University searches for seven more hires
17 new faculty already in place

Katie Davis

Nearly one year after Chancellor Walter Wendler announced his plan to hire 28 tenure-track and tenured faculty, department heads throughout the University are still scrambling to find seven more candidates.

In October, Wendler unveiled 28 strategic hires designed to increase the student-faculty ratio for renewed and tenure-track faculty. According to the Washington Advisory Group, which completed a review of SIUC's strengths and research, more faculty is still needed if the University is to keep up in the top 100 research universities, as outlined by Wendler's Southern at 150 plan.

Former and Vice Chancellor John Dunn said 19 of the 28 strategic hires positions allocated by Wendler have come full circle with faculty already in place or set to begin teaching this spring. Department heads are interviewing and bargaining with candidates in two of the positions.

"We have reached agreements with 19 people that have accepted appointments, though two people may still be in transition of the 19," Dunn said. "And there's one that we have made an offer to, so there is a negotiation, and another is currently interviewing. So in all, 21 prospects."

Hussein Elsad, chair of the Finance Department, was the first to appoint a strategic hire when he announced in January that Sherry Wang, 27, would be joining his staff.

Geology Chair Steven Eading said his department also had success after one search for a single strategic hire, Ken Anderson, as organic geochemist from the Argonne National Laboratories, who joined the department last month.

Eading said his department was successful in its first search, unlike many departments that had to continue searching. He said it is a common occurrence when searching for any faculty.

"Just because the searches fail, that doesn't mean the plan failed," Eading said. "I think [the strategic plan] objectives are very good, they bring a lot of bright people with new ideas."

Alf Mignone, the Physics Department said the search committee initially listed a second search for a faculty position, but the department is currently recruiting for a third one.

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New program could provide students excused absences
Faculty Senate to vote on policy

Valerie N. Donnals

Students involved in University- approved activities may soon be given "reasonable accommodations" when required to miss class.

The Faculty Senate will examine a new policy Tuesday that will require instructors to allow undergraduates students to make up missed exams, quizzes and other class assignments.

The senators will meet Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Kaskaskia-Missourri rooms of the Student Center.

"There is no University policy in place to deal with conflict between student activities and classes, and we took on this issue in series of formulating some type of policy," said Kinsey Espy, president of the Faculty Senate.

Although the vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management will have the final say on what qualifies as a University-approved activity, Allen said commitments such as marching, the debate team and smooth sailing volunteers would benefit the campus.

"For those who found themselves in the same situation, we would like a pre-arranged policy that they could walk in and they could still have a problem then make that decision each semester, and '[The committee] looked at other sanction activities and all of them have to get the form filled out,' Allen said. "It's a more passive way, but it would protect your tenure."

If the policy is approved and signed by the provost, students could utilize the form immediately, though it would not officially take effect until the spring semester.

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One last cast

A lone fisherman casts his fishing rod at sunset Friday evening at Crab Orchard Lake. Temperatures were pleasant enough for outdoor activity all weekend and should remain pleasant for the rest of the week.

Car stereo thefts occur in overnight parking lots

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Last Monday night, SIUC senior Sean Daniel parked his Ford Explorer at Lot 59 near the School of Law like he always does. But when he woke Tuesday morning around 10:30, he found a broken front window of his car and a $4,000 stereo system missing.

Daniei said he became aware of the theft when he opened his hood to disable the vehicle's alarm system.

"I was shocked at first," Daniei said. "I didn't think anything like that would ever happen to me."

Daniei, along with at least 15 other SIUC students who park their vehicles in overnight campus lots, was the victim of an overnight on-campus motor vehicle burglary last week.

The SIUC Police Department reported that 10 vehicles in Lot 59 fell prey to stereo equipment thiefs from Sept. 2 to Sept. 3.

Another nearby overnight parking lot, Lot 23, was also the scene of a stereo equipment theft between 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29 and 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31. The lot is located between the Communications Building and Oakland Ave.

SIUC Police Sgt. Donna Kunce said the department is trying some new methods of checking the overnight lots but could not say what strategies officers are using to monitor the lots more closely.

"We can't discuss our strategies," Kunce said. "The bad guys read the paper too, so we don't want them to know what we're doing."

SIUC Police Sgt. Howard Tucker confirmed that the department has used surveillance, foot patrol and bicycle patrol to watch the lots.

