Alumni Association welcomes more than 3,500 guests to Carbondale

Brandy Oxford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

As homecoming approaches, alumni from around the world — and outer space — have the Alumni Association scrambling to prepare for the weekend’s events. This year’s theme is “Maroon fever...it’s contagious.”

In addition to a meeting of its National Board of Directors, the Association has had to prepare for visits from astronaut Joan Higginbotham, three alumni receiving Distinguished Alumni Awards and an estimated 3,500 guests at its tailgate party.

“Think of homecoming as fun, which it is and it should be, but sometimes people don’t realize that the Alumni Association is actually taking care of business, too,” said Tuesday Ashner, assistant director of SIU’s Alumni Association. “Decisions are being made about our future and how we’re going to spend money — things like that.”

Today the association will recognize Ananmi Singhabhandhu, Ellis Phillips Lacey and Lynda Lee Kaul as this year’s Distinguished Alumni, chosen from 34 nominees.

Singhabhandhu, who received her doctorate in chemistry and biochemistry from SIU, helped establish the National Institute of Meteorology in Thailand as deputy director general in the Department of Science Service. Among other notable scientific accomplishments, Singhabhandhu made a decision during her time at the university that would make most mothers cringe according to Kathy Dillard, director of public relations for the association. Because Singhabhandhu was at SIU on a special grant from Thailand’s government, she had to finish her degree in a certain amount of time — which became a difficult accomplishment when she got pregnant.

“While she was going to school here, her husband was in Atlanta and she got pregnant with their first child, so she put her 6-month-old daughter on a plane, alone, and sent her back to Thailand to stay with her mother so that she could get her education here,” Dillard said. “That’s true dedication to getting an education.”

Lacey, who received her bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in various health related fields from SIU, was responsible for implementing a true ambulance system for seven counties in southern Illinois. Lacey told Dillard that before this system, the area’s ambulance system was a hearse. See HOMECOMING, Page 12

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**Ameren planning to disconnect power to delinquent customers**

**PEORIA (AP) —** Officials of Ameren say the utility will begin disconnecting power to Illinois customers who are behind in payments on their power bills.

Those who will be targeted by the utility, starting Thursday, will be customers who are delinquent in their payments, those who haven’t made billings, and those who haven’t identified themselves as customers. Ameren spokesman Shelly Epstein said.

Next week, Ameren will begin cutting service to customers who not only haven’t paid in bills in three months, but who have a debt of more than $5,000, Epstein said Wednesday.

Ameren has already applied for its first $1 billion rate-shield rebate program to the accounts, but paid-balance still remain. Some customers owe more than $4,000, and others haven’t paid a payment in a year. And those who have set up service, and then haven’t paid knowing the utility won’t disconnect in the winter.

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Pumpkins reserved for creating Jack-O-Laterns this Halloween have had a harder time surviving than usual.

The state of Illinois is experiencing a drop in the amount of pumpkins it produces this year. Too little rain and too high of summer temperatures have negatively affected the pumpkin crops in southern Illinois.

Many growers and sellers adjusted to the drop by securing pumpkins from other states, mainly New Mexico, and increasing land for the planting of pumpkin seeds.

Mohammad Babadoost, a specialist in the Department of Crop Sciences at the University of Illinois said the pumpkin production for Illinois has decreased around 20 percent due to disease, heat and lack of rain.

Babadoost said in the northern part of Illinois, rains produced too many weeds and a sickness called phytophthora, which infects fruit and leaves. The disease caused high losses of pumpkins in some areas, he said.

Carol Meyer, owner of G and C Meyer Farms, said the same weeds actually proved to be beneficial this year.

Meyer said the weeds in the pumpkin fields provided much needed shade for the crops and helped produce some very strong pumpkins with good stems.

On the other hand, though, the skin on the pumpkins left in the heat were subject to sunburn, which caused them to rot and decay, forcing growers such as Meyer to lose about half of her crop.

"It all depends on the weather, and when you put the seed in the ground, you never know what you are going to get," Meyer said.

Nevertheless, Meyer said she tries to be optimistic and hopes increasing the amount of acres to plant pumpkin seeds will pay dividends.

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The Sigma Alpha sorority took home the gold — the gold bra, that is.

