Saluki’s shuttle launch delayed

NASA officials reported they would not attempt the launch Saturday.

From near the launch site in Cape Canaveral, Fla., Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni Services Ed Baergen said Higginbotham mentioned SIUC just before entering the shuttle.

Spectators in Florida viewed a live camera feed of test director and fellow SIUC graduate Jeff Spaulding greet each astronaut.

"He said 'Hi, Joanie, Go Salukis!'" Baergen said. "She looked back and said, 'Go Salukis!'"

Two weeks after graduating from SIUC, Higginbotham began work at the Kennedy Space Center as an electrical engineer.

About nine years into her career with NASA, Higginbotham applied for and was accepted into the astronaut class of 1996. For the past 10 years she has tested modules.

Baergen said more than 20 SIUC graduates are employed at NASA, many of whom are electrical engineers.

"One of the things I think is real impressive is that a lot of people recognize the fact that we’ve got a lot of people who are graduates of SIU at NASA," he said.

About 100 students, faculty and community members gathered in the Renaissance Room of the Student Center to celebrate the first Saluki in space. The party was sponsored by the Chancellor’s Office and the College of Engineering.

Before the scheduled launch, attendees of the party enjoyed free pizza and soda and waited for the launch on a big-screen projector.

During a stop of the countdown clock at nine minutes, Interim Associate Dean of the College of Engineering John Necklow spoke along with a graduate student from the College of Engineering and a member of Higginbotham’s former sorority.

Salvation Army bell ringer

Eugene Sparks smiles as 5-year-old Bylea Wardell puts money into the bucket with her mother Anna waiting for her Wednesday afternoon in front of Wal-Mart in Carbondale. Sparks has been a bell ringer for nine years.

The holiday season: a time for charity

Ten campus ministries are collecting food and clothing pickup began a little more than a week ago. The food and needs and doesn’t ask questions.

African children.

Salvation Army worker Michale Collins rings his miniature bell while collecting donations Wednesday afternoon in front of Wal-Mart. Collins has been a bell ringer for three years.
University

A theft under $300 occurred between 7 and 9:15 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Farmer Hall bicycle rack. A bicycle valued at $250 was reported stolen. There are no sus-
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Santa Claus is coming to Carbondale on Monday

Alicia Wade
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Children eager to see the jolly man in red this holiday season will have the opportunity next week.

At Tuesday’s City Council meeting, Councilor Chris McDaniel announced Santa will arrive in several different parks around Carbondale starting Monday in Evergreen Park.

Kathy Renfro, supervisor of recreation for the Boys and Girls Club, said Santa has been stopping in Carbondale to see families for the past several years. The events are family events, and apple cider, hot chocolate and homemade cookies will be served, she said.

Renfro also said gloves and hats will be given out to children and pictures with Santa will be available. The events held outside will be in park shelters.

“Santa’s not afraid of the cold,” Renfro said.

She expressed the park district’s gratitude for volunteers taking time out of their schedules to help with the events.

“We’re grateful for Santa’s time,” Renfro said. “Those men volunteer, and it’s freezing for those guys, too.”

This is also the first year Santa Claus will make a stop at the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale for members of the club. Sunshine Dzierynski Wilson, the Boys and Girls Club director for the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale, said a night of events is planned, including games for children.

“It’s a gift for the kids and for the parents,” Dzierynski Wilson said.

Last year, she said the Boys and Girls Club did not have enough gifts to give to the children. However, this year Judy Miller of Colp will help hand out the 250 quilts she made and donated.

Miller began making quilts when her sister was a foster parent. She said as more than 20 children went through her sister’s home, Miller made a quilt for each one of them.

“Once she wasn’t a foster parent anymore, I just kept making them,” Miller said.

Now she donates them to different organizations every year, such as Catholic Social Services, and is on her fifth year donating. Miller is hands-capped and does not work but said the quilts are a way for her to give back to the community.

“About the only thing I do is sew,” she said.

She began making the quilts with materials she bought on her own. She said when her church family found out about what she was doing, they began donating material and money to help with making the quilts.

