal investigation.

Timothy Heaphy, a lawyer for ex-Foley chief of staff Kirk Fordham, said his client had just met with the FBI. Fordham emerged as a key figure Wednesday when he told reporters that he had talked three years ago with top aides to Hastert about Foley's conduct with pages. His comments pushed back the time when information may have reached the speaker's office.

Ethics committee chairman Doc Hastings, R-Wash., and ranking Democrat Howard Berman of California would provide no details on the subpoenas but told a news conference the committee was seeking both testimony and documents.

Hastert spokesman Ron Bonjean said the speaker had not yet received a subpoena from the ethics committee but was willing to testify. "If the ethics committee asks him to, of course," Bonjean told The Associated Press.

Several lawmakers and aides could logically be summoned, based on what is known so far. The committee also could subpoena former lawmakers and staff, including Foley, a Florida Republican, and Fordham. However, the House has no authority to punish anyone no longer a member of Congress or an employee.

According to public statements



Mario Petitti ~ MCT

House Speaker Dennis Hastert addresses reporters during a news conference outside his Batavia office on Thursday. The House ethics committee opened an expansive investigation into the unfolding page sex scandal Thursday by approving four dozen subpoenas for witnesses and documents, as the House Republican leader held his ground against pressure to resign.

and an internal review by Hastert's office, a likely list of those who had some involvement in events and could be summoned include: Hastert aides Tim Kennedy, Mike Stokke, Ted Van Der Meid and Scott Palmer; former Clerk of the House Jeff Trandahl; Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-La., who

became aware that Foley sent questionable e-mails to a page he sponsored; Rep. Tom Reynolds, R-N.Y., who spoke with Alexander about Foley; Majority Leader John Boehner; and Rep. John Shimkus, R-Ill., chairman of the board that oversees the page program.

Hastings and Berman, in an unusual procedural move, said they will personally lead the investigation, joined by Reps. Judy Biggert, R-Ill., whose district adjoins Hastert's, and Stephanie Tubbs Jones, D-Ohio. Their investigative subcommittee thus has two Republicans and two Democrats.

Porn charges against Karr dismissed

Kim Curtis

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — A judge dismissed child pornography charges Thursday against former JonBenet Ramsey murder suspect John Mark Karr after prosecutors said they didn't have enough evidence to take the case to trial.

Sonoma County Superior Court Judge Rene Chouteau ordered Karr released immediately, bringing an end to his two-month odyssey in the U.S. criminal justice system after he was extradited from Thailand on suspicion of killing the 6-year-old beauty queen.

Karr, 41, was returned to California last month to face the five-year-old pornography case after DNA evidence cleared him of killing the girl in her Boulder, Colo., home in 1996.

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The impression that we've had all along is that the prosecution had every intention of getting this case to trial, regardless of the evidence.

— Robert Amparan defense lawyer representing John Karr

The misdemeanor pornography case fell apart almost as quickly, as investigators admitted losing vital computer evidence that was seized from Karr in April 2001 when he was working as a substitute teacher in Sonoma and Napa counties.

Defense lawyers tried twice unsuccessfully to get the charges dismissed and were seeking to have evidence barred from trial when prosecutors gave up. They said they couldn't establish when the child porn images had been downloaded on Karr's computer.

"The impression that we've had all along is that the prosecution had every intention of getting this case to trial, regardless of the evidence," said defense lawyer Robert Amparan. "I am pleasantly surprised by them having done the right thing."

Prosecutors acknowledged that if Karr were convicted he would not have served any additional time in jail, because he spent several months behind bars awaiting trial in 2001. They said they were seeking to have him register as a sex offender.

Iraqi P.M. gives political ultimatum

Qassim Abdulzahra

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Political parties must either get rid of their militias or get out of politics, Iraq's prime minister said Thursday, in his toughest warning yet to groups blamed for the country's wave of sectarian violence.

Ahead of talks with Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice on how to stop the wave of Shiite-Sunni killings in Iraq, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki told The Associated Press he was "optimistic" a political solution will be found to persuade militias to dissolve.

But once an agreement is reached, "the political solution must be obligatory, one that all parties adhere to," he said. "The presence of parties with militias in

the government is not acceptable."

"The political parties must obey the decisions of the government or else get out of the political process. I don't believe there is any power that wants to leave the political process," he said, speaking during an "iftar" dinner, the meal that ends the daily Ramadan fast.

About three dozen people attended the special iftar, held amid intense security in a dining room in the compound of Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, the head of the largest party in the Shiite coalition that dominates the government.