As part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, nine sororities and fraternities in the Inter Greek Council took part in "Bra! Bra! Bra! Unite to Fight!" a bra-decorating contest held Thursday. The event was sponsored by Southern Illinois Healthcare and the SIUC Pan-Hellenic Council, and was held to promote awareness of breast cancer in young women.

Using bras to promote awareness is part of a national campaign that will run on Lifetime throughout the month.

"A bra is someone who provides strength and support," said Jennifer Badiu, the director of Cancer Care Services and The Breast Center at Southern Illinois Healthcare. "It's slang for friend."

The decorated bras will be displayed throughout the community throughout October.

Badiu said she hopes this event will bring more collaboration between Southern Illinois Healthcare and the university.

"We want to open the communication between Southern Illinois Healthcare and SIUC," Badiu said. "If we band together, we can have a stronger, healthier community."

Ashley Hatfield, this year's Miss Illinois and keynote speaker at the event, said breast cancer is something everyone should be aware of.

"More and more, we’re hearing about younger women with breast cancer," said Hatfield, who was also a judge for the contest.

Hatfield, a 24-year-old Anna native, has made breast cancer awareness her platform for the 2007 Miss Illinois pageant.

"People told me to choose something you're passionate about," Hatfield said. "Breast cancer was the first thing that came to mind."

"Most women think you have to be 40 or 50 years old to get tested for breast cancer, and that's not true," Badiu said. "They're bringing this awareness to their own level, and it makes it real to them."

Jessica Pyritz, a senior from Normal studying agribusiness economics and the president of the Sigma Alpha sorority, could barely get through her presentation without tears. She spoke of her relationship with the adviser to Sigma Alpha, Susan Dallas, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in May 2006.

Unlike Sigma Alpha, Tau Kappa Epsilon, one of the three fraternities that participated, chose to approach the idea from a lighter perspective, premiering their motto, "Be the breast you can be." TKE would go on to win the bronze bra, which was awarded to the third best-decorated bra.

The Delta Phi Mu sorority took the silver bra. Presenter Dayla Abernathy, a senior from Chicago studying social work and English, spoke of the unique stories that each survivor had to tell.

"We believe that you should celebrate who you are as a woman," Abernathy said.
A Greek journey to a new system

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For most college students, 9 a.m. does not exist on Saturdays. For almost 175 Greeks, it most definitely came to life this past Saturday as the first Greek Leadership Conference in six years was held at the Student Center. With topics ranging from hazings and drugs to treasury and scholarship, the six hour conference provided current and future Greek leaders insight and education into topics that concern us most as a community.

The conference kicked off with a rousing presentation by Housing Coordinator Andy Morgan, Housing Coordinator Tina Horvath, Vice President for Financial & Administrative Affairs Corey Bradford and Graduate Assistant Andrew R. Fruth from the Wellness Center.

Paul Badgett, the Inter-Greek Council risk management chair and coordinator of the event, said it was more successful than he could have imagined. Badgett said the people who came to learn got a lot out of the conference, receiving great remarks and ideas on the post-conference evaluation.

Instituting this conference is one of the many steps the Greek system is taking to improve itself from within. The Inter-Greek Council and the Inter-Fraternity Council passed new constitutions last year, setting higher standards for recruitment, membership and council positions, to name a few.

In the wake of these changes are the new Greek Standards, soon to replace the current set known as the Greek Millennium Initiative. The GMI is a year-long evaluation of each organization based on categories such as risk management, recruitment, scholarship, etc. The new Greek standards will be a semester based evaluation that will replace small detail writing with big picture ideas. Although this isn’t flashy or exciting, it sets a tone of needed change for our community in these times. We have to hold ourselves accountable for what we are and are not producing. These standards will force us to live beyond the norms, roam outside of our comfort level and help us grow not only as Greeks, but as individuals.

The new system takes into account such things as events with different RSOs, participation in university and community service hours and a required schedule of your organization’s programming for the semester. The replacement GMI was put together by students and advisors alike, and although the goals are high, this is where we as a Greek system need to aim. Using these standards will be a step away from the common perceptions and labels of Greeks today.

The Greek Standards have been reviewed and approved by the administration, and after months of discussion, these standards will be voted on within the coming weeks. This is one of the many necessary steps to one day see a new Greek row, with groups that thrive in quality numbers.

