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Enrollment falls 1.5 percent from last year

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Fall enrollment numbers for SIUC have dropped for the sixth straight year, according to a university press release.

The total fall enrollment at SIUC stands at 20,037 after the official 10-

day count, down 313 students — or 1.5 percent — from 20,350 students enrolled last fall. The most significant drops occurred in the freshman, sophomore and senior classes, which decreased by 135, 172 and 145 students, respectively.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said ad-

ministrators had expected an overall drop this semester, because of a "softness" in freshman and sophomore classes nationwide.

"Basically the 18-year-old birth rate isn't nearly as high as we have seen in the past," she said. "Reports I have read said the age group will con-

tinue to decline until around 2015. It's cyclical with birth rates."

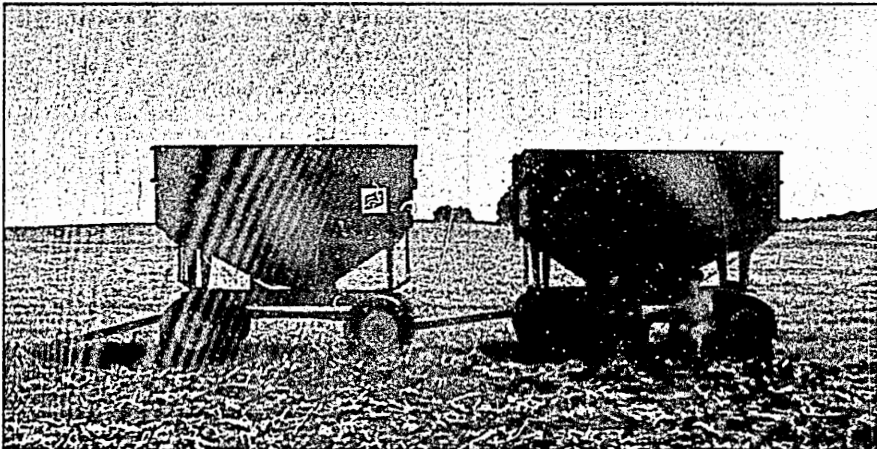
While most undergraduate enrollment numbers dropped, the number of juniors, transfer, graduate and international students all increased. Junior enrollment increased by 52 students, while transfer and graduate

enrollment increased by 122 and 111, respectively. International enrollment, which includes undergraduate and graduate students, increased by 77 — 6.8 percent from last fall.

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BRIGHT FUTURE FOR FAMILY
Earl and Esther Wilson watch from the shade Monday as their son and grandson harvest feed corn from the family's farm outside Steeleville. The farm has been in Esther's family since 1827 and was purchased by her husband Earl in 1955. In September of 2009, Earl suffered a heart attack, which caused him to fall and fracture a vertebrae. Due to his injuries, doctors will no longer let him work. However, Wilson, 63, still insists on monitoring farm production. "That's why we're out here, because this is what he loves to do," Esther said. Earl believes his son will take over the farm, giving him hope that the farm will stay in the family for years to come.

ISAAC SMITH
DAILY EGYPTIAN



Council approves plan for disabled living community

CHRISTINA SPAKOUSKY
Daily Egyptian

The City Council approved a proposal Tuesday to rezone a six-acre plot of land from residential to commercial, making way for a housing facility for the physically disabled.

The council unanimously decided the plot of land — formerly Carbondale Community High School's athletic fields on North Oakland Avenue — could be rezoned into a Planned Unit Development, allowing Budsllick Investments LLC to build a 76-unit

"I heard many (homeowners) express their fear that they're going to lose all that peace and tranquility when that project is developed."

— James Pope
community member

assisted living facility. The facility would be a part of the Illinois Supportive Living Program and would provide assisted living for low-income disabled people with Medicaid.

"It's not supportive living; it's dependent living," said Brad Hagy, a concerned community

member with disabilities.

Several other community members with disabilities attended the meeting to voice their concerns and opinions toward Budsllick's proposal, but only one favored the project. Roy Mazuchowski, 27, of Carbondale said he believed the proposal could ac-

tually benefit the community.

"I believe through some community organizations this could be very beneficial," Mazuchowski said.

Budsllick Investments LLC previously brought the proposal to the Carbondale planning commission Aug. 18, which resulted in a 3-2 vote not to recommend the rezoning. Since then, several concerned citizens sent their concerns to the council as well as signed a petition against it.

Community member James Pope said many young homeowners expressed concerns about

losing the peaceful nature of the neighborhood surrounding the site.

"I heard many (homeowners) express their fear that they're going to lose all that peace and tranquility when that project is developed," Pope said.

But while Greg Budsllick's proposal may be approved, he still has to secure the funding and has no idea when that will happen, Budsllick said.

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University police balance responsibilities, speed patrol

LAUREN LEONE
Daily Egyptian

Harold Tucker said campus police can not have a constant eye out for speeding motorists and hopes students take it upon themselves to slow down at pedestrian

Price of speeding tickets to increase statewide

crosswalks.

Tucker, lieutenant for the department of public safety, said most newer students aren't aware of the reason behind the lowered

20 mph speed limit — which stems from a student death.

In 2001, Anne Coleman, a student in the dental hygiene program, was killed when she was

hit by a car while riding her bike through a crosswalk. Because the driver had been speeding above the then 25 mph limit, Coleman was dragged roughly 30 feet and

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Upcoming Calendar Events

Warming Weather and Fragile Frogs

- 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Carbondale Township meeting room
- Admission is free
- Marj Brooks, assistant professor in zoology, will give an illustrated talk on the environmental factors affecting aquatic species.
- Sponsored by the Sierra Club
- Call Barb for further details at 529-4824.

Introduction to Grant Writing

- 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Lawson Hall, Room 231
- \$50 per participant.
- This workshop is designed to provide basic information about developing grant proposals for those new to the process.
- If you have any questions please contact the SIUC Division of Continuing Education at 536-7751 or fax 453-5680.

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- 6:30 p.m. Saturday
- The bus fare/ ticket to ball game is \$65 per person
- Bus will load at 1 p.m. at Ewbank Insurance/ Immanuel Lutheran Church parking lot on Walnut St., in Murphysboro.
- If interested, please contact Darrell Ewbank 687-4921.