"It's not our job to see SIUC Police put cameras in the overnight lots or have an officer watch specific lots through the night."

"They're out that time of night anyway," Daniei said. "I see them writing tickets on people's cars. They should be patrolling better. That would make me feel better. I feel really unsafe about parking here.""
FBI interrogates associate of pizza delivery-man

ERIE, Pennsylvania (CNN) - The FBI questioned a man Friday in its investigation of the bizarre case of a pizza delivery-man who was killed by a bomb he said was locked around his neck to rob a bank.

The development came as agents also searched a diner's back garage behind the restaurant's steakhouse. The developing story, Wills Faletti, told CNN's Mike Brooks that "He was an associate" of the pizza delivery man, Brian Douglas Wells.

Police said Wells, 46, robbed a bank Aug. 28 while wearing a bomb locked to his neck by a homemade metal collar.

FBI Special Agent Ken McCabe said Thursday that federal, state and local investigators are trying to determine whether Wells was forced to rob the bank, as he said, or whether he planned the robbery and had the bomb in his car prior to the robbery.

After the robbery, Pennsylvania State Police stopped Wells, handcuffed him and sat him on the ground, safely away from others. Police then called a bomb squad, but the device exploded, killing Wells, before bomb technicians arrived.

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**Former student enters the ‘Real World’**

**Local ATOS take pride in former fraternity member joining MTV’s ‘Real World San Diego’**

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Former SIUC student and Orland Park native Brad Fiorenza did not really want to audition for MTV’s ‘Real World’ but his cousin Chris Rose talked him into it. It was June, and the line of those waiting to audition were forced to stand in the scorching sun. Fiorenza’s taking. But he stuck it out until his interview and ultimately was contacted and invited back to the filming site in San Diego.

Fiorenza was then asked to submit a video of himself. This is when his mom stepped into the picture. “I talked him out of it,” said Sherry Fiorenza, a high school teacher. Brad had just graduated from college and his mother was hoping he would stay in his “real job.”

But after watching the video MTV called wondering where Fiorenza’s work ethic came from, he felt encouraged to submit one.

Soon he flew to Los Angeles for the next leg of the contest into the picture.

“He was excited. He really wanted to do it at that point,” Sherry said.

Fiorenza did not pursue other job interviews because he was watching for what would happen with the ‘Real World.’

“Summer was on hold for us; it was pretty tense,” Sherry said.

While the selection process continued, MTV would not tell Fiorenza how many people were in the running, nor did it say which part of his family and friends for background checks, he knew he was one of the few.

Finally in August, MTV called with the news that out of about 30,000 applicants, he had made it on the show.

“He was thrilled to make it,” Sherry said.

“Brad was elated. He had mixed emotions about the whole thing. Though she was happy for him, her son, she was slightly disappointed at the prospect of watching her son’s every other. The “I was a little nervous about it,” she said. She was also a little bothered by the fact that her son’s every word and action would be on front of the nation.

“But I really want my students knowing this is so,” she joked.

She hopes that as long as he is careful, he will be able to shape his character negatively.

“I told him, ‘Do not give them any ammuni-

tion,’” Fiorenza, as “Fonzi” to his friends, first attended SIUC in the fall of 1999 and stayed at the University until he decided to leave.

He then transferred to Lewis University in Chicago where he received his degree in accounting.

Fiorenza was also a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity the entire time he attended SIUC and lived in the fraternity house for two years.

Sherry said her son loved being a part of the fraternity and it actually helped him to mature.

“She did it for a lot of our fraternity,” said Jeff Tomlinson, senior in advertising and rush chair of the ATOS.

However, also senior in advertising and member of the ATOS, is one of Fiorenza’s roommates in college.

He received a mail from Fiorenza letting him know he was selected to be on the show.

“He did a lot for our fraternity,” said Jeff.

Tomlinson agreed that this is what makes it a lot of money to the show. They expect that being a part of the Real World will open doors for Fiorenza to do in the future.

“He’s very animated and photogenic,” Mr. Fiorenza said.

She said that making use of his accounting degree is not something he is really excited to do right now, and the ‘Real World’ experience will open his mind to other options.

“Time will tell,” Sherry said.

Before Fiorenza left for San Diego, Charvon was among friends to go out with Fiorenza for a going away party.

“The last night that we went out was unreal,” Charvon said. “He was really pumped. Back in Carbondale we had some people know who he was but the time we went in…”

Fiorenza left home and flew to San Diego to begin filming about two weeks ago.