“I love to do what I’m doing,” Miller said. “At a job, nine out of 10 times you don’t want to do it. I don’t have to do it, but I just enjoy it.”

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Cell phone companies battle for southern Illinois

David Lopez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The bell has been sounded for the next round of cell phone wars.

Last year, thousands of area cell phone users used First Cellular of Southern Illinois for their wireless service. Eight months ago, Alltel Wireless purchased First Cellular in an all-cash deal of $14 million to $15 million.

This has created a sort of cell phone war between the two national cellular phone service providers based in southern Illinois Alltel and Verizon Wireless.

Brenda Hill, a representative for Verizon Wireless, said there wouldn’t be any plan changes or special offers made to compete, but the company is currently expanding its coverage maps.

“We welcome the competition, whether they’re a new company or a blended company,” she said.

Verizon recently activated two new cell sites, one near the Charlotte West Softball Stadium and the second along Giant City Road.

Cell sites are places where antennae and other equipment are placed to transmit and receive data from cell phones, usually at the top of a tower or other high structure. The new sites will improve coverage around campus, including student housing buildings and all athletic and health facilities, according to a news release from Verizon.

In addition to the campus, the southeast quarter of Carbondale and Jackson County will see improved service, including Giant City State Park and Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge.

Even with all this, some students still report dropped calls and spotty coverage around campus.

Megan Phelps, a sophomore from Alsip studying elementary education, said she experienced the same blackout.

“She has had her Verizon service for years and said her service seemed better near Chicago,” she said.

“For Alltel customers, formerly First Cellular customers, many say the transition has been smooth for the most part.”

Adam Sims, a sophomore from Christopher studying mechanical engineering, was with First Cellular for three years before the acquisition.

“I went to First Cellular to see if I had to switch anything,” he said. “There were no contract changes, and I didn’t have to change anything.”

However, since moving into the residence halls this year, Sims said he has experienced a few dropped or missed calls.

“It’s the first time I’ve really had any problems,” he said.

Colin Schmidt, an undecided freshman from Makanda, was with First Cellular before it became Alltel.

“Some people tell me it’s harder to get ahold of me now,” he said.

Schmidt said he didn’t have many problems before the switch.

Representatives of Alltel did not return calls for comment.

With the popularity and functionality of cell phones ever-increasing, some people believe that traditional landlines might become a thing of the past.

But Don Olson, director of information technology at SIUC, said he didn’t believe landlines would be phased out anytime soon.

“We’re here, look at them as complementary devices,” he said.

He said said even though the number of landlines used in the residence halls has decreased, faculty and staff still need them for work.

“My office is in the basement of Wham, and I can’t use my cell phone down here,” he said.

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Senators question Iraq panel's blueprint for changing war policy
Robert Burns
The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Senators sharply questioned an Iraq commission director's grand strategy Thursday, saying the Bush administration and Congress must work together urgently to find a more effective approach.
Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a 2008 presidential hopeful, took strong issue with the commission's call for phasing out the U.S. combat role in Iraq by 2008 and focusing instead more on training and advising the Iraqi army. He rejected the idea that the Army and Marines cannot spare more combat forces for Iraq.
"There's only one thing worse than an over-extended Army and Marine Corps, and that's a defeated Army and Marine Corps," said McCain, a Vietnam veteran who will become the ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee when the Democrats take control of both houses of Congress in January.
"I believe this is a recipe that will lead to our defeat sooner or later in Iraq," McCain added.
One of the commission's co-chairmen, former Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., underscored the urgency of changing course in Iraq, where conditions were described as grave and deteriorating. He was asked at what point the situation there, if not corrected, would be hopeless.
"Well, there certainly is that point, and we're perilously close to that point," he replied.
Hamilton and his co-chairman, former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, testified before the Senate committee one day after delivering their report.
Bush gives chilly response to some recommendations of Iraq study
Terence Hunt
The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — President Bush gave a chilly response to a Iraq Study Group's proposals for enshaping his policy Thursday, objecting to talks with Iran and Syria, refusing to endorse a major troop withdrawal and vowing no retreat from embattled U.S. goals in the Middle East.
British Prime Minister Tony Blair, an unflagging ally in the unpopular war, stood with Bush and wholeheartedly supported his determination to fight to victory in Iraq and spread democracy across the Middle East.
"The vision is absolutely correct," Blair said at a news conference where the two leaders agreed, nevertheless, on a need for new approaches in Iraq.
"I thought we would succeed quicker than we did," Bush said. "And I am disappointed by the pace of success."
Bush declined to endorse the panel's call for a "significant" U.S. troop withdrawal — of a type the Republicans have long decried as a "disengagement" — and batted away suggestions that it was time for the United States to "redeploy" the 15,000 American troops in Iraq now.
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush was asked whether the United States might consider removing combat troops from Iraq as part of a political plan to end the conflict. Bush replied: "I think it's a better approach in the group of women who have a very high rate of unintended pregnancy, which is younger women," Shulman said.
As the semester wraps up, some students might find that they are overwhelmed and crunch for time. The university can help.