Although the end result may be in a distant future, it’s always the journey that shapes the character in something. We should all look forward to this journey.

Sophie is a junior studying radio-television and journalism.

STAFF CARTOON

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WORDS OVERHEARD

“The punches didn’t hurt me at all. Believe it or not, I’ve been hit harder.”

Glen Miller

on being knocked out by Nato Warina at Saturday’s cage fight
Our Destiny: It’s our choice

John Benshoff

I grow weary, increasingly, of our tendencies toward self-destruction.

The current allegations against President Poshard are another event in a long series that has served to focus our attention, and the attention of Illinois and the nation, on problems rather than solutions and achievements. All the more far less glowing terms, that – allegations.

This is my 26th year at SIUC. During that time, I’ve seen us going from being described as a shining jewel in the state crown of universities to being described in far less glowing terms, depending upon the letter to the editor or the editorial you read. Now we are under attack from an anonymous group that identifies itself as concerned faculty and alumni, yet whose actions and behaviors serve to threaten the university to the core.

It is time to make a choice: We can continue to be self-deprecating and self-destructive and become, eventually, a small regional university in a remote part of the state. Or we, a community of faculty, staff, administrators, students and alumni, can seize control of the future and destiny of our university. At the risk of being called Pollyanna, it is time to move beyond self-destruction to being more self-aware, mutually supportive and self-confident.

We have much to celebrate. We are in the highest category of Carnegie Foundation universities. We are the economic engine of southern Illinois. Princeton Review rates us a Best Midwestern University and a Best Value. We have a wonderful tradition of educating first-generation college students from throughout the state. And our research productivity continues to grow. We have top 10 programs in Rehabilitation Counseling and Vocational Education in the U.S. News and World Report rankings and nationally known and respected programs in many other disciplines.

Our diversity initiatives attract significant numbers of minority students and students with disabilities and are unparalleled in many other institutions. We are developing and implementing creative models to bring educational opportunities to students throughout the state, from Rockford to Cairo. Our undergraduate honors program is being revamped and revitalized.

The average ACT score of our 2006 freshmen class is above the state and national average. And, realistically, we have our best Value. We have a wonderful regional university in a remote area that is clearly in need of our attention.

It’s our attention.

Poshard points out in her letter to concerned faculty and alumni, yet far too many in this community are still not paying attention to the plagiarism charges against President Glenn Poshard. We know the name of our university cannot be cleared by a panel of reviewers who operate under President Poshard’s authority. We also know that the name of our university cannot be cleared when our Board of Trustees has declined its support for President Poshard prior to any review. Therefore we must insist that President Poshard submit the plagiarism charges to review by a panel that is fully cleared by a panel of reviewers that is fully separate from, and independent of, SIU.

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We are all guilty of oversight

Dear Editor:

Over sight is not property of the DE. We should oversee the numerous awards the DE has received when accusing them of oversight. In fact, I’d like to point out that oversight belongs to all of us.

Mr. Poshard is in the paper for either plagiarism or oversight; Robert Bush is in the paper often for various oversights (or perhaps more poignantly, underhought); and we wouldn’t even be talking about the dwindling health of the environment if it weren’t for the oversight of most people on Earth.

I wish success for all in their harmless pursuits, and I am for accentuating the positive. But please do not attempt to distract from global issues such as war and environmental degradation with fanciful endeavors such as fashion. I am saddened that I have had to write this commentary and attempt to re-focus our attention on things that truly matter and have effects so much more lasting than a fashion fad.

Where else but in America can people be more wrapped up in name-brand clothing than in the suffering of other people, or the effects of our actions and attitudes on many generations to come?

Most of us have lost our connections to each other, our environment, our food and ourselves.

Only this can explain why articles on Paris Hilton, sporting events or new gadgets become front page news stories and coverage of human rights issues such as that of the Burmese Monks is relegated to Page 4. It must be too difficult to focus on those problems, or maybe not important enough.

I ask myself, who are we?

Dave Pierce

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Radio-Television goes golden

Department has 50th anniversary

Andre Spencer

Southern Illinois University's Department of Radio-Television is celebrating its 50th anniversary by welcoming back some of its most respected alumni.