“I feared him talking about his decisions,” Mrs. Fiorenza said. “I just a real free spirit.”

She said he had always liked the spotlight, and that all in all he’s pretty easy going guy. She plans to watch every episode and will open her mind to other options.

“I told him, ‘Just remember, Brad, when we watch this, you are going to be famous!’” she is very excited.

“The organization helps to fund, assist education in India”

**Yasmine Yacouba**

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Asha for education encourages students, community to help underdeveloped country

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“India is our home, and we wanted to see if there is anything we could do while we were here,” said Mehta, a student graduate from India, who said the group has taken several real site visits to see what improvements can be made there.

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Former weapon inspector speaks out on war in Iraq

Scott Ritter visits Paducah to voice his viewpoint of Iraq, president

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Once dressed in camouflage as a U.S. Marine, Scott Ritter is now the voice often heard when the war on Iraq is discussed.

Ritter became a U.N. weapons inspector after serving as a Marine but retired in 1998. Thursday he made his way to Paducah, Ky., to inform citizens on the truth he found in Iraq. He said it is the job of American citizens to hold the President accountable for lying to the nation.

"The president made a decision on Aug. 29, 2002, to go to war in Iraq," Ritter said. "And he lied about the reasons Americans are dying today."

President Bush gave a speech on the Iraqi threat while in Cincinnati Oct. 7, 2002. He said former Iraqi leader, Saddam Hussein, is a "homicidal dictator who is addicted to weapons of mass destruction."

It has now been more than 80 days since major military operations ended in Iraq, and weapons of mass destruction have yet to be found.

Monday evening, only four days before the two-year anniversary of Sept. 11, President Bush gave a press conference on the continuing effort to rebuild Iraq. In his address, there was no mention of weapons of mass destruction. He did, however, turn to the U.N. for support to rebuild Iraq, Afghanistan and other Middle Eastern countries.

In his October speech he said, "The danger is still significant, and it often grows worse with time." For years Saddam Hussein had dangerous weapons today — and we do — does it make any sense for the world to wait to confront him as he grows even stronger and develops even more dangerous weapons?

"Eleven years ago, as a condition for ending the Persian Gulf War, the Iraqi regime was required to destroy its weapons of mass destruction, to cease all development of such weapons and to stop all support for terrorist groups," Bush said. "The Iraqi regime has violated all of these obligations."

Ritter was previously part of an inspection team in Iraq. According to him, approximately 90 percent of Iraq’s chemical and biological weapons were uncovered by 1998, and it was the U.S. government that manipulated the security process mandated by the Security Council. He said not being able to do his job was what led to his resignation.

In a May speech, which announced the end of the war, Bush said his exiting was tied to terrorist groups and Iraqis or possesses weapons of mass destruction is a grave danger to the civilized world and will be confronted.

"The war in Iraq was a self-serving prophecy," Ritter said. "The president knows there are biological weapons, but where are they? Mr. President?"

More than 200 people traveled to Paducah Tilgham High School to hear Ritter speak at an open forum. After an hour-long speech, about 20 attendees asked him up to ask questions they felt desired to be answered by Ritter. According to Ritter, he addressed the questions as honestly as he could.

After outlining the ways in which he said the current lead to the entire nation, Ritter took some of the blame. He said we as American citizens are all responsible.

"It is our fault because we forgot what it means to be an American citizen," Ritter said. "Citizenship is when we invest ourselves in our community."

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The country the nation has taken. He said airing the issues and getting them out into the community is healthy for our democracy and is something he did not do enough by the media.

The open forum had only one outspoken opponent to Ritter’s attacks on the president. Everyone else who asked questions out loud supported Ritter and what he had to say.

SIU student Robert Laurent, a senior in University Studies, brought a friend with him to hear Ritter. He said he went because he wanted to hear a first-person perspective from someone who was in Iraq.

"I think he was dead on," Laurent said. "Laurent said he was vehemently opposed to the war before it began, so his views had not been changed by Ritter’s speech but had been rather re-enforced."

"He was a good voice for the views not often spoken," Laurent said.

According to Ritter, after Sept. 11, 2001, there was no new intelligence; instead there was a new perception of Iraq. "He said Hussein was painted as a symbol of evil and killing him would solve the world’s problems."