Securing Supports for a Successful School Year

- 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Sept. 20 at Thomas Elementary School
- Training for Parents of Students receiving special education services
- For more information or to register, please phone Family Matters toll-free at 866-436-7842 ext. 107 or register online at fmpic.org
- Family matters parent training is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and ARC Community support systems

Retire Equals Refire

- 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Oct. 21 at Pullium Hall Room 204
- \$30 per participant.
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- If you have any questions please contact the SIUC Division of Continuing Education at 536-7751 or fax 453-5680.

Shawnee Volunteer Corps Announces Fall Volunteer Work Days

- Each volunteer session lasts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Meet at the Murphysboro Work Center at 2221 Walnut St. in Murphysboro.
- Volunteer Dates: Sept. 11, 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 6, 13, 14.
- 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today Meet and Greet at SIUC Student Center
- If you have any more questions, contact Kelly Pearson at 687-1731 or e-mail at kjpearson@siu.edu

Corrections

In the Tuesday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN the story "Cherry comes out on top at Early Bird" should have had said 80 to 100 miles of training every week. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

In the Friday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, a outline on page 13 should have said the plane was a C17 Globemaster III.

The photo on page 3 of the Tuesday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN showed the field outside of the Carbondale Community High School. The location the City Council voted on was formerly Carbondale Community High School's athletic fields at 150 N. Oakland Ave.

Voter registration booths to be on campus soon

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— David Yepsen
Director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute

LAUREN LEONE
Daily Egyptian

David Yepsen said the 'under 25' voter turnout is decreasing, but hopes students still make it out to the polls Nov. 2 for the general election.

"It's as if many people under 25 who came into the 2006 and 2008 elections in big numbers... have lost interest," said Yepsen, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

But students have much at stake in this election, in terms of how candidates will affect their college education, Yepsen said. He said while the controversy surrounding former Gov. Rod Blagojevich and a lack of immediate results from the Obama administration may have discouraged younger voters, students shouldn't stay home on election day.

"Staying away from the polls doesn't cure anything," he said. "I think Americans are impatient, particularly young people, and solving these problems takes some time."

The College Republicans and College Democrats of SIUC will

collaborate during the next two months to bring voter registration booths to students outside of Fanner Hall and the Student Center, said Travis Strobach, president for College Republicans.

Students should try to register in advance to be eligible to vote in the general election, said Scott McClurg, former president of College Democrats.

"Students at a college level, who move more frequently than the rest of society, have to re-register all the time," he said.

McClurg said students should look into issues directly affecting them and how candidates will look to address those issues — such as funding for scholarships, financial aid and higher education.

"Anybody, at any age, could be just as interested in guns and abortion, but the one thing every student has in common is that they're trying to pay for their college education," he said.

McClurg said students should look to national newspapers — rather than television and social networks — for information regarding the election, because studies have shown a 'newspaper

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- Be a United States citizen
- Be at least 18 years of age by Election Day
- Have been a resident of the precinct for at least 30 days before Election Day

WHERE TO REGISTER

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will have more balanced, in-depth coverage.

Yepsen said the 'under 25' generation wants to hear specific solutions to specific problems.

"Individuals particularly in this age range are pretty good 'BS detectors,'" he said. "Candidates who want to attract younger voters have to be candid and straight with them."

Strobach said most people un-

der 25 are more concerned about their own wallets than the national economy, but the economy will affect students down the road — and is one of the most important reasons students should vote this election.

Yepsen said he expects Illinois general election to have close numbers and urges students to register.

"A few votes is going to make a

big difference," he said.

Until registration booths are set up on campus, students may also register at the County Clerk's Office located in Murphysboro or Carbondale City Hall with a driver's license and proof of residence.

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Business student applies knowledge to family business

“Always tell my mother ‘We’re a team’ every time I go home. Since we started we have always looked at it as a family business.

— Khali Smith
a senior from Chicago
studying business
management

RYAN SIMONIN
Daily Egyptian

Khalil Smith didn't wait to put what he learned in the classroom into practice — he used his knowledge to help his mother with her business.

Smith, a senior from Chicago studying business management, said he took what he learned in his business classes and applied it to the accounting, marketing and distribution aspects of his mother Rachelle Smith's cookie business called "Lou's Gourmet Sweets."

Khalil Smith said it was difficult at first to get businesses to agree to sell the product. He said his mother had to find a place to bake from and the business had to be certified by the health department before stores could stock their products.

"At first we were selling to fast food establishments, and then from there we sold to farmer's markets," Smith said. "Finally we were able to open accounts to different Walgreens around Chicago."

Smith said he recently was able to extend the business to the Walgreens on Wall Street in Carbondale.

Michael Haywood, Director of
Minority Affairs for the College



EDYTA BŁASZCZYK | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Khalil Smith, a senior from Chicago studying business management, poses with several packages of cookies Tuesday outside Faneuil Hall. Smith and his mother Rachelle Smith started

Lou's Gourmet Sweets two years ago and have 20 varieties of cookies. The cookies are now available at the Carbondale Walgreens on Wall Street.

of Business, said there are many factors that any business needs to pay attention to in order to succeed.

Haywood said most small businesses fail within the first 16 to 24 months, and it takes a certain will and drive to make a business work.

"Khali is a student leader and is involved with many student organizations and that experience has and will continue to help him along the way," Haywood said.

Smith said he always wanted to be an entrepreneur and thought his mother's cookie business in Chicago was a perfect place to start. He said his mother handles most of the baking operations while he handles the business aspects.

"I always tell my mother 'We're a team' every time I go home. Since we started we have always looked at it as a family business," Smith said.

Rachelle Smith said her business

has sold cookies to stores for about a year. The recipes for the cookies date back to her mother and grandmother — both named Louvenia Jones — which is where the business got its name.


"She would be so proud, not only of me but also because Khalil is coming into this," Smith said. "He just totally surprised me when he said he is going to work with the company, and I know he is going to take it to another level."

She said she started baking

the cookies for family functions and other community gatherings. When people continually asked her for the recipe or to sell the cookies, she decided it was time to start a business.

When a batch of her cookies sold out at a church function, it prompted her to sell them in stores, she said.

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Get heard with Voices

New restaurant offers diversity in Student Center dining

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

66 *Like that they have brown rice and sushi; you don't see that very often. It's a better alternative to the other fast food here.*

— Jessica Gonzalez
senior studying elementary education

Forty different types of sushi are now available in the Student Center — and only one new restaurant opened.

