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Budget crisis looms over universities



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Chancellor Rita Cheng took part in the tradition of cutting open a watermelon at the Watermelon Fest with the Chancellor on Sunday in front of Shryock Auditorium. Cheng began as chancellor June 1 and has since asked each university unit to reduce its budget by 4 percent.

Carbondale campus likely to face \$11.5 million shortfall for FY11



Editors Note: This story is the first of many the DAILY EGYPTIAN plans to run on the university's budget crisis. We will take an in-depth look at the impact the SIU budget will have on the university, its students, faculty and professors, as well as the southern Illinois region.

JACOB MAYER
Daily Egyptian

As the 2010 fall semester opens, Southern Illinois University Carbondale is in the midst of what Kevin Bame

said is one of the toughest times he's been involved with at the university.

Bame, vice chancellor for administration and finance, said there may have been difficult times before he came to the university, but the financial pressures on the university are as hard as he has seen since he started at the university in 1986.

The university will most likely face an \$11.5 million shortfall for the fiscal year 2011 budget, Chancellor Rita Cheng said in an e-mail sent to all university personnel Aug. 2.

"Our financial challenges are the result of the end of the federal stimulus program, state-imposed budget reserves, enrollment concerns, slow state reimbursements and contractual obligations to our employees," she said in the e-mail.

Carol Henry, director of the bud-

get office, said the budget proposals are scheduled to be sent to SIU President Glenn Poshard's office today and would not be approved until the Board of Trustees meeting in September.

Bame said nothing has been approved as the budget is still a draft at this time, but the university received word from the state it will not receive the approximately \$7.5 million in federal stimulus funds the university received in fiscal year 2010. He said the loss of the stimulus funds was expected.

"We're being responsive to a reduced funding situation," Bame said. "We're being good stewards. We don't want to overspend so early in the year. We are planning that we are going to have less money coming in and

therefore we are going to have to cut back on some of our expenditures."

In addition to the loss of the stimulus money, the university will not likely receive any Illinois Veteran Grant money, Bame said. In previous years, he said the grant would reimburse the university with approximately \$3 million to cover tuition and fees for military veterans to attend SIUC.

The university is expected to pay \$500,000 in wage increases for faculty promotion, Bame said. He said the wage increases were already under contract coming into this fiscal year. Also, the student minimum wage increase will cost the university approximately \$120,000, Bame said.

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State universities face uncertainty heading into fall

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

There will be no break for higher education this fall, as state universities continue to deal with a down economy and less state money.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said university presidents from across Illinois met several weeks ago, and the budget situation is the same for all state universities.

"We're all in the very same boat right here," he said. "We're essentially in the same state that we have been."

Gov. Pat Quinn's fiscal year 2011 budget reduced the amount given to higher education by \$100 million to help reduce the state's deficit by more than \$1.4 billion.

But many universities are still waiting for the fiscal year 2010 appropriations.

Illinois owes the SIU system more than \$18.3 million in appropriations for the fiscal year 2010, Poshard said. He said the state has until the end of December to give the university what it is owed, as the original Aug. 31 deadline to give appropriations was extended to the end of the year.

The state has said the university should receive the money sometime in the fall, Poshard said.

He said the entire SIU system is owed more than \$39 million in state appropriations: from FY10 and FY11. Poshard said he did not believe the state would give the FY11 appropriations until January 2011.

"By that time though, we'll already be six months behind," he said. "But we've been in this same position for the last year, so nothing has really changed."

Poshard said while single public universities have received most of the funds they need, large university systems, like SIU and the University of Illinois, were facing a tougher challenge due to their operating budgets.

According to the U of I office for planning and budgeting, the university is owed \$118 million for FY10.

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While the university systems continue to think of ways to make up millions in lost money, other universities have a more optimistic outlook.

Northern Illinois University is owed \$200,000 in state appropriations, NIU President John Peters said. He said although the outlook is not as bleak as it has been in the past, the university is still in no position to ease its concerns.

"It would be unwise to let our guard down," Peters said. "We will continue to seek ways to reduce expenses without compromising the quality of our academic pro-

grams and services for our students. We will stretch every dollar wherever possible."

Poshard said it would become tougher for universities to continue to find ways to cut their budgets before layoffs and furloughs become a necessity, though he said SIU is not currently considering those measures.

"There is only so much that you can squeeze out, but you can only squeeze these things for so long," he said. "This next year is going to be worse; we've already squeezed out as much money as we can in this budget. We've got to continue on this austerity path; we can't get off of it. We'll handle it in the same way we have over

the last year.

"There could still be furloughs, but every university is facing this situation."

Poshard said despite the future uncertainty, students should not feel the affects of the cuts.

"We don't want (students) to worry about this campus or this system falling in any way; we're on top of it," he said. "We'll handle all the problems facing us, (students should) just worry on the academics side."

"We're also really happy to have (them) here, that's for sure."

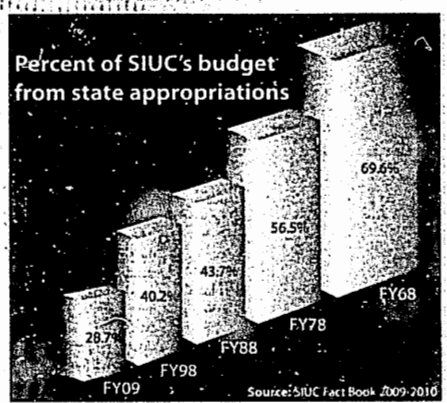
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He said the 2010 graduating class paid a lower tuition rate than the current classes, but the university is planning ahead for lower enrollment in the fall semester. In combining those factors, Bame said he expects the university to receive approximately \$400,000 less than in FY10.

The budget for FY11 would look similar to the FY10 budget if the university had received the stimulus money and veteran's grant funds for this year, Bame said.



He said a slowdown in appropriations from the state began during the fall 2009 semester. That same semester the university instituted a hiring freeze and limited purchases to only essential items, both of which are still in effect, Bame said.

The state still owes the university more than \$18.3 million in appropriations for FY10.