Ritter said while he feels the president was wrong in lying to the American people and engaging in a war that should not have existed, he feels the American people are still bound to begin with, the American citizens are just as much to blame because they are not holding themselves accountable for allowing fighting to exist in our name.

According to the president’s Monday address, he said the U.S. will do whatever is necessary to rebuild Iraq. He said he will submit a request to Congress for an additional $30 billion — in ongoing military and intelligence cost and $66 billion which will be needed over the next few years for improvements in security and reconstruction of basic services and infrastructure. American citizens may have to foot some of the cost for this war, but Iraqi citizens are paying their share as well.

"Iraq is a sea of chaos, not a sea of democracy," Ritter said. "Ask the people in Iraq the price they paid for the war.”

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Orchestra serves three-course musical meal

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Pulling off an event like the thematic meal Friday evening at SUIC in Shryock Auditorium is not easy, but the group of musicians who performed said they felt up to the challenge.

"The concert centered on three symphonies written by 19th-century one-performer composers, without a conductor, in a semi-circle on the stage at Shryock. Each of the 96 guests, seated at tables around the performers, was served a three-course meal accompanying the titles of the symphonies," said Wilfred Delphin, a professor in the School of Music and just one of several conductors, a group of musicians responding to each other. I don't know if there's a more original intent to do it with people eating dinner or not, but this music is very much entertainment music."

"Sass and Jazz Studies, brought a friend with him to his address, there was a musical meal that coincided with the Committee. The proceeds of the concert, $30 a plate, went to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The proceeds of the concert, $30 a plate, went to pay for general operating costs."

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Scott Ritter, a former weapon inspector of the United Nations, came to Paducah, Ky., Thursday night to speak on the war in Iraq and to inform American citizens about the truths of the war. Ritter is not about the how the president decided to go to war and 'led about the reason American citizens are dying today.'
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The diversity issues this campus faces are apparent and serious, but numbers alone will not enhance the quality of life for education for any members of the OU community, a major goal of diversity on any campus.

Looking at people who may not look like you will not teach you anything about how they are like you, or how you can get along better, or how you can learn from each other.

To reap the benefits of a diverse campus can provide, all groups must feel at home on campus and groups must intermingle.

Recruiting minorities and international students is a good start, but that is not enough.

A diverse task force is a good first step toward cross-cultural understanding because it will strive to find out what is enough, if any thing, and how to reach that goal.

A student-administered project such as this shows that students care about the issues of diversity and are committed to making OU a more inclusive and educational environment.

That said, simply getting together four times a semester and putting on cultural night-type programs is not enough to address issues of interaction on campus, much less solve these problems.

The Diversity Task Force must recognize the responsibility it has taken on and live up to that responsibility.

Critical time in Palestinian politics

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LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) — As the countdown toward the Oct. 7 recall continues here in busy California, anyway recall division is booming in the shadows. In this possible recall there is neither smiling celebrity with catchy catch phrases, nor are there any p.r. related candidates. In fact, this recall election only has one distinct face — that of the Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas.

Abbas is faced with key demands from his parliament, including the demand that Israel release several thousand Palestinian prisoners. It also wants land to document settlements in the West Bank area. This means that Abbas will have to take drastic steps to avoid the veto of no-confidence.

The Associated Press quoted Palestinian Information Minister Nabil Amr as saying if Abbas “is unable to achieve any progress on time” points, we are sure that he will face difficulties on the Palestinian street and inside the legislature.” Adding the Authority will have to “discuss again” giving him its confidence or not.

The voting process, scheduled for next week and continuing on Sept. 19 will determine how Abbas and his parliament will be a pivotal point in Palestinian-Israeli relations. If Abbas were to be recalled, it could signal the end of the road map for peace.

It is important to understand that Abbas, who has only held his office for a few months, is deemed by Israeli officials to be the only person with whom they will continue to work. Abbas has not only proved himself competent in the diplomatic arena but has so far been the only official in power who has taken key steps, including the unconditional acceptance of the US-backed road map for peace. His support of a unilateral cease-fire on June 29, after only a few months in office, is further indicative of his desire to achieve peace by any means necessary.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for his predecessor and greatest challenge to his seat, Yaser Arafat. Now, Arafat is seen as leader of a sort. His massive ego has deterred him from making any significant progress toward brokering a peace deal. Moreover, the corruption within the Palestinian Authority (as well as the former Palestinian Liberation Organization) was largely due to misleading by Arafat. The Palestinian leader even turned on Kuwait during the Gulf War.