Jow Jing held its grand opening Tuesday at the Student Center, offering students free samples and lunch specials for the occasion. Subcontracted by Chartwells — the group contracted by SIUC for hiring and managing some employees on campus — Advanced Fresh Concepts Corporation opened the Asian-inspired restaurant Aug. 31, said Lori Stettler, director of the Student Center. She said Jow Jing



PAT SUTPHIN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Amy Zhang cleans up behind the counter of Jow Jing Tuesday during its grand opening in the Student

Center. Jow Jing offers numerous dining options, including fresh sushi.

held the event to attract more attention to its opening.

Fresh sushi and many Japanese entrees are featured daily, said Kuen Lixhn, restaurant manager and

trained sushi chef. He said 40 different types of sushi will be prepared daily, and new items will be added to the menu every week.

In addition to sushi, Lixhn

said the restaurant will serve fresh tossed Asian salads and has an abundance of different sauces as well as combination meals that include tofu, beef and chicken entrees

and spring rolls.

Keeping diversity in the Student Center was a popular request from students, Stettler said.

"When we looked at how to diversify our food offerings, we wanted to make sure we offered some cuisine that had some international flare to it," she said. "Sushi kept coming up as something that students, faculty and staff were interested in."

Jessica Gonzalez, a senior from Chicago studying elementary education, said she thinks Jow Jing brings a healthier option to the Student Center.

"I like that they have brown rice and sushi; you don't see that very often," she said. "It's a better alternative to the other fast food here."

Stettler said the opening of Jow Jing shows the Student Center will try to listen to student suggestions.

"If there are other things that students want to see in the facility, we are always open to new ideas," she said.

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GUEST COLUMN

Promote physical, mental health at SIUC

Barb Elam
Wellness Center

Today's students care about social and health issues on campus, and have created ways to change the SIUC campus for the better.

The Wellness Center sponsors student groups that address college health, allowing students to combine supporting a positive cause while having fun in good company.

• If you like to help others:

Lifesavers are students who are trained to be good listeners to help their peers identify common problems, such as depression or anxiety, and to refer them to help.

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• If it bothers you when someone is put down because of their gender, race or orientation:

Progressive Masculinities Mentors is for individuals concerned

about social justice and change in the area of gender equality. Through support, activism and education, PMM serves as a strong network that connects students to the social cause of gender justice. PMM's weekly meetings, Raising Awareness Proactively sessions, have become quite popular among students who gather weekly to talk openly about issues related to traditional masculine norms.

PMM is active in the community, enlisting young men from local schools to attend the R.A.P. Sessions, which are held at 7 p.m. every Thursday in the Student Health Center, room 111/112 during the fall and spring semesters.

• If you are tired of the har scene: Hammered! is a student organization that provides students with so-

cial opportunities without alcohol or other drug pressures. These students understand that it is not necessary to use mind-altering substances to enjoy themselves. You can either join the organization or attend one of its events. It is not necessary to declare abstinence from substances for the rest of your life to participate, just the time that is spent at these events. Contact siuc@hammered.org for more information.

• If you have known someone hurt in a drunk driving crash:

Sahki Project Ignition is a group of students who promote safe roadway behaviors in SIUC community, including pedestrian and crosswalk safety. They promote reducing poor driving behaviors, such as distracted driving while sleep-deprived and

drunk driving. The DD Dawg Program provides wallet cards to designated drivers to receive free sodas at participating bars and restaurants. SPI members perform a great community service with the potential to save lives. Contact jastino@siu.edu for more information.

Being in college offers students an opportunity to grow personally as well as academically. The Wellness Center provides information and counseling to students in the areas of sexual health; nutrition and eating concerns; alcohol or other drugs; smoking cessation; and stress management.

Barb Elam is coordinator of stress management at the Wellness Center Student Health Center.

GUEST COLUMN

Speak out against sexual harassment — loudly

Hilary LeFebvre
senior studying radio-television

When I walked in to the new football stadium for the first game of the 2010 season Thursday, my expectations were high.

I expected to marvel at the new stadium. I expected to have a great time with my friends. I expected to beat Quincy, again. But never did I expect to be violated at that football game.

As I stood in line at the bathroom, I laughed as our fans booed Quincy into their locker room at halftime.

Space was limited. I understand, sometimes, people bump into one another. Usually, I expect an apology. This time was different.

The first time I was "bumped" by the guy directly behind me, I shrugged it off thinking it was an accident. The second time the guy behind me touched my rear end, I turned and gave him the mean mug of his life, hoping he would get the hint.

But the third time he nearly cupped my butt in his hand, I lost it. I turned and yelled at him to stop grabbing me. He of course denied it in front of

the crowd of people who stared and laughed at him for getting biased.

I told him I thought it was pathetic that the only way he could get a woman's attention was through sexual harassment. He slowly sank into the crowd as I turned to look at all of the men standing around me. By this point, they couldn't even look me in the eyes.

Yes, I am a woman who is not afraid to stand up for herself. I pray that the next time a woman is harassed by a man, she stands up for herself and embarrasses him just like I did. No-

body deserves to be treated like that. Everybody deserves respect.

Ladies, standing up for yourself to a man will humiliate him. I'm not talking about using your fists, either. Your voice is the most powerful thing you possess. Use it.

You can't expect situations like that will never happen to you. You can expect that the second you stand up for yourself, you're going to make someone's "jerk feel tiny," to quote Dr. Charlotte King from my favorite show "Private Practice."

Just remember, the only reason he

thought he could harass you in the first place was because he thought he was bigger and better than you, most of the time, simply because you're a woman.

I live by King's full quote: "I'm strong, and I am comfortable with being strong, and I like that I'm strong. And if that is too much woman for you — if that makes your junk feel tiny — I'm not going to make myself smaller. I'm not going to put myself in a box so that you feel like a big man. I am a big woman, and you either get used to it, or you get out."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Marching Sahukis' pride of university, should be paper's pride, too

DEAR EDITOR:

I was incredibly disappointed to see that the 2010 Marching Sahukis didn't earn a single mention or photograph in the Friday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

It's the Marching Sahukis' spirit, energy, and enthusiasm, not just their tuxedo uniforms, that literally stop traffic. Football fans line the sidewalks of campus just to catch a glimpse of the band marching and jumping to the drum lines cadences. The students' and football fans' genuine appreciation for the band sends them smiling, laughing and even dancing down the streets toward the stadium.