Outside, hundreds of guards from al-Hakim's party — Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq — were deployed in the streets throughout the south Baghdad neighborhood, carry-

ing automatic weapons. SCIRI is accused of running its own militia, the Badr Brigade, though the party says it has been dissolved.

Among those present were al-Maliki's Cabinet, parliament members — mainly from the Shiite coalition and a few Kurds and Sunnis — and a few officials from the tribunal trying Saddam Hussein. They were served up with a feast of roast fish and meats with rice, followed by a wide spread of fruits and sweets and tea.

Al-Maliki is under intensified pressure to find an end to the Shiite-Sunni violence that has killed thousands of people this year and has threatened to tear the country apart. The killings have continued despite the prime minister's repeated calls for them to dissolve.

WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Sept. 11 cross-shaped beam moves to church

NEW YORK (AP) — A cross-shaped steel beam that survived the 2001 World Trade Center terrorist attack to become a symbol of hope amid the ruins was moved Thursday from ground zero to a nearby church, accompanied by a procession of victims' families, clergy and construction workers.

The 2-ton, 20-foot-high cross was placed on a flatbed truck for the three-block trip to its

new home, St. Peter's Church, which had served as a sanctuary for rescue workers searching for human remains from the Sept. 11 attack.

"This piece of steel meant more to many people than any piece of steel ever," said Richard

Sheirer, head of the city Office of Emergency Management five years ago. "It goes beyond any religion."

Ironworkers sang "God Bless America" as hundreds of people walked behind the cross to its temporary home facing ground zero outside the 18th-century church, the city's oldest Roman Catholic parish.

"This cross is a sign of consolation and inspiration to workers who served at ground zero for the 10 months of recovery," said the Rev. Brian Jordan, a Franciscan priest who had blessed the T-beam days after it was pulled from the wreckage. "Some interpret it as a cross. Others see it as an artifact that has historical and architectural importance, a reminder that is also a sign of closure."

NEW YORK

Carnegie Hall star calls in sick before premier

NEW YORK (AP) — The call came a few hours before Carnegie Hall's season-opening gala concert — Thomas Quasthoff, one of the stars of the night, had an inflamed vocal cord and couldn't sing.

 $Carnegie\ managers\ were\ still\ searching\ for\ a\ substitute\ minutes\ before\ Wednesday's\ final\ rehearsal\ for\ conductor\ Franz\ Welser-Moest\ and\ the\ Cleveland\ Orchestra.$

"We had everybody on the phones," said Clive Gillinson, in his second season as executive and artistic director of America's premier concert hall.

Then someone remembered that German soprano Dorothea Roeschmann was in town for her Metropolitan Opera performances of Mozart's "Idomeneo."

"One of the guys at Carnegie Hall said, 'Hang on for a minute! Dorothea Roeschmann's

got tickets to the concert tonight!' "Gillenson recalled in a telephone interview. "So we said, 'Right!' She's here!"

They tracked her down at her hotel, and she agreed to fill in, asking if they could perform

two arias from "Idomeneo."

Boise

Officials confirm childs died from tainted spinach

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — A 2-year-old boy who died from kidney failure last month had been infected with the same strain of E. coli bacteria that prompted a nationwide consumer warning on fresh spinach and sickened at least 192 people.

Kyle Allgood was the second confirmed death in the outbreak, which also killed a Wisconsin woman.

"This confirms what we suspected for quite some time," said Ross Mason, a spokesman for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

"Confirming that, though, was important information and will help us in the future if we have similar situations."

The boy, who would have turned 3 in December, died Sept. 20 in Salt Lake City after developing a type of kidney failure caused by E. coli. Health officials had to wait for the results of genetic testing on the E. coli to determine whether his illness was from fresh spinach.

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Students risk their lives every day by attending classes or school events. In Faner Hall, tiles fall on students' heads, and they must wade through

facilities, more scholarshships and more faculty lines, and to have any of that, it needs more money.

In recent years, that money has been coming from the pockets of the students — not the state and not enough from alumni.

To the donors: thank you, and we hope you will continue to support

your alma mater. For those of you who haven't opened up your wallets to help us out, reconsider.

water.

As you continue success in the professional world with the help of the education you received here, take a moment to think about this somewhat beleaguered school. SIUC has often been touted as the underdog, but as it grows and flourishes, so does the value of your hard-earned degree.

For its first-ever capital campaign, SIUC has raised about \$65 million in pledges. The initiative, started in July of 2002, wants to reach its \$100 million goal before June 20, 2008. Since its public launch last year, the school has raised \$15 million.