For fiscal year 2011, Bame said the state is scheduled to appropriate \$113.5 million to the university, down from approximately \$122 million in FY10 — which includes the federal stimulus funds.

Overall, state appropriations are expected to account for approximately 25.8 percent of the total SIUC budget. In FY09, state appropriations were 28.7 percent of the budget, while state funds accounted for approximately 28 percent of the FY10 budget, according to documents from the budget office.

To balance the budget and make up for the expected \$11.5 million shortfall, Cheng said in an e-mail she asked each department on campus to submit plans for an average 4 percent reduction in its budget for FY11.

Bame said the 4 percent cuts are expected to save the university approximately \$7 million this fiscal year. To make up the difference of

the remaining \$4.5 million, Bame said he expects the university to be able to use \$1.5 million from cash reserves in various accounts. Also, he said a reduction in university service expenses will save around \$283,000.

Finally, Bame said if enrollment numbers for the fall semester come in lower than expected, the university will have to look at the possibility of furloughs for employees. However, Bame said he does not expect the university to use that option at this time.

The state gave all public universities the option to take out short-term loans to make up for up to 75 percent of delayed state payments, with an Aug. 31 deadline for universities to declare whether they intend to borrow, Bame said. He said he doesn't expect the university to use the borrowing authority.

"We are pursuing it, but we won't trigger it unless we need to," he said. "It's not expected at this point, but we have to keep the option open."

In addition to the 4 percent cuts made by each department, Cheng said 20 staff positions were eliminated. Of those 20 cuts, 16 staff

members were reassigned to other positions, she said.

Bame said two civil service workers were laid off because there were not open positions that their credentials met, as they were in specialized positions. He said the university is actively working with them, and they would be first in line if a position that meets their credentials opens.

Overall, Bame said students will likely not notice any differences when they return to class this week.

"We have classes covered, as far as instructors," he said. "As far as delivering the education to students, I think (the cutbacks are) going to be transparent to them."

As the situation stands, Bame said these will be the extent of the layoffs as long as the budget projections hold true and funding for future years continues.

"The university has been here for 141 years," he said. "We will be here for another many years."

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FROM REFER PHOTO ON PAGE 1 Curtis Conley, right, sells hot dogs with his brother Derek Conley on Friday from his hot dog cart in front of Tastic on the Strip. Conley recently took up Winston Mezzo's old spot and regularly gets customers asking for bagels. Not wanting to step on Mezzo's toes, Conley said he spoke with Mezzo about selling in his old location and said Mezzo had no problem with him setting up shop.

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New vendor attracts Dawgs

RYAN SIMONIN
Daily Egyptian

Although Winston Mezo has sold bagels on the streets of Carbondale since 1983, a new food cart vendor offers a different late-night snack: "hot dawgs."

Curtis Conley said he started his "hot dawg" mobile vending business Monday in hopes of drawing in the lunch and late-night crowd. Conley sells his hot dogs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the weekdays in a parking lot a block down from Saluki Bookstore and 11 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Thursday through Saturday nights behind Gatsby's.

He said he chose to sell hot dogs because of personal experiences.

"I've been to Chicago and other big cities and I have always enjoyed the hot dog stands on the side of the street," Conley said. "I've talked about setting up a cart in Carbondale for awhile now but I finally got around to doing it."

Conley said he had about 150 people come by his cart for his grand opening Monday and was happy with the turnout. He said he wants to give people in town more options when it comes to late-night food.

Mezo said he sets up his bagel cart in the parking lot where Saluki Bookstore is located and opens at 9 p.m. and sells until 2:30 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Mezo said the addition of another food cart vendor in Carbondale doesn't bother him.

"I compete with hundreds of businesses every night and one more doesn't make a difference," Mezo said. "There have been plenty of



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Winston Mezo, left, serves a group of freshmen late night bagels Saturday from his cart in the Saluki Bookstore parking lot. Mezo, who has sold bagels in Carbondale for the last 23 years, recently got fresh competition from Curtis Conley, a street vendor selling

hot dogs. Mezo is not worried, however. "He could have 14 hot dog carts and it wouldn't make no difference," he said. Mezo said he is so well established at this point in his career that another street vendor will not impact his business.

other carts that have competed with me over the years and I have always been the last man standing."

Mezo said the paperwork street vendors must complete to be able to legally sell food is extensive. He said it takes permission from the city, the property owners and the health department to sell food on the streets.

"If he is legal then I have to admire the guy," Mezo said. "There are a lot of hoops you have to go through in order to do this."

Conley said he has gone through the proper paperwork to legally sell food from his cart.

Kelly Rathunde, manager at the Subway off Grand Avenue, said business hasn't changed since Conley started selling hot dogs in the same parking lot.

"Everybody has a right to their own business," Rathunde said. "Our business hasn't been affected because we sell very different things."

Conley said not all businesses have been open to his venture. He said Southern Que Barbeque

Restaurant made a complaint to the property owners where the businesses are located.

"They aren't really happy about it, but nobody would be able to start a business if they were worried about the competition," Conley said. "Businesses are built up right next to other businesses everyday; that's just the way it is."