The band's school spirit is conta-

gious throughout the games — they're easily the loudest cheering section — and after the football team has won, the band carries its spirit literally all the way home, with fans still in tow.

I've never heard so many people buzzing with excitement for a marching band as when the Marching Sahukis step out.

With all this school spirit comes the title "pride of the university," announced at every football game.

The band earned this title with its spirit, as I said, and by playing fantastically well. It also gained the university's respect through respect — for one another, faculty, themselves, for the school and for the community. The Marching

Sahukis are the most driven, proud and genuinely friendly group I've ever had the pleasure to work with.

So, editor, with all that said, I wonder why, exactly, the Marching Sahukis didn't make it into the DAILY EGYPTIAN last Friday. I wonder why first boys in body paint and tailgate antics were chosen over one large, and loud, division of Sahukis spirit, pride and tradition. If it was a matter of not knowing the amount of dedication these students and faculty members had for SIUC, I hope that's been fixed in my letter. I hope deeply that it's not a matter of simply not caring.

Audra Fuhr

a senior studying music composition

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Following the incident, the speed limit was reduced from 25 mph to 20 mph in summer 2002, said Todd Sigler, director of public safety.

"We hope the lowered speed limit prevents accidents across campus and also reduces injuries in the event of a collision," he said.

The Illinois Supreme Court's recent decision should make students think even more about speeding.

The court signed off on new charges Tuesday that — starting Sept. 15 — would increase the price of traffic tickets offenses, such as speeding, by as much as 60 percent — meaning the usual \$50 citation for speeding on campus would cost closer to \$80.

The fall semester following Coleman's death, campus police cracked down on speeding, handing out 366 citations or warnings to students for speeding, according to figures provided by the police department. In fall 2003, 152 citations or warnings were handed out, and in spring 2010, campus police gave out 32 citations or warnings for speeding. In August 2010, nine warnings and nine citations were given out to students, Sigler said.

Tucker said after the incident students had to adjust quickly to the decreased speed limit, so citations were high.

"It was something people had to get used to. We had students still hurrying to get to class to class above the old 25 mph limit," he said.

He said as time went by, people got used to the lowered speed limit and the situation improved.

Tucker said when campus police receive reports of excessive speeding in particular places, officers spend extra time enforcing the problematic areas. Campus police cannot constantly patrol speed limits, he said.

"When you add everything up that must be done, campus police officers have to divide their time," Tucker said. "We could spend all our time monitoring speeding, but there has to be a balance."

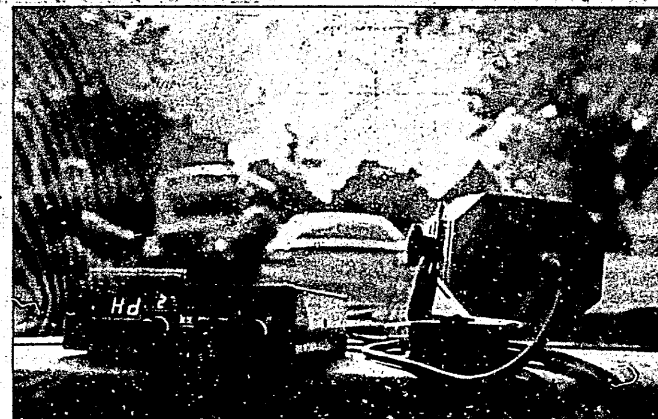
Tucker said campus police enforce certain areas where they see constant violations — such as at pedestrian crosswalks.

"We have students (in cars) always trying to beat students (walking) through the crosswalks," Tucker said. "We understand you're going to be late if you don't get through the crosswalk quick enough, but you have to drive defensively rather than trying to find a parking space."

Sigler said students need to willingly follow the rules in order for the system to work.

In 2007, the Traffic and Parking Division purchased a Speed Monitor Trailer, a solar-powered, battery-operated device showing motorists their speed, Sigler said.

Campus police can also program messages for students to read with the device. It is often seen flashing the 20 mph speed limit near the Student Center, he said. It helps serve as a reminder to drivers not to speed, Sigler said.



EDYTA BLASZCZYK/DAILY EGYPTIAN

Southern Illinois University Carbondale Patrolman Bill Dozier gives a warning to a student who was clocked going seven miles over the speed limit Aug. 30 on Lincoln Drive near Faner Hall. Dozier said that for the first couple of weeks

of the year he gives a warning period for drivers to make them more aware of the 20 mph limit on campus that was lowered in 2002 because of a student who was killed while crossing the street on her bike.

He said although students are used to the 20 mph speed limit, there will always be students who speed. This semester, one speeding citation was issued to a student going 36 mph in a 20 mph zone, he said.

Amanda Buday, a graduate in sociology from Goshen, Ind., said she thinks the speed limit is too slow for some areas like Campus Lake by Douglas Drive.

"It's pretty ridiculous to ask people go 20 mph out there," she said.

In her first semester at SIU, she said she hasn't seen a huge presence from campus police.

"I'm sure I've sped at one point or another but haven't been pulled over for it," she said.

Campus police are heavily involved with sporting events, patrolling the Recreation Center, the Student Center and reporting hazards across campus, he said.

Tucker said while Coleman's death is still fresh in the minds of

campus police, some students may not be aware of the main reason the speed limit was lowered to 20 mph.

"It shouldn't have taken that to happen for everyone to be more safety-conscious," he said. "But our goal on campus is to remind people of this, because people have the tendency to forget."

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COUNCIL

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"As of right now we're exploring all the finances we'll be able to use for it, but the actual funds aren't available until we receive certification," he said.

Buddick said a full market study

was done to assess the needs of this type of facility in the community, but said he was unable to present the council the entire study.

The plan would include 71,000 sq ft. of green space with a community garden for residents and a walking trail, Buddick said.

"Most people I'm guessing would be so physically disabled that they wouldn't be walking on walking trails. These people cannot garden by themselves," said Susan Fehrenbacher, a community member with disabilities.

Despite concerns, the council said Buddick's proposal was the only good

one seen for the property and any plans for that spot would attract opposition.

"It's not for everybody," Councilman Chris Wissmann said. "Some people need more independence and others need more supervision and perhaps others need something exactly like this."

The council also approved an ordinance to designate 803 West Peoria Street as a landmark district on the Carbondale Register of Historic Places.

"We're glad to have a property added to the list," Evelyn Koine, chairperson of the historic preservation committee, said.