Returning alumni, including CNN correspondent Jim Bittermann and documentary filmmaker Hilla Medalia, headline the radio-television 50th anniversary celebration, happening this week.

The events included a reception on Thursday for students, faculty, and alumni at Giant City Lodge, where Bittermann delivered the keynote address. The importance of the basics of the field of journalism, such as ethics and credibility, was one of the messages he conveyed in the address. “The basics that are being taught here are really more important than ever,” Bittermann said.

A lot has changed at SIU between when he graduated in 1969 and now, and Bittermann said his knowledge of these changes is something he hoped to share with students. One of these changes is in the way one moves forward. “When I was starting it was much easier,” Bittermann said. “There were pretty straightforward steps. These days there is absolutely no clear path.”

Bittermann, a senior correspondent based in Paris, earned his bachelor's degree in radio-television. In 1989 he was named Journalism Alumnus of the Year. Eleven years later he received the university's Alumni Achievement Award, and he now teaches broadcast news writing and video production at the American University of Paris.

Throughout the week, students had the opportunity to participate in panel discussions with Bittermann and other alumni who came from the university and hold top positions in the field.

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The results of that and the people that are involved in that,” Baughman said.

Chase Nix, a junior from Chicago studying administrative justice, said he came to the lecture because he was interested to hear the perspective of an alumna who had been in space.

“It makes you feel good — it makes you feel anybody can achieve something if they really set goals,” Nix said.

Higginbotham is scheduled to speak to a group of high school students at the School of Law auditorium this morning and she is set to appear in the homecoming parade Saturday morning with her driver, Chancellor Fernando Trevizo.

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Kaid, who received her bachelor's degree in German and her master's and doctoral degrees in speech communication from SIU, was chosen for essentially founding the study of political advertising, Dillard said.

On game day, the Association's band will perform with SIUC's marching band in preparation for their combined half time show. Although the Association's tailgate party is usually limited to dues-paying members, its homecoming tailgate will be a free-for-all. She said the Association relied primarily on donations, but it used dues to pay for any additional expenses. The Association has about 18,200 dues-paying members. Ashner said preparations have been made for about 3,500 guests.

"Every hotel from here to Mount Vernon is full," Ashner said.

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Court hearing set for Nov. 8 for O.J. Simpson

Ken Ritter
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A judge Thursday scheduled a hearing next month for prosecutors to present evidence against O.J. Simpson and five other men accused of kidnapping and robbing two sports memorabilia dealers at gunpoint.

Justice of the Peace Joe Bonaventure Jr. ordered the defendants and their lawyers to attend the hearing on Nov. 8 and possibly the next day.

Rejecting a request from one of the defendant's lawyers for a later date, Bonaventure said, "I have considered the state, co-defendants, witnesses and the general public." Clark County District Attorney David Roger did not oppose the date. He could present evidence behind closed doors to a grand jury before Nov. 8 instead of making it public.

A hearing would allow defense attorneys to cross-examine each witness and present their own witnesses, while a grand jury would not. At the hearing's conclusion, the judge would be asked whether to bind the case over for trial in state court.

Simpson's local lawyer, Gabriel Grasso, confirmed outside court that Simpson will attend the hearing with his Miami-based attorney, Yale Galanter.

The former football star and his co-defendants are accused of holding memorabilia dealers Bruce Fromong and Alfred Beardsley at gunpoint Sept. 30 in a hotel room and taking boxes of autographed footballs and other collectibles.

Simpson has claimed some of the items belonged to him and he was retrieving them.

Each man faces 10 charges including kidnapping, armed robbery, assault with a weapon, burglary and conspiracy. The kidnapping charge carries the possibility of life in prison if convicted.

Simpson, 60, faces an 11th felony charge, coercion, stemming from allegations that he took a cell phone from Fromong.

At the court hearing, a lawyer entered a not guilty plea on behalf of one of the co-defendants, Clarence Stewart, 53, of Las Vegas.