Many of the alumni were privileged to be at SIUC during its prime and the buildings were new or at least not as old.

Today, students risk their lives every day by attending classes or school events. In Faner Hall, tiles fall on students' heads, and they

must wade through water. Privacy is an issue in many of the bathrooms around campus because of the lack of locks. Even beloved Shryock Auditorium has paint chipping from the ceiling. And while you're at the football game, be careful to not trip and get tetanus on all the rust.

Last year, Chancellor Walter Wendler announced a multimillion-dollar plan to revamp the east side of campus. Those decrepit facilities? Gone. The pie-in-thesky plan sounded wonderful to almost everyone who heard it, especially when he said he hoped to have donations pay for most of

Maybe it was SIUC overestimating its fundraising abilities, or maybe it was false advertising. Either way, tuition and fees have and will continue to skyrocket to help with the grand "Saluki Way" plan, forcing some students to leave a university known for accepting those in the middle and lower classes.

Last month, the Board of Trustees commissioned \$118 million for the first phase of the 10-year plan, and the money must come from somewhere.

Please, donate what you can to help better the university that gave you a platform for your career. Maybe start a scholarship to help those students who are having a hard time meeting ends. Stop by the Alumni Association tent before the football game tomorrow, grab the free food and beer, rub elbows with the bigwigs, and then donate.

We are sincerely glad that you have decided to come back to your alma mater to support the Salukis this weekend. But cheering on the football team will not make SIUC a top university it strives to be.

> Sincerely Classes of 2006-2010

GUEST COLUMN

Alcohol awareness week

COUNSELLING CENTER STAFF

For many college students, Homecoming weekend will start off the same with friends, foods and anticipation of the memorable

For some, what began as a fun weekend will end in injury or regrets as a result of

Binge drinking and drinking to intoxication or blackout can wreak havoc on the life of a student and those in his or her environment. Excessive alcohol and other drug abuse does not occur in a vacuum. Its periphery effects can have a negative influence on relationships, public safety and individual decision-making.

Students who become intoxicated not only impair motor skills but compromise their perception. The intuitive "little voice" we all rely on as humans is muted by intoxication. As students, you negotiate the social scene in Carbondale each Friday night, attuned to that voice as you meet new people, try new things and get from one point to another. Doing so while intoxicated greatly increases the chance that something may go wrong. Alcohol abuse can cause violence, physical injury, sexual decisionmaking, scholastic problems and relational conflicts. Without alcohol abuse, all of this is much less likely.

Students who engage in alcohol or other drug use can progress to addiction.

If you or anyone your know has tried to unsuccessfully cut down alcohol or drug use, or some compulsive behavior, they may need intervention. If someone has approached you and expressed concern about your drinking,

drug use or behavior, it is probably an issue that should be addressed.

Changed patterns in social interaction or other activities to accommodate drinking or drug use are common signs of addiction.

People who abuse alcohol or other drugs are often the last to see its effects and seek help. True friendship is often defined by doing the tough, courageous act of calling alcohol abuse for what it is: a self destructive, potentially lethal behavior with serious negative consequences.

Students raised in an alcohol or drug addicted home often develop coping skills and are resilient, goal driven and focused. However, the resulting pain from having lived in a house of chaos, neglect or indifference often need to be addressed. Others may feel helpless about how to respond to a friend or family member who abuses alcohol and drugs. Resources on this campus exist to address all these issues.

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week begins Oct. 16.

Assessment and information tables will be set up at the Student Center, Wellness Center and Trueblood Hall. Stop by the NASCAR simulator between 1 and 6 p.m. on Oct. 18 in front of the parking garage by Anthony Hall. A workshop on binge drinking will take place at the Student Health Center auditorium at 5 p.m.

Come learn about the resources available to you on this campus Oct. 18. You can schedule a confidential, no-commitment individual session if you are concerned about your own drinking or drug use, a friend's or family member's, by calling the Wellness Center Alcohol Drug Program at 536-4441.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fill seats at Shryock

DEAR EDITOR:

I recently looked through a book covering the history of SIU through photographs, and I was amazed to see a photograph of Shryock Auditorium full of students, taking every seat until the last row of the balcony. During the several years that I have been in Carbondale and the few times that I was able to go to Shryock, I have only seen a half empty auditorium with mostly a white-haired audience and only occa-

Last night, I went to see Grammy-nominated Tiempo Libre in Shryock, and it was even sadder to see some of the white-haired audience leave because the band was really loud. They were so good, though! I was glad that a friend of mine convinced me to go see them, even though I will now have to be very careful how I budget my finances until the end of the month.