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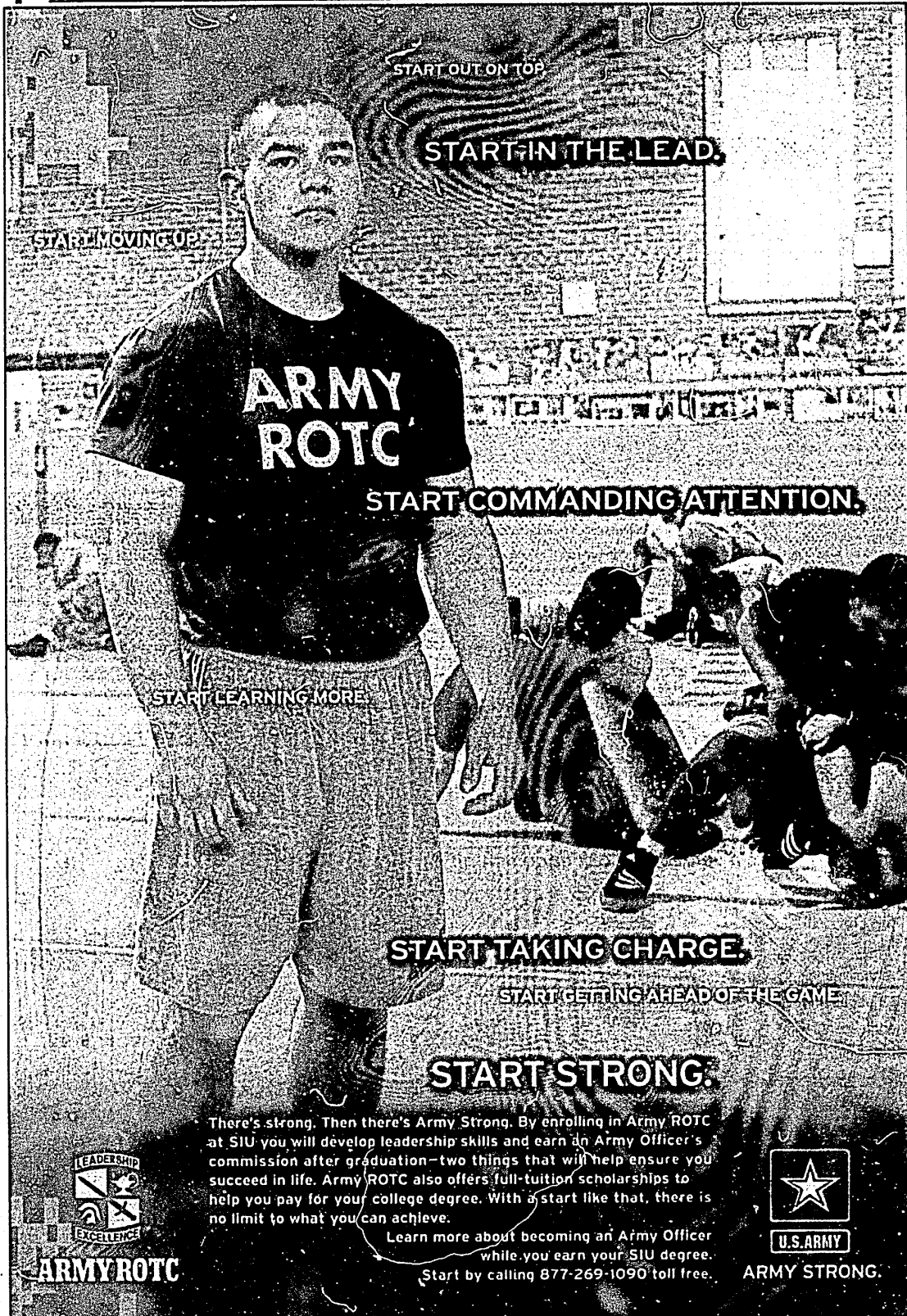
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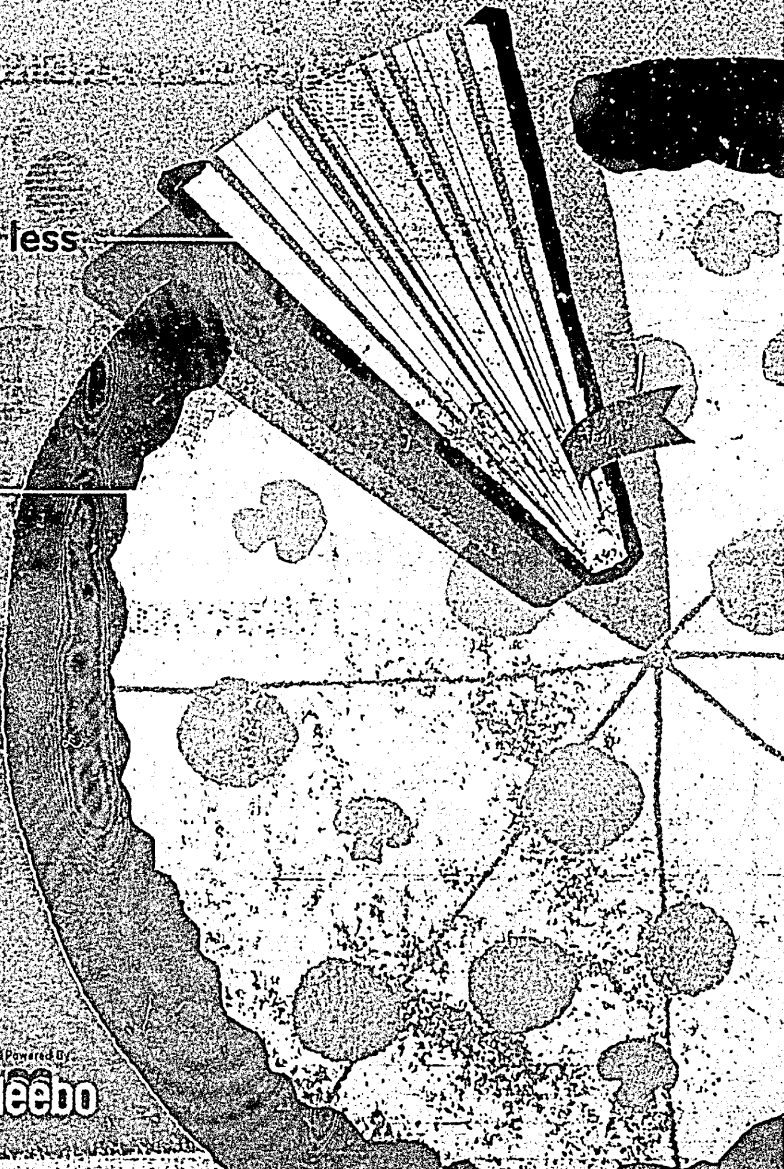
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BACK TO BOOKS Saluki Bookstore employee Joe Cook, left, assists Rashida Barner, a graduate student in psychology, with finding books Sunday at Saluki Bookstore. Customer flow over the weekend was slow, but Cook said he anticipates more cus-

tomers after students have attended their first day of classes. "So far it's basically been freshmen buying books since they moved in earlier in this week. The seniors will probably come in tomorrow after going to classes," Cook said.

