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**Sports**

**SIUC names assistant hoops coach**

By John Bolger

Sports Writer

Bridgett Bonds, former Saluki women’s basketball standout, was named Wednesday as the women’s assistant basketball coach.

Bonds, the 1987 SIUC female athlete of the year, replaces Deb Patterson, who left SIUC for a coaching position with Vanderbilt University’s Nash Team.

"It feels great to be in the program again," Bonds said in a press release. "I am really looking forward to my new role as a college coach and I want to do my part to continue SIUC’s winning tradition."

Angie Rougeau, a returning senior for the Salukis, said Bonds will be a great coach because she gets along so well with the players and the coaches.

"I am tremendously excited to work with her," Rougeau said. "I am really looking forward to seeing how she will react on the court as a coach."

Bonds played for SIUC from 1984 to 1988. She was a career .575 field goal shooter and ranks seventh all-time in scoring with 1,227 points. She is the No. 4 all-time scorer in steals for the Salukis with 157.

Head coach Cindy Scott, who has a 293-142 career mark in 15 seasons with the Salukis, said she was very proud to hire Bonds as her new assistant.

"I have always dreamed of hiring one of my own players," Scott said in a press release. "She will be a tremendous role model for our players and a great ambassador for Saluki women’s basketball."

Bonds, a 27-year-old St. Louis native, received her master’s degree in Vocational Education from SIUC in 1990.

Bonds was the girl’s basketball coach at Lincoln Junior High in Carbondale before accepting her new position.

**Plab goes pro**

Saluki Olympic high jumper forfeits senior eligibility

By Jay Reed

Sports Writer

SIUC Olympic high jumper Darrin Plab will forgo his senior year of eligibility and turn professional after the Barcelona Olympics.

Plab, a two-time NCAA high jump champion from Lebanon, jumped 7' 11 1/2" to earn a spot on the 1992 U.S. Olympic team.

Plab, who helped lead the Dawgs to indoor and outdoor Missouri Valley Conference track titles this year, said turning pro is an opportunity that cannot wait another year.

"Turning pro is a chance I have to take," Plab said during an interview Wednesday. "I think being out there competing with the best in the world is in my own best interest."

"Going professional is something I have to do now because my legs may not be there down the road, school will always be there for me."

Track coach Bill Cornell said the biggest achievement he wants to see Plab accomplish is getting his diploma.

"I have mixed emotions on his decision to leave," Cornell said. "But he knows I want him to get his degree."

In a note to SIUC Athletic Director Jim Hart, Plab said he had contacted The Athletics Congress of the U.S.A. to register as an athlete for international athletics, which makes him ineligible as an American college athlete.

Plab said he will be competing in Europe where track and field is immensely popular.

"All of Europe is a hotbed of track and field," he said. "Track and field is the second biggest sport to Europe and the crowds over there are unbelievable."

Plab said his days at SIUC were good, but the decision to leave SIUC for a professional career was made because the level of talent will be much greater.

**Dawgs to host six games after only four last season**

By Norm Smyth

Sports Writer

For Saluki football fans the upcoming season may be a dream come true: The Dawgs play a school record six home games.

The Salukis were named the most improved team in 1991 NCAA division I-AA and lead the Gateway in attendance with only four home games.

With two more home games than last year, the attendance should reach a new high and hopefully will be tops again in the Gateway.

Plab, offensive coordinator, said.

The Salukis play the extra home games this year to make up for only having four home games in 1991.

This year’s schedule consists of Gateway foes Northern Iowa, Southwest Missouri State, Illinois State, Indiana State, Western Illinois and Eastern Illinois. They also play Troy State, Southeast Missouri State, Austin Peay State, Arkansas State and first-time opponent Western Kentucky.

The schedule has two new opponents from last year when they played Louisiana Tech.

**Saluki Football Schedule**

**SEPTEMBER**

5 | Troy State | Home / Paid Game
12 | SE Missouri State | Home
19 | Austin Peay State | Home / Family Weekend
26 | Arkansas State | Away

**OCTOBER**

3 | Eastern Illinois | Home
10 | Western Illinois | Home / Homecoming
17 | Northern Iowa | Home / Great Saluki Rivalry
24 | Bridgitt State | Home
29 | Western Kentucky | Away

**NOVEMBER**

7 | SIU Missouri State | Home
21 | Indiana State | Home

**Pump it up**

Kevin Gilbert, a senior in electrical engineering from Chester, conditions his legs by doing squats. Gilbert was working out at the Recreation Center Thursday afternoon.