It was ironic to hear a band member who I talked to after the show say that they were touring mostly universities so that students can have very few students can!

Don't take me wrong. I think the programming in Shryock is great, I love the auditorium, and I absolutely believe that the university should serve the region by providing its residents with quality entertainment!

What I'm trying to do here is identify a problem and offer a solution that would include students in the formula.

I think that the idea of having rush tickets is great, and I suggest that instead of having halfprice rush tickets, let's evaluate how many seats never get sold and allot these seats for students at the minimum price of \$5. That way, Shryock would still make profit by selling seats they never did before, and more students would have a chance to enrich their university experience with some quality art and entertainment!

Ana Velitchkova

Mission Statement

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

Words Overheard

It's not that it couldn't compete. It's that the pie kept getting smaller. "

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Left to right, University Church members Ben Huntley and Carolyn Reppy, both certified Jackson County Master Gardeners, plant flowers donated by McNitt Gardens and Greenhouse in front of University Baptist Church on Tuesday evening.

GRIDIRON

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Kill said WIU runs one of the more unique defenses in college football — a defense that hopes to confuse the Salukis into mistakes.

"They like to play with you with mind games," left tackle Darren Marquez said.

And the Leathernecks have forced a league-high 13 turnovers. SIU stands tied for sixth in the conference with five forced turnovers.

On special teams, the Salukis have a statistical advantage.

Senior kicker Craig Coffin is the most prolific in SIU history and freshman Scott Ravanesi leads a punt unit that tops the Gateway with a 36.2 yards-per-kick average. Senior Craig Turner leads the conference with a 31.4-yard kick return average.

While SIU may look like the favorite on paper, Kill said the

team that wins Saturday's game will be the one that wins battles in three areas.

"Really, football — and we talk about this all the time — it comes down to, you've got to play great defense, be good in the kicking game, and you can't give the ball away," Kill said.

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What's in today's forecast?



Paul Simon Public Policy Institute Invites You to Attend Andrew H. Card, Jr. Former White House Chief of Staff Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7:00 p.m. Sbryock Auditorium Gillian M. Sorensen Former UN Under Secretary General Tuesday, Oct. 24, 7:00 p.m. SIUC Student Center Auditorium Henry Bayer Executive Director, AFSCME Council 31

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7:00 p.m.

SIUC Student Center, Ballroom D

Free to the public and sign language interpreted

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RECRUITING

Sanderson said SIUC follows the standard proceedings for recruitment at Hononegah High School. The university representatives set up times to visit then hold conferences to sign up students who are interested.

Branding the university is another way of getting SIUC known, Carl said. He said SIUC needs to have a recognizable brand, such as a catchphrase, because that would allow prospective students to know

what SIUC is about.

Carl said there is a connection between recruitment and enrollment but that retention is impor-

"If you have much fewer people coming in the front door, your total is going to be less," Carl said. "But if you've got people going out the back door, you've got the same issues."

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White House: growth rate slows in late summer

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WASHINGTON — The economy probably slowed considerably in late summer, reflecting a slumping housing market, a White House economic official said Thursday.

Allan Hubbard, director of the National Economic Council, predicted the pace of growth from July through September could range from 1 percent to 2 percent.

The Bush administration's fresh observations on the economy come with the election season in high gear, and a day before the president was due to appear at a FedEx Express facility in the Washington area to promote his economic policies. Voters' choices at the polls on Nov. 7 are likely to be shaped in part by how they are faring economically. The administration says Americans are mostly better off, while Democrats disagree.

Among those surveyed in an AP-Ipsos poll in early October, people trusted Democrats to do a better job of handling the economy than Republicans.

Hubbard spoke in stark terms about the "big choice" before voters on Election Day and took several shots at Democrats in advance of Bush's event Friday, which was billed as official and not political.

"For them to talk about that they are going to provide fiscal responsibility — more fiscal responsibility than the president — is absolutely ridiculous," Hubbard said of the Democrats.

The government will release its first estimate of economic growth for the third quarter on Oct. 27.

The National Association for Business Economics is forecasting that the economy will expand at a 2.6 percent rate in the third quarter. But other economists think the growth rate will be closer to 1 percent, the low end of Hubbard's prediction.