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Salsa	8:30-9:30 pm	Aerobics Room

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AT&T joins 3G crowd in Carbondale

JACOB MAYER
Daily Egyptian

Every mobile services provider in Carbondale is now up to 3G speed.

AT&T joined fellow wireless telephone providers Verizon and Alltel as it became the third provider to launch a third generation mobile broadband network in the southern Illinois region with demonstrations Friday in Carbondale and Marion.

The launch comes after an updated Telecommunications Act in Illinois was passed June 16 by Gov. Pat Quinn, Jim Maurer, manager of external affairs for AT&T, said the modernization of the act rewrite some of the language in the law to address wireless issues.

"It's a far-reaching bill that all communication companies, including AT&T, will find Illinois a much more favorable environment to invest in,"

Colleges are definitely priorities for us, and also the interstates or whatever roads around those colleges where people would be traveling.

— Brenda Hill
public relations manager for Verizon in the Kansas/Missouri region

Maurer said. Brian Roberts, an AT&T Carbondale kiosk manager, said the 3G network offers a wider variety of services, including video sharing capabilities where someone can see the person on the other line through his or her cell phone while talking to them.

In addition, Roberts said the video feed can be stopped without the call being dropped. Additional features include the ability to make a phone call and browse the internet at the same time, Roberts said.

"We are very excited to have (the 3G

network) in southern Illinois," Roberts said. "There are a lot of possibilities for us to expand in this area."

But AT&T is at least a year behind other regional competitors.

Dustin Loring, an Alltel store manager in Carbondale, said Alltel has used 3G for more than a year. He said the benefits of a 3G network include faster speeds when browsing the internet and more access to music and movies while using a mobile device.

Loring said the number of Alltel customers in the area remained stable when it made the switch to 3G.

Verizon launched its 3G network in Carbondale in January 2008, said Kelly Carter, manager of the Carbondale Verizon store. He said wireless usage by Verizon customers in the area went up dramatically after the switch to 3G. The move opened up many new options for customers to use with their mobile devices, Carter said.

Brenda Hill, public relations manager for Verizon in the Kansas/Missouri region, said the biggest difference customers notice when a provider switches to a 3G network is the faster data speeds, which include browsing the internet and downloading music or movies.

"The primary advantage of 3G is that it handles more data at one time," she said. "You don't really notice a difference in a voice call necessarily because it doesn't really need 3G."

Before the upgrades in 2008, Hill

said Verizon would bring temporary cell sites to campus in 2006 and 2007 during move-in week or days when there would be a large sporting event.

"Colleges are definitely priorities for us, and also the interstates or whatever roads around those colleges where people would be traveling," Hill said.

Along with the move to 3G, AT&T has recently activated new cell phone towers in Carrier Mills, Royalton and Cobden, said Lonnie Emmons, AT&T area retail salesman of southeast Missouri and southern Illinois.

For AT&T, Maurer said the new 3G network brings the newest technology to the area, which is important with the university next door.

"AT&T views Carbondale as a solid place to invest our network," he said. "Certainly the university and the fact that the community is a good, vibrant strong community are all factors."

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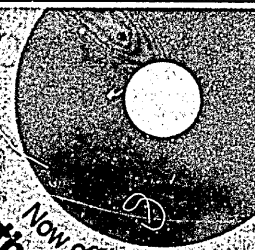
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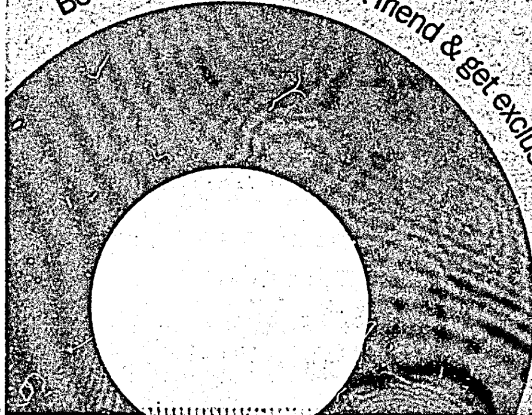
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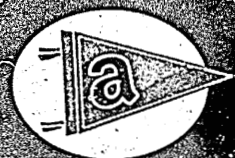
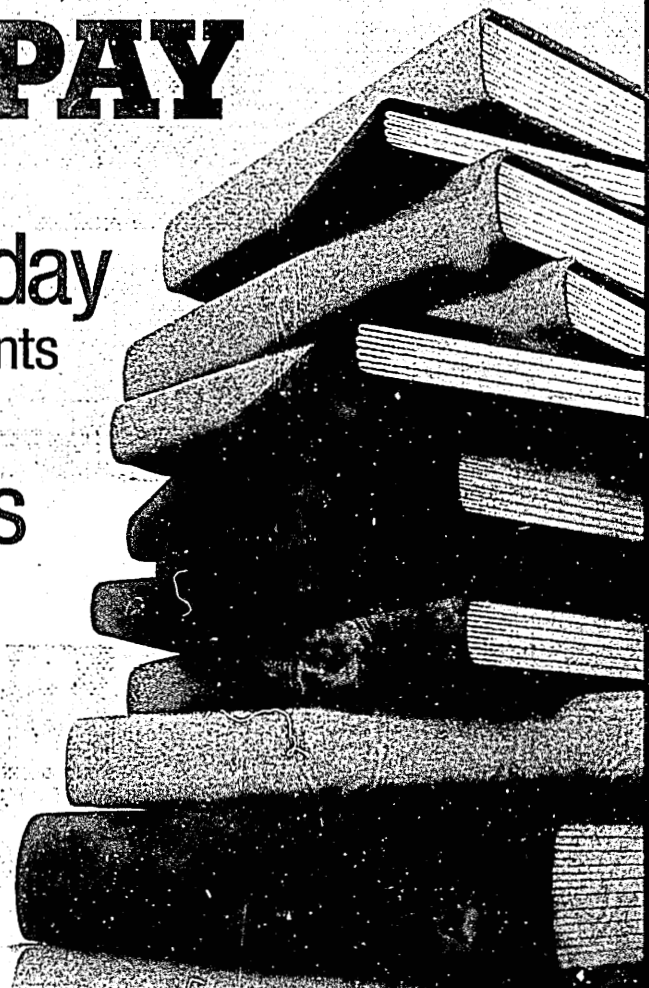


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Salukis build bonds through Startup

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Freshmen swarmed outside Old Main Mall on Friday for food, music and the chance to develop long-lasting bonds.