The judge made other moves that consolidate the defendants' cases, canceling an arraignment and two preliminary hearings for three of the accused men.
Track star Marion Jones admits to doping

BOB BAUM
The Associated Press

For years, Marion Jones angrily denied that taking performance-enhancing drugs during her career was ongoing, and would not provide specific details about the use of drugs by her coach or other athletes. Jones, who came away with seven medals at the 2000 Olympics, said in her letter that she wanted to tell the truth, but Jones was denied a drug test in the 2000 relay in Sydney. "It's a shame, but Jones was denied a drug test in the 2000 relay in Sydney. "It's a shame, but she..."... "It's a shame, but she..."...

The triple gold medalist in Sydney said she took "the clear" for two years, beginning in 1999, and that she got it from former coach Trevor Graham, who told her it was flaxseed oil, the newspaper reported.

"The clear" is a performance-enhancing drug linked to BALCO, the lab at the center of the steroids scandal in professional sports. Home run king Barry Bonds, New York Yankees slugger Jason Giambi and other athletes who testified before a BALCO grand jury in 2003, when the lab at the center of the steroids scandal was shut down, said they were given "the clear." Giambi pleaded guilty and was given a one-year sentence for his role in "the clear." Giambi was told that "the clear" was flaxseed oil, and that he watched her inject herself.
Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

If you’re the star of the show this year, you learn your lines easily and you’re naturally confident. You’re also drop-dead gorgeous, and that doesn’t hurt a bit.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating is the 10th’s best, so the most challenging.

Arts (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Don’t let a minor squabble interfere with your dreams. Lovers’ quarrels clear the air and keep everybody honest. And making up is awesome.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — Your family is your main reason for just about everything. Make sure they’re all happy and you will sleep like a baby tonight.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — It’s better to say nothing at all than to risk being misunderstood. You’re on a roll, but if in doubt, keep your mouth shut.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — You can afford to get a special treat for the family. Cheer them up and make yourself feel better at the same time. Spread some fun around.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — You emerge triumphant from recent contemplations. Almost everything makes perfect sense. That which still doesn’t is not important.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — Before you go on your shopping trip, check out what’s in your closets. You may already have most of what you think you need.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — You have no idea how much your friends look to you for advice. They value your judgment, and well they should. You read a lot more than they do. Most of them, anyway.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — The boss is in a generous mood. Good time to ask for more money. Be outrageous.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — A critic is telling you not to try. Ignore that pesky voice, especially if it comes from your own head. Your success is assured.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — You have access to more than you thought. That amount of money can begin to spend it. That’s the toughest part.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — Don’t repeat everything you hear. Don’t repeat any of it, especially the part that’s rebellious. You don’t need any more trouble.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — Your job takes all your attention and most of your time. It should be enjoyable though, once you get into it. You might even accidentally date a stranger. Strange things have happened.

Pulse

Friday, October 5, 2007
Haunted southern Illinois

Audra Ord

The Oakland Cemetery in Carbondale has been said to be haunted with spirits who roam the graveyard at night along with other paranormal activity. Sometimes at night, the mausoleum doors unlock, according to local lore, said Scott Thorne.

"Sometimes at night, the mausoleum opens and you can see a glow come from within it," Brandon Hale, another ghost researcher who works in conjunction with Thorne, said. "On those nights, you can see a girl's spirit playing among the grave stones," Hale said.

Through the fading sunlight streaming through the window a small table at the rear. On the table sits a brown box, approximately 1 foot tall by 4 inches square. The mausoleums offers no clues to the significance of the box, the importance seems to have been buried along with the eight bodies encased in gravestones and cement in the structure. Return after darkness has fallen and the cemetery has a much more eerie feel. The long shadows from sunset have been replaced by more sinister-looking shadows from the headstones. Odd glows emanate from grave decorations, eerie blue crosses shining through the darkness of the cemetery. You pause, allowing your eyes to adjust to the low light. Once again your destination is the mausoleum.

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Pulse Picks

Here are some suggestions from the Pulse staff on what to do during this homecoming weekend.

Alicia Wade
1. Hit every party and meet some alumni, but don’t learn anyone’s name because you won’t remember it.
2. Go visit the arboretum.

Jakia Hill
1. Study
2. Party like a rock star.