The magnitude of the economy's slowdown will hinge in large part on how much altitude the once high-flying housing market loses.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Wednesday said a "substantial correction" was taking place in the housing sector. He estimated the housing slowdown would trim about 1 percentage point off economic growth in the second half of this year.

But the fallout from the cooler housing market should be cushioned by other positive factors, including good job creation and income growth, Bernanke said.

The economy grew at a 2.6 percent pace from April through June, compared with a 5.6 percent pace over the first three months of the year, which was the strongest spurt in two and a half years.

For all of 2006, Hubbard believed the economy will have grown by about 3 percent, a respectable performance according to economists.

European Central Bank raises rate to 3.25 percent

Laurence Frost

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — The European Central Bank, sticking to its tough line on inflation, raised its key interest rate by a quarter of a percentage point to 3.25 percent Thursday and hinted tnat another rate increase is in the offing before next year.

The move will likely mean higher borrowing costs on auto loans and mortgages in the 12 nations that use the euro, as ECB President Jean-Claude Trichet said he expects the region's economy to continue growing through the rest of this year and into the next.

"Conditions remain in place for the euro-area economy to grow at solid rates," Trichet said, while cautioning of some volatility around the turn of the year. "Global activity has become more balanced . . . and robust."

Trichet also said the bank would "monitor very closely" inflationary pressures, a phrase he has used after previous rate increases and a signal that another rate increase could be likely in December. The ECB has not raised rates at consecutive meetings since it began tightening monetary policy last December.

Analysts had widely expected the bank's quarter-point move, and many predict rates will rise to 3.5 percent by the end of the year.

"Mr. Trichet's wording in the press conference confirms that the ECB is not finished yet," said Marco Kramer at HVB. "We expect another rate increase in December but no additional tightening next year as downside risks to economic growth are likely to increase considerably in 2007."

Trichet said the bank's Governing Council did not consider a half-point increase at this meeting, and its decision for the smaller increase was overwhelming. But he said that the bank would move to tighten monetary accommodation if the need arose.

"I would say nothing else as regards to future moves until the end of the year," he said but added that "if the market has in mind moves, I would not say anything that would correct

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Gains better than expected for retailers, except Wal-Mart

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NEW YORK — With just seven weeks to go before the traditional start of holiday shopping, retailers' hopes for an upbeat season are suddenly brighter.

The nation's retailers reported better-than-expected sales gains Thursday after consumers, encouraged by cooler temperatures and falling gasoline prices, went on a clothes shopping spree at the malls in September. A notable exception was Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

In a marked shift in consumers' recent behavior, shoppers chose to forego some low-price operators and headed instead to department stores that have reinvented themselves with better fashion trends. The department store sector — which included such stars as Nordstrom Inc. and J.C. Penney Co. Inc. — posted its best performance since January 1997, while wholesale clubs had their weakest results since January 2005, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers.

"The department stores are better poised this holiday season than they have been for many years," said Ken Perkins, president of RetailMetrics LLC, a research firm in Swampscott,

He added, "The fact that they are faring well will only help drive mall traffic," which has been declining for years

Scott Krugman, a spokesman at the National Retail Federation, said department stores' new-found success will have a psychological effect on the industry

"When people think of retailing, they think of department stores," said Krugman. "I think when department stores are down, people tend to be down on retailing."

Some analysts speculate that what's helping to change shoppers' behavior is the cooling housing market, which they believe is shifting spending away from big-ticket items like household appliances and furniture to fashion.

"The consumer who is not choosing to put money into that renovation is now willing to spend money not on any old sweater but a good cashmere sweater," said John Morris, managing director at Wachovia Securities.

Thursday's overall upbeat reports, which included robust results from teen retailers like Abercrombie & Fitch Co., were encouraging because analysts had braced for a consumer spending slowdown in the second half as the economy cooled. But consumers have remained resilient.

The ICSC-UBS index of retail sales rose 3.8 percent in September, but excluding Wal-Mart's results, the tally rose a robust 6.0 percent. The index is based on same-store sales, those from stores open at least a year. The department store sector, which has been rebounding over the last couple of months, enjoyed an 8.4 percent same-store sales increase.

"Right now, we are in a sweet spot for spending," said Michael Niemira, chief economist at the ICSC.

Still, even with better-than-expected results, Niemira is still sticking with his 3 percent forecast for samestore sale growth for the combined

November-December period.

That's because there are plenty of challenges, particularly the deteriorating housing market, which could result in heavy layoffs. In fact, while the Conference Board reported last week a rebound in consumer confidence in September, the survey showed lingering concerns about the employment market. Employment showed modest gains in August, with wages barely up, and analysts are forecasting only a modest increase for September when the government reports figures Friday.