ENROLLMENT

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University spokesman Rod Slevers said the increase in transfer students was because of the relationship SIUC is building with community colleges in the region.

"That work is reflected in the numbers, so that's a piece of good in this," he said. "It's not all bad news."

Cheng said the relationship between SIUC and its sister universities in China and India, as well as the university's strong reputation as a place for international students, helped bring in students.

Enrollment peaked in 1991 at 24,869, but has seen a steady decrease during the past two decades. Enrollment

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ment has dropped every year since 2005 — a total loss of 1,404 students in the past five years.

Within two weeks of Cheng starting as chancellor, she appointed John Nicklow to head the enrollment management department June 15, after Cheng reassigned former Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Victoria Valle on June 11. Enrollment drop all three years Valle headed the department. Cheng had said at the time the reassignment was the first step in changing how the university approaches enrollment.

Nicklow, interim assistant provost for enrollment management, said it was difficult to build up a plan for fall semester enrollment in less than three months. He said his department is already preparing for the fall 2011 enrollment numbers.

"You really do these things with six to 10 months in advance," Nicklow said. "So we're working on next fall right now."

Cheng said it is an important goal for administrators, faculty and students to continue to get the word out on the

quality of education at Carbondale.

"I think there have been some times in the past, particularly last fall, where we dropped the ball," she said. "We're going to make sure we really increase those efforts this fall."

While the overall numbers dropped, Cheng said she was still optimistic about the future enrollment.

"I believe the new programs we are developing, the distance education we are implementing and the changes we are making to enrollment management will have a positive impact on

the future," she said.

While some areas were positive, Nicklow said he is ready to take on the challenging areas and bring their numbers up.

"Honestly, I'm excited to be facing those challenges," he said. "I want to start having an aggressive — that's the key word — aggressive search campaign we hope will bring students here. And it's not just quantity over quality; we're talking capable students. We're really focusing on some of the messages we're sending. We want to work more on the academic aspect and the quality of our academics."

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Quotes of the Day

"It is precisely the kind of action the Taliban uses and could cause significant problems."

DAVID PETRAEUS

U.S. commander in Afghanistan, denouncing plans by a Florida church to burn copies of the Quran on Sept. 11, saying it could endanger U.S. troops overseas

"Perhaps we might think more in terms of supporting those families who are on both sides of this issue as all of us are... and try to devote a week of peace."

DAVID PATERSON

New York governor, saying the "Ground Zero mosque" debate should be dropped for a week in light of 9/11, the Jewish new year and Ramadan

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Grim outlook for Democrats puts House up for grabs

JULIE HIRSCHFELD
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Disgruntled voters, a sluggish economy and vanishing enthusiasm for President Barack Obama have put 75 seats or more in the House — the vast majority held by Democrats — at risk of changing hands and putting Republicans in charge.

The Democrats could become a victim of their own successes during the past two elections, when candidates were swept into power by antipathy for President George W. Bush and ardor for Obama. Now, eight weeks from Election Day, the Democrats are bracing for the virtual certainty of lost House seats and scrambling to hold back a wave that could hand the GOP the 40 it needs to command a majority.

Obama, grasping for a way to turn the tide, on Wednesday plans to propose \$30 billion in new investment tax breaks for businesses to go along with tens of billions in spending he called for on Labor Day to invigorate the slow recovery. But even if Congress acts on the requests — a long shot in a highly charged political season — there's little time left for Democrats to salvage their election chances.

With Obama's popularity slumping and the party demoralized, dozens of first- and second-term Democrats as well as long-serving congressmen who haven't faced serious challenges in years are toiling to hold onto their jobs in places that tend to prefer Republicans. And polls show independent voters leaning toward the GOP.

When asked which party they want to control Congress, voters are split or leaning toward Republicans, national surveys say. Perhaps even more ominously for Democrats, voters are

overwhelmingly sour about national issues, especially the economy.

More than 60 percent said the nation was in a state of decline and on the wrong track in the latest Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll, in which voters likely to turn out in November gave Republicans a gaping 9-point edge when asked which party they wanted to control Congress.

Much can change between now and Election Day, and a GOP House takeover is far from sure. The political parties, individual campaigns and outside groups that spend heavily to influence elections have scarcely begun to distribute the hundreds of millions of dollars they plan to pour into key congressional districts across the country for advertising and on-the-ground organizing that can turn out crucial voters.

And most voters have yet to focus on the contests.

Still, Republicans are confidently predicting Democrats' defeat.

"Republicans have the intensity," said Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., head recruiter for House GOP candidates. "The map is growing by the day."

Democrats acknowledge the strong headwinds but counter that, with a solid fundraising advantage over Republicans and years worth of preparation for what they always knew would be a brutal election, they can fight off the GOP onslaught.

"We've got some very, very tough political territory on an off year with a weak economy, so it's a major challenge in a difficult political environment. That said, we will retain a majority in the House," said Democratic Rep. Chris Van Hollen, the party's House campaign chief.

The current breakdown is 255 Democrats, 178 Republicans and two

vacancies that appear likely to be won by the GOP.

Democratic incumbents are at risk from California to New York and particularly in the unemployment-stricken Rust Belt, where six in Pennsylvania and five in Ohio face stiff challenges. Hotly contested races are unfolding in every region, including three each in Arizona, Florida, Illinois and Indiana, and two in Alabama, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Wisconsin and Virginia.

Among the most vulnerable Democratic incumbents are freshmen Reps. Betsy Markey of Colorado, Steve Driehaus of Ohio and Tom Perriello of Virginia. They had little time to settle into elected office before casting votes for key elements of Obama's agenda that are proving controversial, including the health care law and the so-called cap-and-trade measure to curb carbon emissions. Markey and Perriello, like some four dozen other Democrats, are fighting to hold onto districts that voted for Republican presidential nominee John McCain in 2008.

At the same time, a handful of influential, senior Democrats — including Missouri's Joe Stelton, the chair of the Armed Services Committee, and South Carolinian John Spratt, the Budget chairman — are facing formidable re-election battles in a year when voter dislike of elected officials, excessive government spending and the political establishment is on the rise.

Reps. Allen Boyd of Florida and Earl Pomeroy of North Dakota — both in the House more than a decade — and Paul Kanjorski of Pennsylvania and Chet Edwards of Texas — veterans of 20 years or more — also face tough fights.