The eighth Saluki Finals Finish Program will begin Sunday and run until Tuesday from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Gary Tisdale, coordinator of publicity and marketing for the Recreational Sports and Services Department, said free food, five-minute massages and extended hours will be provided at the Student Recreation Center to help students cope with finals. The massages are only on Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m.

"It’s a chance for students to relax, study and work out," he said.

Tisdale said faculty and staff members come out to help during the week by serving food such as submarine sandwiches and Taco Bell tacos.

"You can go through the lines as many times as you want," Tisdale said.

Over the course of the three days, an expected 3,000 students will traffic the Recreation Center. On Sunday, one year ago, he said they served 180 feet of submarine sandwiches, 227 large Domino’s pizzas and 1,690 tacos from four taco stations. The line activity then said they "literally give a ton of food away." Funding for the event comes from the various colleges at the university, and Tisdale said all 12 deans on campus are supportive of the event.

Paul Sarvela, dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, said he enjoys serving food to students since the program because he wants to help students do their best. He has helped the past three or four years, he said.

"It's good for the students to see that the faculty and staff are helping them," Sarvela said.

Sarvela said there has generally been a good turnout of students at the Rec. Center to take advantage of the food and services. He said the whole program is another way in which the university helps students succeed.

"We want the students to come and visit us," Sarvela said. "It’s always good to take a little break from your studies."

Finals week isn’t a breeze for everyone.

Meagan Oestry, a freshman from Carbondale majoring in psychology, said the dorms are quiet in the Rec Center could be helpful to her because she can go to eat and study at the same time.

"Finals week is hell, and fitting every- thing in is definitely difficult," she said.

"The children are robbed of their childhood," Ahmed said. "A lot of them die young, but if they can survive five years, they are bettered with par- ents and grandparents dying from pov- erty and AIDS as well."

She added the importance of this global quandary.

"Clearly this is a local response to a world problem," Ahmed said. "This time we emphasize on children that live in poverty and hunger issues in Africa.

"For students who are going through a low student turnout, said the library is open 24 hours a day to study, the other wouldn’t like it," Ahmed said. "I was with my friends more than studying, especially since my roommate didn’t study at all."

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A national campaign called One Shared World framed the toy drive, but AAUW, a One Shared World affiliate, is sponsoring it. AAUW is coordinating with the Chautauqua Health Education and Livelihood Program in Nkola, Zambia. Chautauqua is an organiza- tion established to contribute to poverty reduction by empowering poor families. AAUW membership services officer Susan Kapp said that this year Susan Kapp made the fundraiser happen with the help of her organization and Chautauqua. The AAUW’s goal with the toy drive is to act locally for global development.

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"I live with six other girls," said Weber, a freshman from Carbondale majoring in psychology, when one of us were studying, the other wasn’t partying is a big temptation, but when she lived in the residence halls, it was a bigger problem.

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"When junior Tricia Weber gets ready to study, she looks for the quietest place possible, and she has her seat — her room or the second floor of the Student Center.