The gathering served as a part of Saluki Startup, a four-day extended new student orientation. The program was set up to help reduce the time between traditional orientation and the first day of classes, said Angela Royal, director of New Student Programs.

Royal said the group surpassed its expectations of reaching out to at least 1,500 new Salukis when roughly 2,750 students, staff and faculty members attended the Southern Social.

Julie Payne Kirchmeier, director of Saluki First Year, said the turnout was far greater than she predicted.

"I couldn't be more thrilled with how it all turned out," Kirchmeier said. "I was amazed by the response from students, parents and staff."

While Student Orientation Advisement and Registration, also known as SOAR, has been held for years, Saluki Startup premiered three events Friday along with Southern Social: Monster College

Advantage, Saluki Survival Skills and Dawgs Nite Out. Royal said the events were to help students understand how their decisions now could impact their future and to break down the expectations of college academics.

During Monster College Advantage, Royal said representatives of Monster.com, a website that helps people find jobs, reiterated to students the decisions they make now affect their future. Later that day, faculty and staff taught new Salukis how to thrive in college-level classes through Saluki Survival Skills, which included classroom etiquette, how to effectively read a syllabus and where to find tutoring on campus. That evening, Royal said the focus shifted to social bonding as students attended the Southern Social, followed by Dawgs Nite Out. During this last event of the day, students had the chance to participate in various activities such as crafts or musical performances.

John Cooper, a freshman from Chicago studying business administration, said he enjoyed participating in the new program and recommended it to other students.

"We got to understand the importance of starting out our college career the right way," Cooper said.

"We got to know other people, too."

Royal said such a program could benefit students with social connections and information about academic resources at SIUC.

"Not only did they get to meet their new peers, students were able to see the human side of some faculty and staff members," Royal said. "Also if they meet the people behind these support services they are more likely to ask for help if they need it."

Despite the program's success, Royal said she would change some aspects for next year, such as an extension in preparation time for the events, the formation of a larger and more diverse planning committee, and the addition of financial support from other campus and community organizations.

The planning committee will work earlier next year to make the Saluki Startup activities even better, Royal said.

The 25-person committee, which included three students, was formed to plan all aspects of the event including financing and brainstorming, said Ben Channess, a senior studying workforce education and development, a student on the committee.

Royal said she hopes to get more



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SIU students perform a choreographed dance as part of a flash mob organized by Courtney Self, a third year masters student from Topeka, Kan., studying directing. Saturday in a Student Center hallway. A flash mob consists of a large group of people performing a specific activity in a public place. This flash mob was designed as part of the Saluki Startup program, which helps welcome new students to the SIU campus.

student, university and community organizations involved in the program. She said groups such as University Housing, the Student Programming Council and Larry's House of Cakes helped with the programs' success.

Royal said although there can be some changes next year, Saluki

Startup was a success. "It was very important to us to show students the campus and community is excited to have them here," Royal said.

Ryan Voyles can be reached at rvoyles@dailyegyptian.com or 536-3311 ext. 254

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OUR WORD

Thus spoke our readers

In an effort to better serve our readers, the DAILY EGYPTIAN staff polled students, staff and faculty throughout the university last week to determine what you want to see from your paper.

Our readers almost unanimously would like to see more campus, city and regional news, but shorter and fewer stories on state, national and international news that have less impact on them individually. They also asked for an intensified focus on accuracy. The DAILY EGYPTIAN's editors have put in place additional steps to ensure

these needs are met. These include accuracy reports, which allow our sources to provide feedback about our journalistic practices, and the redirection of our reporters' focuses.

Our sports section was popular among those polled, but some readers would prefer more stories on football, basketball and baseball, whereas others asked us to dig up those niche intramural sports and spice up the section as a whole. We know we cannot please everyone, but our readers should anticipate more in-depth sports reporting. We also plan to fea-

ture a sports column in Voices at least once a week discussing those topics our sports fans love to debate.

That said, if something we write makes you want to rant, provide praise or otherwise speak out, please do. We rely on your feedback.

Our reporters, photographers and designers — all students — perform a difficult job in the public eye every day. As a student-run newspaper, the DAILY EGYPTIAN staff changes each semester. Great writers are lost, gained and trained here. Staffers who work here for more than a semester

or two can attest to a few facts: The DE provides us with incomparable training; the lessons our reporters, photographers, editors and designers learn here are sometimes hard and often come at the expense of our pride; and we work more hours than the DE can afford to pay us.

We do it because, for whatever underlying reason, we love this newspaper and want to see it serve you.

We want the Daily Egyptian to help you be an informed voter during this year's gubernatorial, mayoral and city council elections. We will work

to provide you with in-depth reports on major financial issues such as the campus budget problems, Saluki Way and the city's annual budget. We want to introduce you to each college, per your request, with in-depth features about how each department contributes to your education and the university community as a whole.

This semester, we plan to step out of the shadows of the paper's offices and move out into the community, continuously building a relationship with you, the voices of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

GUEST COLUMN

Pakistan tragedy presents US with opportunity

TRUDY RUBIN
McClatchy Tribune

Torrential rains continue to torment Pakistan, flooding one-fifth of the country and affecting 15 million to 20 million people.

Yet out of this human tragedy could come an opportunity for a much-needed improvement in U.S.-Pakistani relations. Alternatively, the flood could wash away any hopes for a 2011 drawdown of U.S. troops in Afghanistan next door.