Let us not stint hails over this — Yasser Arafat is an incompetent diplomat whose interest in serving himself image holds priority over achieving freedom for his own people.

Although Arafat’s support will not be given Abbas’ authority, it is expected that he will wield a heavy hand in the selection of the next prime minister. Israeli officials have already explicitly stated that they will not do business with any government appointed by Abbas, and understandably so.

Abbas has a large degree of control over militant groups such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad and has voiced no interest in relinquishing any of that control over to Abbas.

If Abbas were given control of the armed services, he would have greater sway over the aforementioned militant groups, who have proven to be the greatest obstacles in the implementation of the road map. Abbas’s refusal to relinquish his only source of power only further indicates his inability to dealing with the conflict.

Say what you will about the road map for peace, and its blatant idealism. Say what you will about the road map for peace, and its blatant idealism.

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There are so many other people besides what the majority of the population sees as a typical Native American.
**LETTERS**

**Graduate assistants need to take a stand**

By SIU GRADUATE ASSISTANTS AND ANA VELITCHKOVA

SIU does not discriminate against graduate students. Southern Illinois University is an equal opportunity employer. Graduate students who have not been working as teaching assistants have no say nor voice to their demands. Despite the fact that graduate assistants make below poverty level wages, I have never heard a single complaint.

**BGJLvernment**

Despite the fact that most GA's have the same workload as a tenure university professor (60 to 70 hours a week), they are not covered under the same benefits and they are not guaranteed any hour. At SIU, graduate students have to work 15 hours a week to get a full tuition waiver. This is not a full time job, but they have to work for the government to get a $2000 dollar tuition waiver. This is a major reason why students cannot afford to live in a university town and have to live in a trailer court or a mobile home.

I am still working under the assumption that there are GA's who have assistantships in their field, in order to get a full scholarship. But you know whose fault this is? It is not the University's fault, Waltermendle's fault, is it? No, it is our fault, Ana Velitchkova, for not trying to organize your fellow graduate students to fight for what they deserve.

**Bet: friend or foe?**

By BYFAIR GILLESPIE

Standing up and say something—

**Monday, September 8, 2003**

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Marc Harris of the Cape Girardeau Rugby Club gets rid of the ball during his team's match against the Shamrocks of Manhattan, Ill., as a part of Kappagapooza, an all-day rugby tournament with teams from all over the Midwest.

Jeff Sickelco
Cornell Daily Sun (Cornell U.)

ITHACA, N.Y. (U-WIRE) — In planning out their future courses, few Cornell University students can despair of the allure of working in a class-free Friday with a little scheduling finesse. But according to an article published in the Wall Street Journal last week, Cornell students could soon be spending their Thursday nights hitting the books rather than the bars.

Around the country, colleges are trimming down on three-day weekends by bolting up their Friday schedules, a day which has often seen classes go sparsely attended or not held at all.

For now, however, Cornell students who like their Fridays light and easy can breathe a sigh of relief — the University has no plans for a Friday-scheduling frenzy.

"We don't find an increasing scheduling of courses on Friday, not at Cornell," says Dorset Segal, chair of the Educational Policy Committee, which examines student scheduling. "Whether we will change and follow everyone else, we don't know yet.

University officials acknowledge that there is a dip in attendance rate toward the end of the week, but indicate that is too mild to prompt any corrective action. "It turns out there is a slight drop-off on Friday afternoon, but it's not that great," says one faculty member.

The relative lack of action stems in part from the fact that Cornell has always utilized Fridays to some extent, although historically they are not as heavily scheduled in the students' minds as weekend dates.

In terms of the largest number of classes scheduled, they peak on Wednesdays," Segal says. "On Thursday and Friday we see less."

A busy Friday is not the case at all universities, however, and many schools are taking steps to reverse a gradual extension of weekend fire times. Syracuse University has made Friday classes the focal point of a new scheduling initiative, with plans aimed at halting a trend toward excessive Thursday-night partying and disturbances.

According to the Syracuse website, "Many student view Thursday night as part of their weekend socializing time, just like Friday and Saturday nights," resulting in an increase in calls to the public safety department, thus creating "an adverse effect on social conditions."