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Let's get the facts straight

It should have come as no surprise. Throughout the semester, the Undergraduate Student Government had led us to believe the senate knew what it was doing, but all it took was one misguided, error-ridden resolution to crush much of that confidence in one fell swoop. On Wednesday night, 13 USG senators, led by Prescott Paulin, requested up to half a page of newspaper space and sole editing control in the Daily Egyptian. For a moment, let’s look past the likely infringement on our First Amendment rights and look to the many errors that took place for the senators to make their decision.

The resolution’s author, Paulin, never contacted the DE to discuss his idea. Rather, he used hearsay and facts that are only true in his mind as basis for Wednesday night’s unfortunate incident.

The statement claiming the DE is funded by student fees is inherently false. This award-winning student newspaper prides itself on the near $1 million in advertising revenue it generates each year.

To use student fees to fund the newspaper would not only subject it to control from the senate but also from the university administration. If you can’t bite the hand that feeds you, imagine how easy it would be for the university to squelch news that might appear unsightly for its image.

USG is supposed to be the voice of the students, yet with the simple-minded comment that the DE is supported by student fees, the senate has once again shown it has no idea what the university does with the thousands of dollars in fee increases it approves year in, year out.

Fortunately, USG President Akeem Mustapha had the foresight to issue his first veto of the semester — less than an hour after the meeting adjourned.

If senators diligently investigated whether the administration’s increases were proper, they would know the DE doesn’t get a cent. Just this week, the DE editorial board suggested the senate use the newspaper as a forum to communicate with the students — after all, it could be SIUC’s favorite lecture hall and bathroom reader.

But never did that recommendation imply far-reaching powers such as full editorial control, and Paulin would have learned that had he done the slightest ounce of research. If the senate wants such authority, please place an advertisement — only in this case would we welcome your student fees. Sorry, we mean money.

Instead, Paulin gathered 13 senators, and like lemmings, they started running for the cliff. Should this mean we erase the positive moves USG members have made this semester? No, we will remember them and thank them for their work in due time. But for now, let us thank them for reminding us why a task force is examining the senate’s problems and for being a constant source of humor for the campus.

SIUC not responding to financial aid needs

Whitney E. Shalda

As students read the new policy, it quickly becomes apparent that more than the methods of communication are flawed. The new policy is exceptionally faulty.

To talk about how it is now necessary to avoid receiving failing grades. Then, the most vital information: Stating that students with a past-due bursar bill will not be able to register was inappropriately placed at the very end of the e-mail as if it was not important. It is not mandatory for students to check their e-mail or read the Daily Egyptian on a daily basis, or ever. Therefore, the methods of communication are flawed.

As students read the new policy, it quickly becomes apparent that more than the methods of communication are flawed. This new policy is exceptionally faulty.

Beginning with the statement that “students will no longer be cancelled for non-payment.” It then went on to find out why. Most students are then referred to Assistant Director Richard Steudal, where they then find out the hold is due to a past-due balance on a bursar bill, and Mr. Steudal is the only person capable of alleviating the problem. According to many students, meeting with Mr. Steudal is unprofessional, unpleasant, condescending and unprodu- cative as a result. Most students who meet with him are attending SIUC on a monetary award (i.e. financial aid, scholarships, military assistance, etc.). Thus, it is completely visible to the Financial Aid Office and Mr. Steudal that the money will have been received before the start of the new semester, yet this changes nothing.

If the policy is revised so students do not face consequences when they are not at fault, retention rates will increase. How can the university feign to be so concerned with enrollment and retention rates but prohibit students from registering for classes when the money is verifiable? This policy is hypocritical, at best, to the mission of SIUC. According to Southern at 150, “We must listen and respond to our students and provide instruction and services that help them achieve their full potential.” (Our Core Values: Student Responsiveness). How is this university helping us achieve our full potential by not allowing us to register for classes, especially when over 70 percent of the student population receives monetary awards?

The time has come for any and all people involved in creating and/or imposing this policy change to meet with the students it is affecting. Our concerns can no longer go unheard; this communication barrier needs to be broken. We look forward to hearing from you in a timely manner.

Akeem Mustapha
USG president

Contributed to this column.
The death of diversity

Lynne K. Varner

A week ago, I pondered whether public-school integration was dead. I got my answer Monday as I sat in the audience listening as the nine justices of the U.S. Supreme Court probed and prodded on the matter of race.