Audra Ord
1. Go see the Salukis rock the field
2. Attend the homecoming parade
3. Go see the Salukis rock the field
4. Party like a rock star
5. Study

The soft strain of a waltz drifts through the air as a pair of dancers glide gracefully across the stage at the Marion Civic Center during a rehearsal for their upcoming performance. Through the universal language of music and dance, Arista, a non-profit organization in southern Illinois that introduces area youth to the arts, is connecting the community and raising money for local charities.

The organization, in conjunction with the Bank of Marion, is hosting a local version of the nationally acclaimed show “Dancing With The Stars” Saturday night at the Marion Civic Center.

Like their television counterparts, the local dancers will compete for a disco-ball trophy while audience votes determine the winner.

Nine charities are participating in the event, each represented by a dancing couple chosen by its respective charity.

Public officials such as state Rep. John Bradley, D-Marion, and Williamson County Sheriff Tom Candill will serve as quickstep kings for the evening, following in the steps of Olympic-speed skater Apollo Ohno and singer Joey Fatone, who appeared on the television show last season.

The couples will perform three dances: ballroom, Latin and freestyle. A panel of judges, led by Marion Mayor Bob Butler, will critique the couples after each performance. Audience members will vote for their favorite couple by pledging money to the charity the couple represents. The couple that raises the most money wins the coveted disco-ball trophy.

One of the dancers for the Carbondale Women’s Center, Lawrence O’Neill, said he’s nervous and excited for the event. "It’s all my friends, and I have really been talking about for the past few weeks," O’Neill said. "It’s just going to be a really good experience for everybody.”

Though there is only one trophy, everybody comes out a winner in this event, said Cindy Hunt, executive director for the Artsrats program.

Attendees are asked to bring canned goods to donate to the Ministerial Alliance, one of the charities participating in the event.

Children involved in the Artsrats program began collecting canned goods since rehearsals started, Hunt said. "We’re trying to get them to understand how important community service work is," Hunt said.

The event begins at 7 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are $25 and are available through the Marion Civic Center Box Office by calling 618-997-4030. Seating is reserved, but tickets may also be purchased at the door.

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Salukis look to make a splash

Swimming and diving opens season Saturday

Jeff Engelhardt
DEAL EDITION

The SIU swimming and diving team joined the ranks of champion-
ship-caliber teams last season, but its members are determined to remain
grounded.

Though the swimmers will face some top competition this season with
upcoming invitees to premier conferences, it is important for them not to
start, said returning team leader Patrick Sullivan.

“When you swim against tough teams it’s going to prepare you to swim
faster,” Sullivan said. “But what you can’t do is be too starry-eyed and say
Oh look, this is Florida. So hopefully I can pro-
vide leadership in those situations.”

Sullivan is one of four seniors returning to a men’s squad that fin-
ished fourth in the Sun Belt Conference last season. The women’s team, which
travels to many of the same meets, won the Missouri Valley Conference last season.

Both the men and women’s team boast returning Swimmers of the Year
award winners in junior Julie Ju and Antonio Santoro. The women also return reigning EYEBROW of the Year in senior Christina Cuananez and Diving Coach of the Year Chunhua Zhao.

Head coach Rick Walker said he was happy with last year’s team and
can already see improvement this year.

“We are off to a great start, but the final outcome is in their control,”
Walker said. “We are heading in the right way and you can see how
determined they want to win.

It felt really good to win confer-
ence last year, and knowing that we did
wins is a motivation for us to repeat,”
Blank said. “There is always room for improvement in swimming and
diving, and we have to continue to work hard in practice.”

Walker said a championship-cal-
iber team is built from the bottom up.

“We have a lot of depth this season,
the weekend 19 digs shy of SIU’s all-
time record.

The 5-foot 5-inch libero averages
4.86 digs this season and looks to
take over the record set by Krysta Kemmer in 2002.

With even the record in reach,
Elswick said she hasn’t thought about it
much and wants to keep the team as
her first priority.

“I don’t keep track of it. It’s more
just if we win or if we lose,” Elswick
said. “I think once I graduate it will
be a big deal, but right now just if we
go to conference tournament.”

“The rest of the conference starts
giving them more confidence.

“We always have to worry about the
rest of the conference, because we are
going to be hungry,” Mullendore said.
“We have a lot of depth this year and
we all have come together as a team, so
I think we will do well.”