While the effect of a threadday weekend on social conditions is probably a matter still up for contentious debate, it appears that more schools are falling into the Syracuse camp. Wesleyan, Miami and Clark universities are all in the process of adding classes to their Friday schedule.

That's not to say that Cornell has not been looking into these issues. The Educational Policy Committee conducted a survey last year examining student sleep patterns, attentiveness and attitudes toward class hours. It found, unsurprisingly, that student felt most alert between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., before sliding into a hall of mid-afternoon slumber. Classes are arranged with this drop-off in mind, and the midday period is the most heavily scheduled on most college campuses, a phenomenon known as "Bunching."

The hours from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., when attention spans are at their shortest, are considered protected time to be used for lab period, study or clubs, but not for academic activities.

The survey also found a high rate of end-of-the-week absenteeism before school breaks, when the temptation of a five-, six- or seven-day "weekend" becomes too great for all but the most devoted of students. Before last year's fall break, for instance, only 35 percent of undergraduates showed up to their last lectures on Wednesday, and more than 20 percent had disappeared at the close of classes on Thursday.

David Cronheim may be a free spirit, but he wouldn't think twice about picking up the college lifestyle. Although academic obligations have forced him to set aside his attempts at securing a three-day weekend, he was able to keep his Friday lectures intact.

"It's not high school. Having a free day on Friday gives you a little extra break, so you can have a good time on the weekend. It means you can go out and party on Thursday night," Cronheim says. "It means you can go out and party on Thursday night."

Despite the hopes of many students who have tried to knock down the Cornell, classes are still the rare exception rather than the rule.

"It's not possible to do that," says junior Sean Draganas regarding the elusive Friday off. "A lot of classes are scheduled Monday, Wednesday and Friday, so it's kind of difficult to avoid them.

Besides," says Draganas, "I think Friday is a perfectly good day of the week. Why shouldn't you have classes on Friday?"
said she believes she lost more than $300 of merchandise after she parked her car in the overnight lot.

Tucker said the majority of on-campus motor vehicle burglaries happen in the large, overnight parking lots.

Kuncen said if you get into the burglaries, they’re usually overnight,” Tucker said.

“It has a tendency to be not the lots where people are transitional, but where the vehicles are parked through the overnight lot,” Kuncen said.

Kuncen said she encourages on-campus residents to take anything of value, including car keys, out of their vehicles before they park them for an extended period of time. She also said anyone who has a detachable face plate on a car CD player can take it off and out of the vehicle.

Danesi said he made the mistake of removing his face plate from his CD player, and paid the price.

SIUC sophomore Abraham Rash said he also makes sure nothing of value is left behind in his

Residents parking their vehicles in the overnight lots on campus are leaving themselves vulnerable in the past week.

“This is the only place I can park, so all I can do is set my alarm and keep my car somewhere visible,” Rash said.

Other on-campus residents said they would consider parking their vehicles elsewhere if the auto burglaries continue.

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Reporters Burke Watson

By Jennifer Wells

Daily Kent Stater (Kent State U)

Thousands of students may lose Pell grants

(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio - More than 80,000 students could lose government grants for college.

Budget officials at the Department of Education estimate that 84,000 students nationwide will lose Pell Grants eligibility for the 2004-2005 award year.

Additionally, the department estimates the maximum Pell Grant amount will be $270 million less than previous years. About 100,000 students will receive less money next year.

Pell Grants are federal grants for college students who do not have to pay back.

The Department of Education adjusted the formula that determines a family's expected contribution.

This formula determines how much financial aid a student will receive and how much a family will contribute to college costs.

The incomes, the allowances and the assets of both parents and the student determine the expected family contribution. The formula,

deducts state and local taxes — deductions vary from state to state.

Families will be expected to contribute more to college expenses because the change in the formula reduced the percentage of deductions in most states.

New tax tables will make a family’s income appear higher than it is. Previously the tax table had not been changed since the 1994-1995 award year.

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Daily Horoscope
By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Sep. 8). Work as household or family projects takes top priority this year. First you can make a huge mess, and then you can clean it all up.