Diversity, as a tool of public education, is dead as a doomsday. It was in the air. The elegantly gilded courtroom turned somber as Justice Antonin Scalia, perched on the manure heap, announced the death of diversity.

But — and I am as naïve optimist as the little boy looking for a horse on aUSE CAME OUT RIDE PILE — I believe he is conflated.

On Monday, Kennedy was right out of the gate with a bevy of questions designed to clarify the difference between race-conscious objectives and racial actions. Lawyers for the school district, as usual, stressed that the US Constitution prohibits all.

But Justice Antonin Scalia, perhaps finding that wiggly room in the ruling, jumped in to ask if such a strict limitation means schools and other voluntary diversity systems also are unconstitutional.

The PICS attorney argued that such hypotheticals aren’t necessary to ponder for the court to rule.

“Might it not be necessary for you, but might it be for us when we write the case?” Kennedy asked.

Mr. Wissmann, by his own admission, is conflicted.

For the sake of Seattle’s students, struggling to learn in schools of uneven quality, I hope the Seattle School Board has a Plan B.

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Mapping southern Illinois

Tony Oyana, a senior studying plant and soil science, fluffs the bow for one of the many holiday wreaths sold by the Horticulture Association in the Agriculture office Thursday afternoon in the Agriculture Building. Wreath sales will also take place today.

Tony Oyana, an assistant geography professor, is helping Connect SI use its maps to economically develop southern Illinois.

Connect SI is a program involving 20 counties in an effort to enhance southern Illinois’ economy using Internet access, broadband, to create a local and globally Connect SI’s Executive Director Rex Duncan said broadband will improve lives by changing how we communicate and work.

Healthcare delivery, business and industry, and education are some of the ways Connect SI plans to incorporate broadband.

Duncan said broadband availability could bring opportunities for local businesses to offer their goods and services to a larger market at a faster rate. He added that each of southern Illinois’ counties has been independently trying to compete with the much larger economies of other countries, and that is not working. He said if the 20 counties work together, the region’s economy would increase significantly.

“We want to get as close to the universal usage of broadband as possible,” Duncan said. “Broadband can be used productively and intelligently. It is used primarily for entertainment, but it could help Southern Illinois’ economy if used for health care and education.”

Getting close to broadband is where mapping — and Oyana — comes into the situation. Oyana is in charge of Connect SI’s Geographic Information Systems, or GIS. He said mapping broadband will show where supply is relative to the demand. The maps will show areas with or without broadband and how much of the population is using it. Internet providers can then sell the product.

Consumers can use it to learn, educate or receive information faster than before, Oyana said.

Oyana breaks the broadband mapping into three levels. The first one is conceptualization. This level involves trying to map the broadband infrastructure, which includes DSL and optic fibers, to know exactly where it is.

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Solution to Friday’s puzzle


Sudoku  By Michael Mepham

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NEW YORK — MasterCard International Inc. can sponsor the next two World Cup soccer tournaments because soccer’s international governing body didn’t play fair when it awarded the rights to Visa International Inc., a judge said Thursday.

A 125-page opinion by U.S. District Judge Loretta A. Preska disqualified Visa from going forward with a contract that was supposed to install it Jan. 1 as the new sponsor for the 2010 and 2014 World Cups.

Preska blamed the Federation Internationale de Football Association, known as FIFA, for misleading MasterCard, a Purchase, N.Y.-based company, the nation’s second-largest credit card brand behind Visa, which had a right of first refusal after sponsoring the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

She said FIFA misled MasterCard into believing it had an exclusive 90-day period from Feb. 8, 2005 to May 8, 2005 to consider a sponsorship deal for the next two World Cups when FIFA was actually “simultaneously and aggressively” negotiating with Visa as well.

Preska noted that FIFA’s slogan is “fair play.” Yet, she added, its dealing “with FIFA’s longstanding partner” MasterCard constitutes the antithesis of “fair play” and violates FIFA’s own requirement that “its negotiators deal honorably with its business partners.”