Still, declining gasoline prices, which have fallen 50 cents a gallon in recent weeks, should help ease concerns about jobs. Economists had worried that rising energy costs would derail the labor market as companies look to cut costs by laying off workers.

In a positive sign, the Labor Department reported Thursday the number of newly laid off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits fell to 302,000 people last week, the smallest number since the week ending July 22.

Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, which has blamed soaring gas prices for slowing sales, didn't benefit from lower prices at the pump. It said its same-store sales rose 1.3 percent, well short of the 2.1 percent expected by analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial. The company said its sales, measured against September 2005 figures, paled in comparison because the year-earlier results were bloated by a rush of pre- and post-hurricane shopping.

Alpha Phi Alpha presents 35th Annual MISS EBONESS Sat. October 7, 2006 doors open @ 6:30 pm Shryock Auditorium \$7 in advance through cheek cashing \$10 at the door Who will be this year's Miss Eboness?





NATO takes charge of mission to secure Afghanistan, defeat Taliban

Jim KraneThe Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — NATO extended its security mission Thursday to all of Afghanistan nearly five years after the West began its war to defeat the Taliban, taking command of 12,000 U.S. troops in the war-battered country's east.

The handover diminishes the Pentagon's role in Afghanistan and gives the Europe-based military alliance its biggest test yet.

The transfer of command "illustrates the enduring commitment of NATO and its international partners to the future of this great country," said British Gen. David Richards. He was promoted to the military's top rank hours before a handover ceremony at the NATO compound in Kabul attended by President Hamid Karzai and U.S. Lt. Gen. Karl Eikenberry.

The takeover caps an already historic expansion for the military alliance that was created as a Cold War bulwark against the Soviet Union. The mission in Afghanistan is the biggest ground combat operation in NATO history, and gives Richards command of the largest number of U.S. troops fighting under a foreign commander since World War II.

The move comes during a rapid spread of the Taliban insurgency, with close to 100 suicide attacks this year, a nearly fivefold increase over 2005. Almost 200 civilians and soldiers have been killed. According to an Associated Press count based on Afghan, NATO and U.S. figures, more than 3,000 people have died in violence this year, mostly militants.

"NATO has never been tested like this, ever," said Seth Jones, a RAND 66

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Corp. expert on Afghanistan. "They've got an extraordinarily difficult task ahead of them."

With NATO handed the lead role, Washington has shed some responsibility for a stability project that appears to be headed in the wrong direction. U.S. voters readying for midterm elections have expressed fatigue with the Bush administration's twin wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Increasing the international role in Afghanistan — which America has been unable to do in Iraq — could disarm critics who say President Bush mishandled the war. But few Muslim countries have joined the international effort, with fewer than 500 troops from Muslim nations.

On Friday, Bush acknowledged setbacks in the training of Afghan police to fight the Taliban resurgence but predicted eventual victory.

Richards pledged a reversal of Afghanistan's deteriorating security, joking that he would appear in front of a firing squad if the country isn't safer when his command ends in February.

"If by next spring these improvements are not evident, then I will be surrendering to whoever wants to put me up against a wall," he told reporters after the ceremony.

But analysts say NATO will be hard-pressed to reverse the deepening insurgency and lawlessness plaguing Afghanistan, since the alliance lacks the troops to maintain a strong presence across volatile regions and halt militant incursions from Pakistan, where Taliban leaders and fighters are believed to hide.

"It's hard to imagine that the situation will improve. We've got to have sufficient security forces to seal the border or at least better patrol it," said Bruce Hoffman, a counterinsurgency expert who teaches at Georgetown University in Washington.

Richards may be better suited to seek help from Pakistan. The British general said his promotion Thursday to four-star general — Britain's top rank — signifies a more intense international commitment to the country and gives him a bigger role dealing with regional governments.

An immediate task will be to persuade members of the 37-nation NATO coalition to deliver thousands of promised troops and weapons that have been withheld, and to ship them into combat in the country's southern and eastern battle zones.

Germany, Spain and Italy have been reluctant to send troops to southern Afghanistan, where soldiers from Canada, Britain, the United States and the Netherlands have borne the brunt of the fighting. NATO also has forces in the more stable northern and western regions of Afghanistan and in Kabul.

"There are NATO countries that appeared to want a peacekeeping mission, and now they're in the middle of an insurgency," Jones said. "This isn't the mission they signed up for."