And Democrats are facing tight

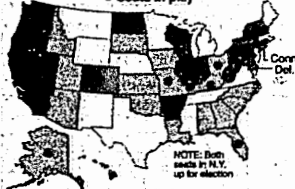
Midterm election preview 2010

Voters cast ballots for Congress, governors and local officials on Nov. 2. Republicans are hoping to win back at least the majority in the House.

The Senate

A total of 37 seats out of 100 are up for election, including three special elections.

Currently held by ■ Democrats ■ Republicans



Governors races

37 states have races, 14 incumbents seek re-election.

Currently held by ■ Democrats ■ Republicans



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The House

All 435 seats are up for election

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Democrats hold majorities in both the House and the Senate

Senate 100 seats

All 435 seats are up for election

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racers to hang on to most of the 20 seats where the incumbent retired, left or is pursuing another office — typically the most difficult for a party to defend. Those include two each in Arkansas and Tennessee, and long-shots in Louisiana, Kansas and upstate New York, where Rep. Eric Massa resigned in March amid an investigation into whether he sexually

harassed male staffers. Most of the 23 open Republican seats are not regarded as seriously in play, although Democrats have good chances of claiming two being vacated by GOP lawmakers running for the Senate, including one in Delaware now held by Mike Castle and one in the Chicago suburbs held by Mark Kirk.

Pressure rises on pastor who wants to burn Quran

MITCH STACY
The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The government turned up the pressure Tuesday on the head of a small Florida church who plans to burn copies of the Quran on Sept. 11, warning him that doing so could endanger U.S. troops and Americans everywhere.

But the Rev. Terry Jones insisted he would go ahead with his plans, despite criticism from the top U.S. general in Afghanistan, the White House and the State Department, as well as a host of religious leaders.

Jones, who is known for posting signs proclaiming that Islam is the devil's religion, says the Constitution

"We think that these are provocative acts. We would like to see more Americans stand up and say that this is inconsistent with our American values; in fact, these actions themselves are un-American."

gives him the right to publicly set fire to the book that Muslims consider the word of God.

Gen. David Petraeus warned Tuesday in an e-mail to The Associated Press that "images of the burning of a Quran would undoubtedly be used by extremists in Afghanistan — and around the world — to inflame public opinion and incite violence." It was a rare example of a military

commander taking a position on a domestic political matter.

Jones responded that he is also concerned but is "wondering, 'When do we stop?'" He refused to cancel the protest set for Saturday at his Dove World Outreach Center, a church that espouses an anti-Islam philosophy.

"How much do we back down? How many times do we back down?" Jones told the AP. "Instead of us

— P.J. Crowley
State Department spokesman

backing down, maybe it's time to stand up. Maybe it's time to send a message to radical Islam that we will not tolerate their behavior."

Still, Jones said he will pray about his decision.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the administration hoped Americans would stand up and condemn the church's plan.

"We think that these are

provocative acts," Crowley said. "We would like to see more Americans stand up and say that this is inconsistent with our American values; in fact, these actions themselves are un-American."

Crowley said Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton may address the controversy at a dinner Tuesday evening in observance of Iftar, the breaking of the daily fast during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

At the White House, spokesman Robert Gibbs echoed the concerns raised by Petraeus. "Any type of activity like that that puts our troops in harm's way would be a concern to this administration," Gibbs told reporters.

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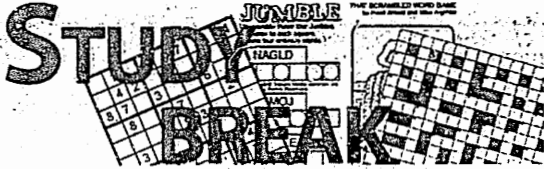
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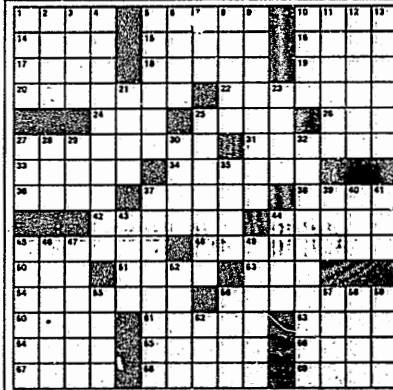
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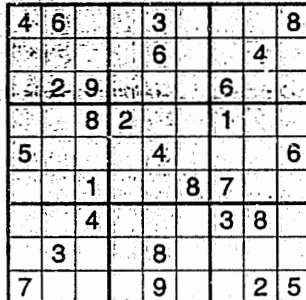
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Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's birthday — This birthday marks a change in direction, as you understand your creative desires more fully and use both facts and passion to fulfill them. Some of your best opportunities come through social contacts, so brush off your formal attire and join the party.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — Attention shifts to financial matters. Accept an opportunity to move an investment, only if you trust the source of information. Ask a female.

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Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — A female provides research information that revolutionizes your work. This could include new computer programs or online resources. Think big.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — Although you have some bright ideas for the future, today you benefit from sticking to practical matters. A female suggests changes that produce fortunate results.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — You draw people closer to you now, as you overcome work obstacles easily. More opportunities open to you because you use your imagination. Think big.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Feminine magnetism plays a huge role today. Your partner feels lucky and so should you. Flowers or chocolates may be called for. Give and receive.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 9 — An associate poses a creative question, and you have plenty of suggestions. This changes your direction. But, not your intention.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Fortune feedback from co-workers points you in a new direction that promises greater cooperation. Use their ideas as much as is practical.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Friends are divided about your sincerity. To convince them, link up your language with words that demonstrate movement. Then they get your direction.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Some things you were taught as a child just don't work in today's world. A female shows you how to change your mind for the better. Empower yourself.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — Use all your knowledge to plan a social event you're sure will make an impact. Then enlist the help of a female who's been there and done that.

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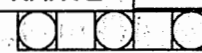


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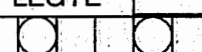
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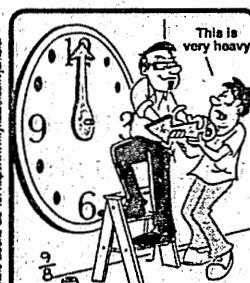


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ACADEMIC
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"You go to class first, golf second and they knew how to put their priorities in place," Newton said.

Women's basketball head coach Missy Tiber said student-athletes at the collegiate level know why they've made it to their level academically and athletically. The women's basketball teams' grade point average was more than 3.2 last year, Tiber said.