The Salukis will face their first
test Saturday when both the men and
women squads begin their seasons
against Evansville. Both teams domi-
nated Evansville last season in the
opener, winning their meets 158-81
and 537-75 respectively.

This year, Walker said the team will
come out faster trying to see
where they are and what they need
to improve on, but still entering the
meet to win.

“If you ask (SIU football coach)
Jerry Kill what he was looking for in
his first game, it was probably ‘Coach,
I’m so glad we’re not hitting each other,’
and that’s how it is for us,”
Walker said. “We just want to compete
against another team. This first meet will
give the team a good chance of winning.

Junior Karin Mullendore fulfilled
those expectations with a big win in her
first year. The returning team leader
had the best time in five seasons
against Evansville.

Junior swimmer Julie Ju practices at the SIU Recreation Center

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Coach Brenda Winkler said
even with the success Elswick has had in
her first two years at SIU, she still sees improvements in the junior’s
game. She said she often sees players who
stand out early in their careers
struggle by the junior year, but
Elswick has continued expanding
her game and remains consistent.

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Saluki Insider

What is your upset pick this weekend?

SEAN MCGAHAAN

“Meet my upset Tim Couch has been suspended for violating the NFL’s steroid policy. So much for that comeback attempt. Let us say my real upset pick is San Diego over Denver. The Broncos’ comeback wouldn’t help them because the Chargers’ best receiver is tight end Antonio Gates, and they have no receivers.”

MEGAN KRAMPER

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Salukis continue on page 20

and three touchdowns on the ground. SIU sophomore linebacker Brandon Jordan missed the Salukis’ game at Indiana State because of an injury. He said it was hard to sit out but he hopes to be ready to play Saturday.

Kelli said Jordan, who was named the Gateway’s Freshman of the Year last season, can’t play, he’s confident in sophomore Ryan Pattons ability to fill in as he did in the Indiana State contest.

Youngstown State has averaged 22.5 rushing yards per game this season, while the Salukis have allowed 144.2.

Saluki senior defensive tackle Andre Tillman said the run defense would be key in SIU’s attempt to start 6-0 for the first time since 1983, when the Salukis won the Division I-AA National Championship.

“Stop the run, win the game,” Tillman said. “Easy as that.”

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No. 7 Southern Illinois Salukis (5-0, 1-0 Gateway) vs. No. 10 Youngstown State Penguins (4-1, 1-0 Gateway)

When:
Saturday
Time:
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Where:
McAndrew Stadium
Broadcast: College Sports Television (CSTV — live), 95.1 FM (SIU Sports Insider that game, which the Giants have never lost to the Lions. The Giants play the Jets on noon Sunday.

GUEST COMMENTATOR: CRAIG TURNER

“If I take this 1-0 Texas over No. 10 Oklahoma. Their defense is playing well, the high energy of the impact of the crowd is not with them and the offensive line is playing. They’re in the role — they’re in the fight. Their defense is playing well.”

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The word on the Salukis

The Salukis have won their last three games by a combined score of 114-25 and beat the Iowa State victory margin in the league through the season. Their offense leads the FCS with 33.4 points per game and 37 touchdowns.

The word on the Penguins

Youngstown State is undefeated in their last four games, after losing the season opener to Ohio State. The Penguins average 31 points per game — good for 33rd in the FCS — and have scored 21 touchdowns on the season.

Position breakdown

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**SPORTS**

**Tough test lies ahead**

No. 7 SIU faces No. 10 Youngstown State Saturday

Scott Mieszala Daily Egyptian

After winning its last three games by a combined score of 174-23, the SIU football team is about to face its first test in nearly a month.

The No. 7 Salukis (5-0, 1-0 Gateway) host No. 10 Youngstown State on Saturday for a 2:30 p.m. kickoff.

The Penguins (4-1, 1-0) rolled in their first conference game on Saturday, beating Missouri State 49-21 to win their fourth straight game.

SIU senior running back John Randle said Youngstown State would be the Salukis’ first test since beating Northern Illinois 34-33 on Sept. 8.

“11 to be a tough test — a calcutta test,” Randle said.

Randle ran for his fourth and fifth touchdowns of the season Saturday at Indiana State, a 72-20 win for SIU.