The floodwaters have created the greatest natural disaster in Pakistan's history, causing massive refugee flows, destroying roads and bridges, and isolating large swaths of the country. Hardest hit is the northwest province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, abutting Afghanistan, where the Pakistani army is battling jihadists. The disaster has also hit the populous Punjab province, where militants have deep roots.

Pakistan's civilian government

is totally overwhelmed. Public rage is rising, not helped by President Asif Ali Zardari's refusal to cancel a trip to Europe as the waters rose. Symbolism matters, especially when the first groups to ostentatiously offer aid have been Islamic militants. Noted Pakistani journalist Imitiaz Ali said, "The militants are filling the void in tribal areas ... where there is no governance at all."

The United States has already pledged \$72 million in aid, by far the largest international donation, and sent desperately needed helicopters. In principle, the United States is in a position to replicate the "Chinook diplomacy" that created immense goodwill toward America in 2005, when the U.S. conducted a massive helicopter airlift after an earthquake in Pakistani Kashmir. Such goodwill is sadly lacking at a time when the United States needs more Pakistani cooperation to close off havens for Afghan militants in Pakistan.

According to a recent Pew poll,

only 17 percent of Pakistanis surveyed had a favorable opinion of the United States. Despite the recent long-term commitment of \$7.5 billion in U.S. civilian assistance, 48 percent of Pakistanis polled believed America gives them little or no aid.

Why? The United States usually lets Pakistan take credit for U.S. aid projects for two reasons: first, U.S. officials want to bolster the legitimacy of the country's elected government; second, widespread anti-Americanism makes some Pakistani officials reluctant to be linked to U.S. funding.

But Pakistan's reluctance to openly welcome U.S. aid has backfired in the past. In 2009, the Pakistani military bluntly rejected Chinook diplomacy, which could have helped 500,000 refugees who had fled the Swat Valley as Pakistani forces battled militants based there. Neither the military nor the civilian government had the resources or capacity to rebuild infrastructure wrecked by

fighting in Swat and other tribal areas. That fostered public anger and joblessness that could pave the way for the militants to return.

Now Swat has been devastated again, by floods. What private reconstruction had been undertaken has been wiped out. The entire country is at risk of economic collapse.

Once again Pakistani officials face a choice. Their people are desperate for help the government can't provide. A failure to offer such assistance could provoke massive civil unrest.

In this situation, the United States is best placed to provide swift help (in coordination with capable Pakistani private aid groups) and to facilitate lagging international aid. U.S. help will also be critical for reconstruction. But the Taliban, and some Pakistani police and media, demand that their government reject U.S. aid.

This time, however, Pakistan's civilian leadership recognizes the need for Chinook diplomacy, and the

Pakistani military appears to have signed on. The United States temporarily reassigned four Chinook and two Black Hawk helicopters from Afghanistan. Now, 19 heavy-lift helicopters (along with 1,000 Marines) have arrived on the USS Peleliu, docked in Karachi.

Perhaps Pakistan officials took a closer look at the Pew poll: 64 percent of Pakistanis surveyed said they want better relations with the United States and 65 percent had an unfavorable view of the Taliban.

Now is the time for Pakistan and the United States to join forces to surmount this crisis. Pakistanis must be made fully aware of U.S. aid, and U.S. officials should not hesitate to publicize their role.

The best hope for overcoming this disaster, and defeating al-Qaeda and its allies, is for Pakistan and the United States to work in tandem. If the two countries can't publicly cooperate in the midst of a natural catastrophe, there is no hope at all.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gubernatorial debates should include all parties

DEAR EDITOR:

Both the Republican and Democratic candidates for governor have called for candidate debates prior to the General Election. If the purpose of these debates is to provide the voters with information necessary to make an informed decision on election day then — if either of those candidates truly believe in the free exercise of the freedom of

speech, let alone basic principles of democracy — they will only agree to debates that invite all gubernatorial candidates regardless of their political orientation or color. Otherwise, the public should only assume that they are of a certain breed of fowl and therefore unfit for public office.

Joel Fritzler
City councilman

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CROSS-COUNTRY

Mental toughness essential for season opener

BRANDON COLEMAN
NICK JOHNSON
Daily Egyptian

Senior cross-country runner Dan Dunbar said he was on the verge of giving up halfway through last year's NCAA regionals, but his teammates caught up with him and pushed him forward.

"I was kind of starting to get unmotivated and seeing my two teammates come up to me and start running with me ... because I knew they were having good races," said Dunbar, who returns for a 2010 cross-country season that has the Saluki men picked as conference favorites for the fourth year in a row. Dunbar finished in ninth place at the Missouri Valley Conference Championships last season.

Running 90 miles per week during the sticky southern Illinois summer in preparation for the season also wears on a runner's mind, Dunbar said.

"You have to know that it (is) going to hurt. If you can accept that ... you can run through it," Dunbar said.

Megan Hoelscher, leader of the sixth-ranked Saluki women, agreed. "If my mind isn't in it, I can't run to the best of my ability," Hoelscher said.

After being No. 1 in conference for the majority of last season the Salukis finished second, one point behind Indiana State at the MVC meet. Head coach Matt Sparks said the team has a solid opportunity to build on the suc-

cess his teams have had in recent years. "Over the last six years I think it's been Southern or Indiana State has won every conference. (It) looks like another good rivalry between the two of us," Sparks said.

Sparks said he felt the Saluki women should be ranked within the top five teams in the conference.

Emily Toennies and Megan Hoelscher had a great track season; they were both all-conference in outdoor track last spring. They've improved significantly over the last 12 months," Sparks said.

Dunbar's fellow senior Kyle Kirchner has made all-conference before as well. Zach Dahleen, who won the 1500-meter run in outdoor track last spring as a redshirt freshman, and Lucas Cherry, who placed fifth in the 3000 meter steeplechase in the spring outdoor track championships, are two underclassmen Sparks said should have an immediate impact on the team.

Junior Kristian Baldwin and freshman Eileen Schweiss, an All-State runner from Herculaneum High School, also bring depth to the women's team, Sparks said.

Men's and women's cross-country opens the season Sept. 3 in Carbondale for the Early Bird meet.