Excellence in the classroom comes from astute leadership in Athletic Director Mario Moccia that trickles down to the coaching staff, who in turn stress the importance of academics to their athletes, Jones said.

"Most of our (student athletes) are committed to experiencing success in both areas," Tiber said.

The athletics department does well helping student-athletes with time-management and offering them the resources they need to excel academically, Tiber said.

"Sports is a big key, but academics is the most important resource and tool (athletes) will have while they're here," Jones said.

As a former athlete, Jones said an athlete cannot become a great player unless he or she strives to excel in academics.

"You can't give 60 percent in one aspect of your life and give 100 percent in the other and think you'll do well," Jones said. "When (an athlete) goes to (his or her)

respective sport that type of work ethic and determination will boil right over into your sport and help you become better."

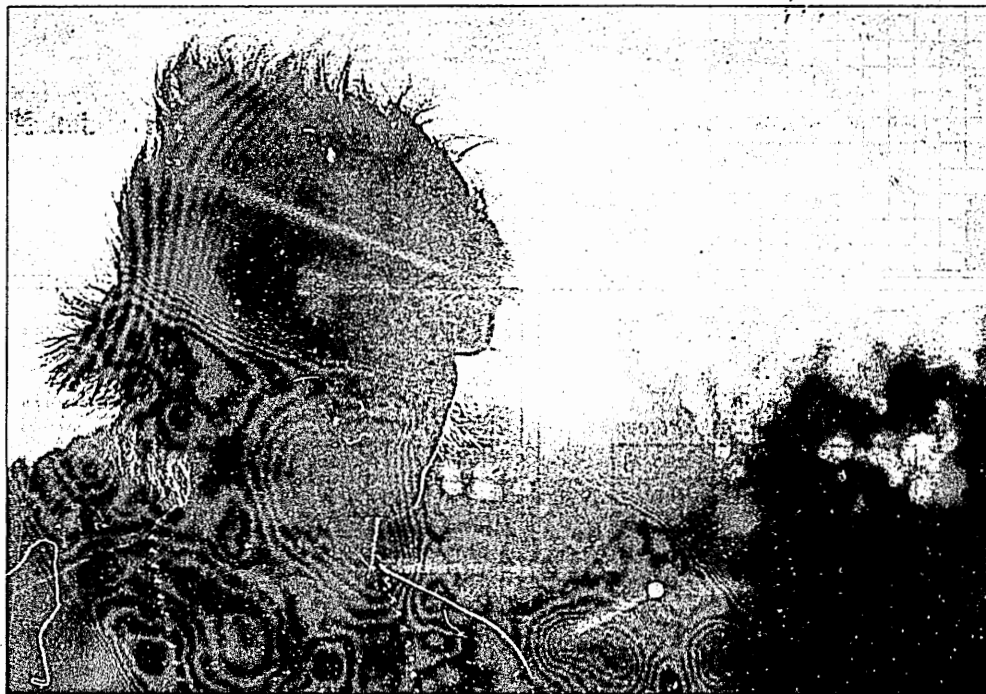
Newton said the smarter a golfer is the better he or she will be at golf. A former golfer who proved the link between academic success and in game performance was Brian Norman, who made academic all-conference his senior year five years ago, Newton said.

Tiber and Newton said the all-conference scholar and all-con-

ference athletic teams are equally tough accomplishments, but student-athletes have the resources to achieve both.

"There's a lot of little things that could go wrong on the golf course, and if you aren't smart enough to remember how to fix them, you just don't perform at our level," Newton said. "The kids want to perform."

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Tyler Chance, a sophomore from West Frankfort studying political science, watches his friends play bags Thursday while tailgating in the parking lot west of the arena.

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TAILGATING
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The student tailgating area changed to its location south of the SIU Arena in order to keep intoxicated students from slipping onto U.S. Route 51 and hurting themselves, Pettit said.

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— Andy Pettit
director of facilities and game operations

At McAndrew, students stayed at the tailgates to eat or drink and then either showed up to the games during the second half or not at all, said Chastity Spencer, a senior from Chicago studying radio-television. She said she and her friends usually try to attend every home

football game but she missed Thursday's game because she was out of town.

"I was mad I didn't get to go to the first (game), but I plan to go (next time)," she said.

Spencer said more students would leave the tailgate and come to the foot-

ball games if the athletics department was able to get bigger name schools down to Southern.

"We need bigger name teams to come because that's who we want to play," she said. "We want to be on ESPN too. We want to be known and seen."

Sowers and Pettit said the allure of a new stadium appeals to student tailgaters but it's uncertain whether or not last Thursday's record attendance numbers will continue.

"We have a great product on the field and (in) the field itself now," Sowers said. "We're hoping (attendance) keeps building and growing."

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Illini defensive lineman Buchanan suspended after DUI charge

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — Illinois football coach Ron Zook says defensive lineman Michael Buchanan has been suspended indefinitely after his arrest on a preliminary charge of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Champaign County State's Attorney Julia Rietz says Illinois State Police arrested the

19-year-old sophomore at about 2:25 Sunday morning in Champaign. Rietz says Buchanan is out on bond. He also faces a preliminary charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Zook on Tuesday declined to discuss further details about Buchanan's arrest.

Buchanan is from Homewood. He played in Saturday's loss to Missouri after playing as a freshman in most of Illinois' games last season.

Williams lone American singles player at U.S. Open

HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Venus Williams arrived at this U.S. Open with a bum knee. She hadn't played a match in more than two months. She hadn't reached the semifinals at any Grand Slam tournament in more than a year. And now? Williams is two victories away

from her first U.S. Open title since 2001.

The No. 3-seeded Williams overcame nine double-faults and a total of 33 unforced errors to beat reigning French Open champion Francesca Schiavone 7-6 (5), 6-4 in the quarterfinals Tuesday night.

"I want to be in the final, because then obviously it's just one more step," the 30-year-old Williams said.

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Saluki Insider

In ESPN.com's most recent NFL power rankings, four of the top five teams were NFC teams. Which conference will send stronger teams to the playoffs this season?



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The AFC is stronger. It seems the media is all about the Cowboys, Packers, Vikings and Saints, but the AFC has teams that could be just as good as those four but may not make the playoffs. Case in point: Miami, Houston, Pittsburgh and Denver.

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The AFC isn't what it used to be, but if teams like the New York Jets, Miami Dolphins and Cincinnati Bengals get hot, it will send strong teams into the playoffs.