**Rangers fire Valentine after pennant hopes slide**

ARLINGTON, Texas (UPI) — The Texas Rangers, their ownership fearing this year’s pennant hopes were fast diminishing, Thursday fired Manager Larry Valentine and replaced him on an interim basis with Toby Harrah.

He had 12 games behind and not playing very well in a season we thought we should be contending,” said Rangers General Partner George W. Bush, “we were afraid of losing contact with the field.”

Valentine, 42, had the third longest tenure of any current manager in the major leagues behind Los Angeles’ Tom Lasorda and Detroit’s Sparky Anderson.

He had also set the dubious record of managing more big league games with the same team without having won a pennant.

Valentine was fired in the midst of his eighth season with the Rangers after compiling a record of 581-685. Texas posted a winning mark in each of the past three years, but finished no higher than third in the American League West.

Harrah, who spent nine of his 16 seasons in the majors with Texas and is in his fourth year on the Rangers coaching staff, will be a candidate for the permanent managerial job.

Bush Greive also made it clear others would be considered and that a decision would be made within the next two weeks.

Valentine, holding his own news conference at a restaurant he owns near Arlington Stadium, said he took exception to the belief the Rangers were falling out of the pennant race.

"For us to have had the problems we have had, it is ludicrous to say we are out of the race," Valentine said.

"With all the people we have walked and all the errors we have made and with our hitters not hitting, for us to be 6 1/2 games out means we are still in it. I believe this team will get hot in the second half and win the world championship."
Bushels of fun
Phoebe Cox, a retired school teacher from Makanda, sorts Lodi apples for Lipe Orchards, located on Route 51 south of Carbondale. Cox, a five-year employee, worked Thursday afternoon. Red Haven peaches also were in season.

On the campaign trail
Clinton picks Gore as running mate

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (UPI) — Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton picked Tennessee Sen. Al Gore Thursday to be his running mate, removing the last big Democratic question mark and giving the party a young, moderate Southern ticket for the November election.

"The running mate I have chosen is a leader of great strength, integrity and stature," Clinton said in a joint news conference with Gore on the back lawn of the Arkansas governor's mansion in sweltering, 89-degree heat.

"The man standing beside me today has what it takes to lead this nation from the day I take office," Clinton said to the applause of several hundred supporters.

Gore, with his wife and children beside him, said in accepting the position, "I didn't seek this and up to very recently...I didn't expect it."

"But I'm here for one simple reason," he added. "I love my country. And I believe in my heart that this ticket gives our country the best chance for the change that we so desperately need, to move forward again."

Simon: Gore good choice for Clinton
By William Ragan
Politics Writer


Gore will help Clinton with important issues such as the environment, Simon said at a press conference Thursday in Carbondale.

"Clinton wanted someone he felt comfortable with," Simon said. "Gore has been strong in areas where Clinton is weak, particularly the environment."

Gore already has served four terms in the House and is in his second Senate term, and Simon said Gore's experience will benefit Clinton's campaign.

"I've served with (Gore) in both the Senate and the House," he said. "He's a man who will be a good campaigner."

Some analysts point to Gore's Tennessee roots as a deciding factor in his nomination, but Simon denied such rumors, saying voters today do not vote on party lines.

"I'm proud to stand here with Bill Clinton for the long hard fight for the working people of the United States of America," Gore said.

The selection of Gore just four days before the Democrats open their national convention in New York Monday ended the last bit of suspense for the party and set the stage for an unusually harmonious gathering of delegates.

Democratic National Chairman Ron Brown chose the running mate "without" and "ideal" while New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, one of the leaders of the party's liberal wing, said it was "a superb choice."

The selection of a running mate from the Gore camp has been a "superb campaign." Simon said. "Gore good choice for Clinton for the long hard fight for the working people of the United States of America."

Edgar slashes $30 million from '93 state budget

SPRINGFIELD (UPI) — Gov. Jim Edgar, saying local governments and state lawmakers must share the pain, lopped $30 million from the state's $28 billion fiscal 1993 budget before he signed it Thursday.

He put the $30 million aside to ease future spending shortfalls he expects later this year.