With the Salukis lost to Youngstown State 34-28 last season, Randle had three carries for 12 yards as Arkei Whittlock's backup. Whittlock ran for 218 yards and three touchdowns on 35 carries in that matchup.

Randle has 18 carries in each of the last two games but has not carried the ball once in the fourth quarter this season.

But with a tough opponent in Youngstown State, Randle said he could see an increase in his carries on Saturday, depending on how the game plays out.

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SIU senior running back John Randle side-steps a defender during the Salukis’ 72-10 victory against Indiana State Sept. 29. Randle said the team faces its most difficult task in nearly a month when they face No. 10 Youngstown State Saturday.

The Salukis had three carries for 12 yards as Arkei Whittlock’s backup. Whittlock ran for 218 yards and three touchdowns on 35 carries in that matchup.

Randle has 18 carries in each of the last two games but has not carried the ball once in the fourth quarter this season.

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Junior libero Kristy Elswick dives for the ball during practice Tuesday afternoon. Elswick is 19 digs away from breaking the all-time SIU career record.

Megan Krampner Daily Egyptian

After a rough weekend on the road, the SIU volleyball team will return to the comforts of Davies Gymnasium today looking to wipe the slate clean.

The Salukis will take on Missouri Valley Conference foe Drake and Creighton this weekend looking to improve on their 2-3 conference record.

The Salukis began their weekend homestand against the Drake Bulldogs today (5-11 overall, 2-3 MVC) before playing the second ranked team in the conference in Creighton Saturday — both games starting at 7 p.m.

Elswick said the Bulldogs, who were picked to finish in last place in the MVC preseason poll, are a scrappy team that could lead to problems for the opponents.

Drake has been led this season by underclassman Chelsea Lautersdorf, a sophomore setter with 7.16 assists per game, and freshman outside hitter Angela Bys, who records 3.57 kills per game.

Saturday’s opponent, the Bluejays (11-5, 5-0), are led by senior middle back Kelly Goe, who records 3.64 kills a game, and junior libero Bianca Rovira, who leads the team in digs with 6.01 per game — the second most in the MVC.

Winkeler said the Salukis should flourish against both teams because of their 6-1 record at Davies Gymnasium this season.

“We’ve had great crowds and great success here, so being at home is a big advantage,” Winkeler said.

Sophomore middle blocker Chandra Roberson, who is second in blocks and kills on the team, said the Salukis have come out lacking intensity to start their games, and that has hurt them in conference play.

“We have to just forget about all the mistakes we make and try to clean them up,” Roberson said.

Sophomore middle blocker Marina Medici, who leads the team in kills and blocks through 16 games, said each player has to mentally regain focus when the Salukis list the court Friday.

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**Athletics looks to improve attendance**

Jeff Engelhardt Daily Egyptian

If the SIU Athletic Department has its wish fulfilled, there won’t be a spot of bleacher visible in McAndrew Stadium.

The Athletic Department is making a push to set an attendance record for SIU’s homecoming game at 2:30 p.m. Saturday against No. 10 Youngstown State.

The No. 7 Salukis are 5-0, yet only about 1,400 people per game this season in a stadium with a maximum capacity of 17,150.

Youngstown State averages 16,137 fans per game, and has had a similarly successful season thus far.

The Athletic Department hopes Saturday’s game will be a turning point for McAndrew’s attendance figures because of the homecoming atmosphere and importance of the game, said McAndrew assistant athletic director of marketing.

“Pack the stadium is something that should be going on every game, but we are looking at this homecoming game as the start,” Gazdik said.

“The goal is to get record crowds on a regular basis to see a top-10 team,” Gazdik said.

Gazdik said the marketing department has set a promotional prize by passing out flyers and radio advertisements to help spread the word about the game. The goal is to get 13,721 fans to attend, which would set the attendance record for the Jerry Kill-era of SIU football.

McAndrew Stadium has only sold-out one game in its near 70-year-history — an Ohio State 37-35 victory against Eastern Illinois Sept. 13, 1980.

At the game, the university honored former Saluki football player Mark Herphold, who had been paralyzed during a game against Illinois State in the previous season.

Special events will be occurring this year in order to help bring out as many people as possible. A pre-game parade will march throughout Carbondale, and the annual crowning of the homecoming king and queen will take place at halftime on the 50-yard line.

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