TWITTER

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If there is an issue with student athletes abusing their social media rights, coaches and universities can punish players, women's tennis head coach Andrea Nothwehr said.

Nothwehr said she hasn't had any problems with players using social media, but if there happened to be an issue players could be kicked off the team, sit out of matches, or the team would ban players from using accounts.

Athletic director Mario Moccia said players have to realize that what they're thinking in the heat of the moment should not be posted on Twitter.

"If there is a bad game, a coach and a player have a disagreement or harsh words, it's very easy to post something that (they'll end up re-

gretting, so we remind them to take a deep breath and be mindful of what they're posting," Moccia said.

Lowery, Tiber and Nothwehr all have personal and team accounts on social network sites to keep up with the times. During the Boise State-Virginia Tech football game Monday night, Tiber used social media for an hour and a half to maintain relationships with former and future players, she said.

"With the new generation, everything is at their hip," Lowery said. "They can pull up their emails, text, all communication ... through phones. So I can take a photo of the new arena and send it to new recruits."

Nothwehr said Twitter and Facebook are good sources to get the word out on upcoming matches, fundraisers, and to report how the

team did immediately after a match via status updates, photographs or highlight videos.

SIU Athletics has a Facebook and Twitter account to promote events for all Saluki sports, Weber said.

Mark Gazdik, assistant athletic director for marketing, said the biggest demographic for the Saluki Facebook fan page is 25- to 34-year-old males, who represent 18 percent of the 8,786 people who liked the page at press time.

SIU has to have an Internet presence to appeal to fans, Weber said.

"People want to know what happened as soon as it happened," they don't want to wait for newspapers," Weber said.

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FOOTBALL

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"It's hard to score 70 points on air," Zook said. "This is a football team that is obviously very, very dangerous."

Though they play for a lower division school, many of SIU's players would have no problem playing for

Zook's Big Ten squad, he said.

Saturday's game in Champaign will be the home opener for the Illini, who are coming off a 23-13 loss at Missouri in their season opener last weekend.

Illinois was up by 10 at halftime before Missouri scored two touchdowns and held the Illini to 25 total

yards in the second half to complete the comeback.

"We played two and a half quarters Saturday and we need to play four (against SIU)," Zook said.

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Football

Zook: Illini to face 'dangerous' Saluki team

NICK JOHNSON
Daily Egyptian

The Illinois Fighting Illini are 2-0 all time against SIU, but will have their hands full with a potent Saluki

offense Saturday in Champaign. Illinois head coach Ron Zook said at a press conference Tuesday.

Zook made it clear that SIU's 70-7 rout of Quincy in its season opener Sept. 2 is fresh in his mind, and said the

addition of new offensive coordinator Kalen DeBoer will make the Salukis harder to predict.

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SIU ATHLETICS

Athletics avoids online blunders

BRANDON LACHANCE
Daily Egyptian

Chad Ochocinco was fined for a tweet and Shaquille O'Neal had his Facebook status update quoted on national television. Luckily, SIU athletes have managed to avoid controversy and punishment on social media sites, Assistant Athletic Director Tom Weber said.

Around February 2004, when sites such as Facebook and Twitter first became popular, Weber said a SIU athlete told a coach about a teammate posting an obscene photograph. After the student was told to remove the photo, a section of the student athlete handbook became dedicated to using social media sites, Weber said.

The handbook gives a general overview of what not to post on social network sites but each coach can add more restrictions, he said.

Men's basketball head coach Chris Lowery said there is nothing his program tries to police beyond what's in the handbook other than obscene photographs, but he is beginning to focus on the language of the posts.

"Our kids need to understand once it's on the Internet, it's there forever," Lowery said.

Women's basketball head coach Mirey Tiber said she tells her student-athletes that their tweets and Facebook status updates represent the program and SIU athletics. The only extra restriction Tiber adds is a no-cursing policy, she said.

The NCAA also has guidelines for the coaches to follow; coaches aren't allowed to put a recruit's name on a status update or instant message on sites such as Facebook, Tiber said.

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ATHLETICS & ACADEMICS



Cross country head coach Matt Sparks talks to the men's cross country team before practice Tuesday at the Lew Hartzog Track.

Saluki coaches work with their students to help emphasize athletics and academics equally.

Strong advisory program helps Salukis blend academic, athletic achievement

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Daily Egyptian

Both the men's golf and women's basketball teams had mean grade point averages higher than 3.2 last season, and it's not a coincidence. Athletics Academic Adviser Jeff Jones said.

Jones, a member and team captain of three Gateway Football Conference

Championship teams in 2003-05, said the academic success of Saluki athletes comes down to coach involvement and each student's commitment in the classroom.

"We expect our (athletes) to be 3.0 or better," head men's golf coach Leroy Newton said.

Jones said the Trout-Wittmann Academic and Training Center, built in early 2005, gives student-

athletes a private computer lab and studying facility where they also receive tutoring services.

Jones said his department also helps incoming freshmen and transfer students transition to SIU and formulates personal relationships with all incoming athletes.

"One-on-one mentoring is something our daily job consists of," Jones said.

The men's golf team had two all-academic team athletes last season in Jordan Cox and Blake Driskell, Newton said. If an athlete's grade point average dips below 2.5, he or she can't participate in his or her sport, but the mean grade point average for Newton's team over the last two seasons was 3.5, he said.

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FOOTBALL

Students 'overwhelm' Saluki Stadium, tailgating grounds

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Andy Pettit said student support at the first football game overwhelmed the athletic department.

Pettit, director of facilities and game operations, said the rush

across campus was a positive problem to have as SIU opened up its season — and Saluki Stadium — Thursday in a 70-7 victory over Quincy University.

"We were very pleasantly surprised and overwhelmed with students," Pettit said.

More than 5,200 students watched

the game, said Steve Sowers, athletic coordinator of group sales and special events. He said tailgaters outside of Saluki Stadium for the home opener numbered at about 1,000.

Sowers said he's sure most of the student tailgaters went to Thursday's game because staff had to

north scoreboard to fit everyone in the stadium.

"Last week's (numbers) were pretty impressive," he said. "With the improvement of our (football) team we've seen a lot more student participation inside the stadium. At the same time student participation at tailgating has gone up as well."

Pettit said before student tailgating changes took place around 2004; students tailgating in the southeast parking lot of Davies Gymnasium walked over to McAndrew Stadium only if there was a close game.

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