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

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - You're making progress, though it is slow. There are still more problems to solve. Friends are a help to you now - they can get through it in places you can't. Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - If you play your cards right, you could earn a little extra bonus. It's not cash in your pocket, but it's still valuable. It's more like a treasure you're saving for the future.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - Today is a 6 - You know how important it is to plan ahead. And besides, it's fun. The planning itself isn't all that great, but you love it when you win.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - You'd rather just do the building and let the paperwork wait for a while. That's not a good idea. Keep records of how and where you stand.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - You know how important it is to plan ahead. And besides, it's fun. The planning itself isn't all that great, but you love it when you win.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - New things need to be changed, but you can do it right. Part of your success includes the recognition of your own limits. Get ahead of your work.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - You're one of those fantasists. You're good at making things happen, but you may have your doubts. It's not just true to your concept of reality, but you love it when you win.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - You may think you've found the answer to all your problems, but you've discovered new questions. Plan the changes you want to make so that you can get started tomorrow

Aquarius (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - New information may be required. You don't like it, but you'll have to stay with it. Your confidence will increase, you'll be able to find a real treasure among all that trash.

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Saluki women's cross country takes third at Missouri Challenge

Rinker finishes 13th to pace SIU squad

**Missouri Cross Country Challenge**

**TEAM RESULTS:**

1. University of Missouri 17:41.66
2. Bradley University 19:15.37
3. Southern Illinois University 19:22.10
4. Southeast Missouri State 19:27.39
5. Bradley University 20:44.21
6. Missouri State 21:12.40

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:**

1. Amanda Bales, UM 17:41.66
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3. Lindsey Wagner, SIU 19:18.75
4. Brittanii Christensen, SIU 19:22.10
5. Cheryllynn Schilling, SIU 19:27.39
6. Katie Bin, SIU 19:45.31
7. Brittanii Whitehead, SIU 20:44.21
8. Megan Binney, SIU 21:12.40

Fighting a team with all freshmen and running without two of its top runners, the Salukis’ cross country squad put up a more-than-respectable performance Saturday at the Missouri Cross Country Challenge in Columbia, Mo.

The Salukis, who were missing junior Noa Batler and sophomore Ty-Nica Davis because of training and Illinois, respectively, put five of the top seven scores, but sophomore Yemi Akinsan laid the hurt down and five of the top seven scores, but sophomore Yemi Akinsan 112th touchdown squashed the Salukis hopes for his feet.

"We beat a couple teams that we weren't competitive with at all last year," said Sparks. "Southeast Missouri State got fourth, and they beat us three different times last year and Bradley was only two up in the conference cross country meet last year, and we beat them pretty handily.

"So things are headed in the right direction.

The Salukis will see Bradley again in their next meet Sept. 19 when they compete in the Eastern Illinois Panther Open in Charleston.

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Saluki volleyball wins first match

SIU volleyball wins one, finishes third at Duke Classic

Adam Soebbinger  
Sally Egyptian

The SIU volleyball team earned its first victory of the season against North Carolina-Charlotte (1-5) at the Duke Classic in Durham, N.C., last weekend.

Despite their improved play, it was the only win the Salukis (1-5) received in the four-team round-robin tournament.

“We’re still too error-prone right now and our ball control needs to be better,” head coach Sonya Locke said in a press release.

“We’re inconsistent and we’ll have to work on that in practice.”

After opening play with a hard fought loss to Buffalo—the Salukis fell 3-1, by all close margins (26-27, 27-30, 32-34, 28-30)—SIU played inspired volleyball to defeat the 49ers in the second match of the weekend.

The Salukis overcame a 2-1 deficit to hand Charlotte its third loss of the season.

“This one was big because we were down 2-1 and came back,” Locke said.

“That win shows we do have character and we know how to fight and win big points.”

With the score tied at 13 in game five, SIU converted two consecutive kills by Cashman outside hitter Ashley Saveline and Haley Hant to put the 49ers away for good.

Saveline and freshman setter Holly Marita, the Salukis’ lone conference and we know how to fight victory, converted with 14 digs, and Marita led the team with a career-high 23 kills and 17 digs.

“I thought Holly was better this weekend than last week, and that’s a good sign,” Locke said.

Marita finished the Duke Classic with 119 assists and 24 digs, improving upon her performance in the Saluki Invitational in which she posted 97 assists and 26 digs.

To close the tournament, SIU suffered a 3-0 defeat at the hands of the heralded Duke squad that was projected to finish second in the ACC this season. The Dawgs fell in game three 20-23.

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Indy State 13, Florida International 16

Jake Shields’ 23 rushing yards paced the Panthers to a 13-10 win over Florida-International Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Panthers were threatening to score a potential tying touchdown in the fourth quarter when they had a first-and-goal at the 8-yard line.