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"We've improved every year I've been here and we are ready to take the next step by focusing and doing the little things," Blumhorst said.

SIU's rivals University of Northern Iowa and Wichita State finished last season ranked in the top 25, and Blumhorst said the Salukis are in better shape to beat them this season.

Chandra Roberson, SIU's all-time leading blocker, graduated last year and left a void in the middle for Winkler to fill. Senior Jasmine Conner and sophomore Alyssa Mayes will be joined by freshman Jessica Whitehead to bolster the middle, Winkler said.

Although Roberson's leadership is gone, the Salukis have more experience as a whole, she said. Senior Jennifer

Berwanger is a five-year veteran while senior Alida Johnson, who was a new Saluki last year, has a year under her belt in Winkler's program.

Though he's only been with the team for two weeks, Hook said he was impressed by the Salukis' work ethic and progress over the summer.

"Normally" with double days, by the tenth (or) eleventh day everyone is burnt out," Hook said. "We had more energy at the end. It's rare."

Blumhorst said the Salukis have something to show the rest of the conference after faltering last season.

"We are going to go out there swinging and show them what's up," Blumhorst said.

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One of the big arguments against extending the regular season is more injuries to the star players. What does it matter if they're getting hurt during practice games? If a ligament is torn or a hand is broken in a game, it means the player will be looked as a wounded soldier at war, not a deer caught in headlights.

Preseason games are not even fun to watch. Once the starters

are sitting on the sideline, viewers begin to yawn while reaching for the remote to change the channel.

The NFL is America's sport and the fans want more of it. Honestly, Commissioner Goodell, use your power and do what you have to with your people and the players union to have a regular season longer than 16 weeks. How do you start the process? Cut the useless preseason.

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Saluki Insider

With the usual torrent of camp and preseason injuries taking away many impact players — permanently or temporarily — from NFL teams before the 2010 season, is this the year Roger Goodell and the rest of the NFL brass need to propose elimination of the four-week preseason schedule?



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There's no need for four preseason games. Goodell should cut two games from the preseason schedule for each team. Most team's starters only play a few series the first two or three games, and some starters don't even play in the fourth game — or at all during the preseason. Reducing the number of games to two would create fewer injuries, and the NFL season could begin sooner.

I would like to see it shortened, but it's unlikely Goodell will eliminate the entire preseason simply because it is the time when teams finish shaping their rosters. From these games they find out which rookies they want to keep and find out whether their picks were busts or gems. Without these games teams will not know if their free agents are worthwhile or are just eating up cap space.



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In 1999, Trent Green's knee injury in the preseason brought Rams coach Dick Vermeil to tears. He cried later that year, too — after backup QB Kurt Warner won him a Super Bowl. I get that injuries suck, but there are no restrictions on who coaches can sit. If it were me, I'd only play the backups. As long as that option is there, there's no need to change the status quo.

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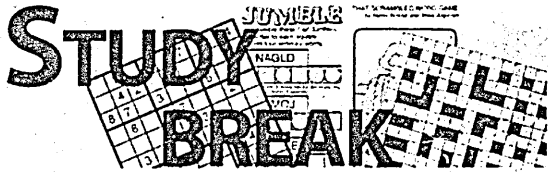
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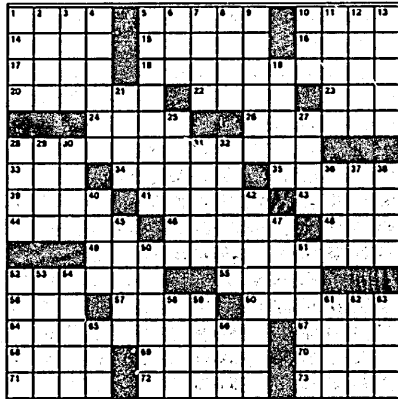
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Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's birthday — Passions drive all your actions this year. Romance is definitely part of the picture, and so are intuition and just plain good luck. Your mind buzzes from one idea to the next, sometimes without direction, but often you see subtle connections you'd missed before. To get the advantage, check the day's ratings. 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6—The frantic pace continues today. All your insight is required if you're to manage the needs of all the crew. Take care of others first.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6—The direct path at work gets you nowhere now. Change your focus by five or ten degrees and a new direction emerges. Be patient.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6—Everyone's bounding off the walls with radical ideas. How much change can you incorporate and still remain on schedule? Keep on task.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5—Everyone in your household joins together to resolve a persistent issue. In fact, no one leaves until an agreement's achieved. Peace reigns.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7—Wherever you find yourself today, dig deep and express your passions to others. You meet someone unusual who incites enthusiasm. Go with the flow.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7—Your biggest challenge is to find words that you accept someone else's inspiration to motivate your work today. It doesn't always have to be about you. Give them total credit.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7—Exchange of ideas and emotional energy makes today's work a lot more fun. Don't hold back. Even a day idea is worth listening to.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7—Spread the work around by creating a priority list and allowing someone else to assign the tasks. That way, you play the good cop.

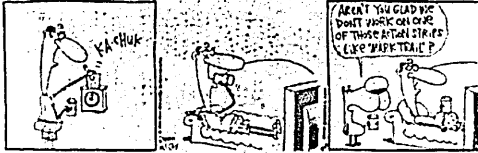
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7—By day's end, something is done gets done. Easy, can you wonder if the boss will end of flying around and come to roost. Trust the process.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7—You're in and out of your own workspace throughout the day. You're preparing a surprise that's not ready to be revealed. Make sure it's well hidden.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7—Imagination runs away with you today. Your passion places you on a South Sea island or some other exotic locale. Take notes for a future trip.