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“The ruling stands as a victory for sound business ethics over the deceptive and deceitful practices perpetrated by certain members of the FIFA management team,” Noah Hanft, a lawyer for MasterCard, said in a statement.

“We now look forward to reforming in FIFA business practices going forward,” the judge said.

She said she didn’t think of either side of what happened would be upset over having the contract.

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Bears DT may be out for season

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LAKE VERNETY, Fla. — Chicago Bears defensive tackle Tommie Harris, who made the Pro Bowl a year ago, could miss the remainder of the season with a severe knee injury.

Harris left Sunday's game against Minnesota in the third quarter with what was originally diagnosed as a sprained left knee. Coach Lovie Smith said Monday the injury was not as bad as initially feared. But on Thursday, Smith said the hamstring injury was one of the reasons Harris hasn't been as productive as a sprained knee and that Harris was slated to go to Dallas to see a specialist. He added that “Harris could miss the remaining four regular-season games and perhaps even the playoffs.”

The Bears (10-2) clinched the NFC North on Sunday.

They’re two separate injuries. The knee injury wasn’t as severe as we thought, but the hamstring is more severe,” Smith said.

When I talk about hamstrings, as you look at the play, he has a significant pull. With that, in mind, it could be regular season or it could be further than that. But again, you’re asking me to play doctor right now, and I do choose not to do that,” Smith said.

Harris already was listed as out of Monday night’s game at St. Louis when Smith made the announcement.

Normally we don’t put a player out this early. That shows you how severe we think the injury is,” Smith said.

Losing Harris could be a major blow to the Bears’ top-ranked defense because of his quickness and strength. The Bears’ first-round draft pick in 2004 out of Oklahoma, the 6-foot-3, 295-pound Harris has five sacks this season and 11 1/2 in his fifth-richest in baseball history.

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LAKES FOREST — Chicago Cubs general manager Jim Hendry has been one of baseball’s busiest GMs this offseason, starting with the Winter Meetings in December and extending through the draft.

For a while, we were driving the market. Hendry said he had six conversations with manager Lou Pinella and special assistant Gary Hughes to see a doctor.

“Pinella and myself, we’re the first of many,” Hughes said Thursday after revealing that Hendry had undergone angioplasty.

“Tedd had no idea where (Hendry) was, or anything,” Hughes said. “It was business as usual.”

Hendry is expected to be released from the hospital Friday, a day after baseball’s winter meetings conclude near Disney World.

“Tedd is doing well,” Pinella said Thursday afternoon.

“He’s in good spirits,” said Hughes. “Was he shook up about it? No. Should he be happy? Yes. Will he learn a lesson? Hopefully. He’s doing great. I spoke to him late last night. He’s already working the phones.”

Other GMs were not surprised to hear Hendry was making deals from the hospital. “That’s Jimmy,” said Brian Sabean of the San Francisco Giants.

Hendry has been one of baseball’s busiest GMs this offseason, starting when he chose not to renew manager Dusty Baker’s contract and brought in Pinella to replace him.

Hendry signed安娜 Ramirez to a $75 million, five-year contract that was the biggest deal in club history — for about a week. Then the Cubs signed Alfonso Soriano to an eight-year, $136 million contract that is the fifth-richest in baseball history.

The Cubs also acquired lefty reliever Neal Cotts in a trade with the White Sox and added second baseman Mark DeRosa ($13 million over three years). Chicago re-signed right-handed pitchers Kerry Wood ($17.5 million) and Wade Miller ($15.5 million), and backup catcher Henry Blanco ($5.25 million over two years).

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A hearty hill to climb

Bryan Mullins reaches for a loose ball during the Salukis’ win over St. Louis University on Saturday afternoon at the SIU Arena. The Salukis play Saturday at Western Kentucky University.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Defense vs. defense, Salukis look to contain Vogel

Scott Mieszala

Defense should be the focus in the SIU women’s basketball game Saturday — perhaps even more than usual.

The Salukis are reading themselves for South Dakota State University, a team that head coach Dana Eikenberg said reminds her of SIU.

Tip-off for the road game is 7 p.m.

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