BPU’s Terrence Miles knocked the ball loose from a Panther receiver, and another Sycamore recovered the ball to end the threat and seal the victory.

Northern Iowa 62, Northern Michigan 0

Northern Iowa annihilated Division II Northern Michigan at the UNI Dome behind sophomore Terrance Freeman’s 69 rushing yards and three touchdowns.

UNI notched its first score just 19 seconds into the game when they had a first-and-goal at the 23-yard line.

The 62 points was the most scored by the Panthers since 1997.

Western Kentucky 67, Western Virginia Tech 3

The Hilltoppers improved to 2-0 with a rout of Division II West Virginia Tech. Saturday. Dating back to last season, it was Western’s 12th consecutive victory.

Western Kentucky scored just 19 seconds into the game on a 23-yard pass, then again 3:01 in with a blocked punt return for a touchdown.

Youngstown State 45, Slippery Rock 12

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SOLD OUT tickets are Gateway Conference members.

Western Illinois 34, Eastern Michigan 12

Western Illinois defeated Division I-A Eastern Michigan Thursday night in Ypsilanti, Mich., behind strong special teams play.

The Leathernecks opened the scoring by blocking a punt and returning it for a touchdown. Then as the first half wound to a close, Western’s James Norris returned a punt for a 95-yard touchdown, the Illini that it

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SOLD OUT tickets are Gateway Conference members.

Western Illinois 34, Eastern Michigan 12

Western Illinois defeated Division I-A Eastern Michigan Thursday night in Ypsilanti, Mich., behind strong special teams play.

The Leathernecks opened the scoring by blocking a punt and returning it for a touchdown. Then as the first half wound to a close, Western’s James Norris returned a punt for a 95-yard touchdown, the Illini that it

“We’re inconsistent and we’ll have to work on that in practice.”

After opening play with a hard fought loss to Buffalo—the Salukis fell 3-1, by all close margins (26-27, 27-30, 32-34, 28-30)—SIU played inspired volleyball to defeat the 49ers in the second match of the weekend.

The Salukis overcame a 2-1 deficit to hand Charlotte its third loss of the season.

“This one was big because we were down 2-1 and came back,” Locke said.

“That win shows we do have character and we know how to fight and win big points.”

With the score tied at 13 in game five, SIU converted two consecutive kills by Cashman outside hitter Ashley Saveline and Haley Hant to put the 49ers away for good.

Saveline and freshman setter Holly Marita, the Salukis’ lone conference and we know how to fight victory, converted with 14 digs, and Marita led the team with a career-high 23 kills and 17 digs.

“I thought Holly was better this weekend than last week, and that’s a good sign,” Locke said.

Marita finished the Duke Classic with 119 assists and 24 digs, improving upon her performance in the Saluki Invitational in which she posted 97 assists and 26 digs.

To close the tournament, SIU suffered a 3-0 defeat at the hands of the heralded Duke squad that was projected to finish second in the ACC this season. The Dawgs fell in game three 20-23.

“I thought we played well enough to win game two but we made errors and lost the game,” Locke said.

“We have to learn how to be consistent in our ball control to avoid that from happening.”

Former Illini receiver Dwayne Smith, now a Redbird, set a school record with 14 receptions against his former mates.

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But unlike many past bitter defeats, this touchdown meant nothing as the Salukis embarrassed No. 22 Southeast Missouri State 28-7 in front of 11,100 shocked fans at Houck Stadium in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

"We knew that we had the game when SEMO backup quarterback Joel Sambunky is not one of them," Saluki offensive coordinator Corey Kinsey, who ran for 132 yards, said.

"That play was the lone blunder for an SIU defense that played its best game during the Kill regime."

The Salukis held the SEMO offense to just 287 total yards. Running back Corey Kinsey, who ran for 132 yards against the Salukis a year ago, was muzzled just 73 yards on 21 carries. As a team, the Indians ran for just 59 yards on 34 attempts.

"We knew it was going to be a very good team and we had the game," Kinsey said.

But on first-and-goal, the Salukis, led by the Saluki defense that played its best game since 1996, nullified fumbled return ignites SIU in win over SEMO
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The Salukis outscored SEMO 13-0 in the second half, but SIU starting quarterback Joel Sambunky was sacked by taking it to the highly rated Indians and coming within a late penalty.

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