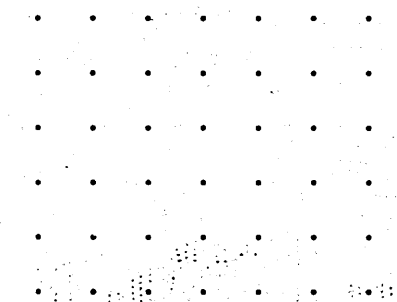
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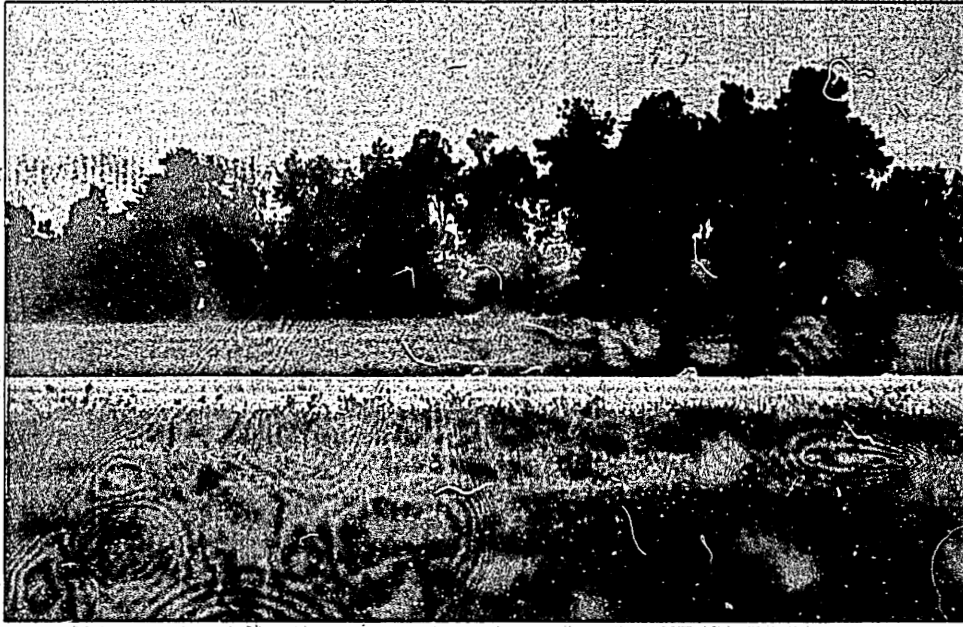
Should the NFL preseason be eliminated?

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CROSS-COUNTRY

The men's cross country team cruises along Chautauquus Street Friday. The Salukis are the 2010 favorite for the Missouri Valley Conference, according to the MVC's annual preseason poll. The team will be led by seniors Kyle Kirchner and Dan Dunbar. See page 13 for the full story.

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VOLLEYBALL

Hook prepares SIU for conference play

BRANDON LACHANCE
Daily Egyptian

The impact of SIU's newest volleyball coach showed during a scrimmage Saturday at Davies Gymnasium, where the team showed improvements in its passing and defensive game, head coach Brenda Winkler said.

First-year Saluki assistant coach Evan Hook, a former professional volleyball player who has more than a dozen years of coaching experience at the high school and college levels, was brought in to help an SIU team that got

off to a fast start last season but floundered at the finish.

Hook played libero — a specific defensive position that began showing up on volleyball rosters in 1998 — for the Long Beach State 49ers.

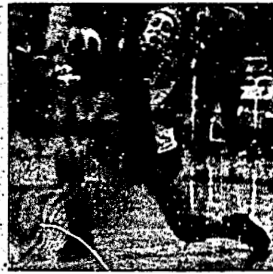
"Our slogan this year is 'Stay the course,'" Hook said. "To have morale and energy — it's easy to have it now, but to have it in a month or two months, that's the true sense of a championship team."

The Salukis recorded the best start in program history last year with a 11-0 preseason record but struggled once con-

ference play began, finishing 7-11 in the Missouri Valley Conference. The conference is ranked as the NCAA's seventh toughest conference, Winkler said.

Junior Lauren Blumhorst said last year's struggles were results of tiredness. The team forgot how to relax and simply play the game, she said.

Blumhorst and sophomore Bailey Yeager are this year's defensive specialists who are expected to improve with Hook's assistance.



Sophomore defensive specialist, Bailey Yeager, digs a spike Saturday during a team scrimmage at Davies Gymnasium. The women's volleyball team will face Green Bay on Friday for their first match of the season in Iowa City, Iowa.

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STAFF COLUMN

The end of NFL pre-season



There are a few traditions in professional sports commissioners need to seriously think about abolishing. The NFL preseason is one of them.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell has to look at preseason as hindering his product instead of helping it. Players sustain hampering nicks and bruises felt each week for the duration of the season, or injuries sidelining them for the entire year in a game with

no meaning except for practice.

Brian Urlacher, the Chicago Bears' injury-prone middle linebacker, has already begun his trips to the training room because of a calf injury in Saturday's preseason game against Oakland. Urlacher, who was once the heart and soul of the Bears' defense, played in one game last season after fracturing his wrist during Chicago's first game. His recent stinger will probably become bigger news the first week of this season.

The woeful Buffalo Bills have two players on their team who draw fans in

the stands: running backs Marshawn Lynch and Fred Jackson. But Lynch suffered an ankle injury in training camp, and Jackson is out four to six weeks because he broke his hand in Week 1 of the preseason. The Bills, a team who had little hope of selling tickets or winning games, should forfeit every preseason game now to secure their healthy players some kind of a future.

Three NFL players are already out for the 2010-2011 NFL season. The Cincinnati Bengals will have to do without defensive back Gibril Wilson

Honestly, Commissioner Goodell, use your power and do what you have to with your people and the players union to have a regular season longer than 16 weeks.

because of one of the worst athletic injuries: a torn knee ligament. The injury will not only affect this season, but the rest of his career.

The Indianapolis Colts defensive back Jordan Hembry isn't going to see a single snap during his rookie season because of a torn knee ligament suffered in this year's first preseason game. The New York Jets' defensive line depth also became thinner when Ropati Pitoutua suffered a season-ending injury in the team's Saturday match against Carolina.

Talks of extending the regular

season while eliminating three of the four preseason games have occurred in the NFL front office. Unfortunately, nothing has come of the discussion. The league isn't star-driven like the NBA, but let's face it, the Colts are not going to win games without Peyton Manning while the Washington Redskins will be in trouble without Donovan McNabb. McNabb by the way was already seen applying an ice pack to his ankle during Saturday's game against Baltimore.

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