Edgar borrowed some rhetoric Democrats used on him throughout the legislative session and said lawmakers sent him an unbalanced "smoke and mirrors" spending blueprint that relies on false economies and dubious cuts to make the numbers come out even.

"There is one word to describe this budget, and that word is terrible," Edgar said. "However, I feel I have no choice but to sign this budget because we're in the midst of an election year and we probably can't expect anything better than what we have. To bring (lawmakers) back into session very well could result in even a worse budget than what we have to work with."

The governor used his line-item veto power to trim $12.5 million in spending from the secretary of state and attorney general's offices, and $1.8 million from the House and Senate operations budgets.

The comptroller, treasurer and lieutenant governor already voluntarily cut spending to Edgar's requested level, 5 percent below what they received in fiscal 1992.

Edgar also lopped $1 million from the State Police budget, eliminated a $1.2 million increase for suppliers of home services to the disabled, abolished a $1.4 million in grants to local health departments, canceled $1.3 million in drug and alcohol treatment programs and slashed $1.2 million for the Illinois Cancer Center.

The most controversial cut is likely to be Edgar's decision to eliminate all $12 million in state reimbursements for local tax increment financing districts.

Edgar's original budget would have slashed $17 million in TIF funding and $237 million in other local government revenue sharing. He said cities can make up the lost TIF money from the $197 million in revenue sharing lawmakers put back in the budget.

The Illinois Arts Council will lose $534,000 to bring it down to the same level of cuts suffered by the state Historic Preservation Agency. Edgar said reporters could draw their own conclusions as to why he cut the Arts Council, which is headed by the wife of House Speaker Michela Madigan D-Chicago.

Edgar said it is unfair for lawmakers to raise their own budget by 10 percent while other see BUDGET, page 5

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Prison funding restored; center to open in March
By William Ragan
Politics Writer

Funding to open the Big Muddy Correctional Center near Ina has been restored under a budget compromise reached by the legislature, said Rep. Larry Hicks (D-Mt. Vernon).

The new prison, which is set to open in March 1993, was a priority in budget negotiations last week despite drastic cuts in other state agencies, said Hicks in a recent press release.

"With the financial crisis facing the state, it shows how very carefully this budget was crafted to be able to find the funds to open the prison," Hicks said.

The $40 million was restored to the $58 million cut in the Department of Corrections under see PRISONS, page 5

Gus Bode

Gus says Clinton and Gore are so young, if they win they should rename the White House the frat house.
SERBS DEMAND PRESIDENT RESIGNATION — Thousands of Belgrade University students early Wednesday blockedad several key intersections and approaches to the capital of Serbia after riot police prevented them from getting on the running of communist President Slobodan Milosevic to demand his resignation. The protesters used buses and furniture as improvised barricades in several locations, including at least one of the several bridges connecting the city.

AIRLINES BEGIN SECOND FARE SALE — Airlines started yet another fare sale Thursday — with 10 airlines planning to implement across the board fare hikes to pay for the last big sale — which is expected to keep planes packed until September. But the latest round of discounts, launched by budget carriers like AirTran, which hit the last sale — is neither as deep or as extensive as the first. Continental started the ball rolling, reducing some excursion fares up to 33 percent.

BUSH CALLS FOR ALLIED PEACE FORCE — President Bush called on European leaders Thursday to “be of one mind” in ending the civil war in Yugoslavia. Bush proposed releasing two naval vessels to the Adriatic in a move intended to show his resolve in delivering relief supplies to war-torn areas where the military move followed by hours Bush’s request of European leaders meeting in Finland.

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SIUC program inspires bill
sending students overseas

By Lynelle Marguardt
General Assignment Writer

International internships will receive a boost if a bill inspired by an SIUC program is approved by the governor. The legislation would require the Illinois Board of Higher Education to develop a policy on international education and integrate the policy into the missions of all colleges and universities in the state.

The bill also would give IBHE the authority to receive federal or private funding for the purpose of developing an international internship program at the state level.

James Osberg, co-director of the Center for International Education, said the idea for this legislation actually came from SIUC’s Foreign Language and International Trade program.

Osberg said he was previously involved in helping FLIT students find internships, and is aware of the difficulties involved for a student who is trying to study abroad.

John Jackson, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said the FLIT program will benefit from this bill. “I think it is an excellent boost to the program that already exists in Liberal Arts,” he said.

If the bill is approved, universities statewide will be asked to do what SIUC already is doing, Jackson said.

More than 100 students currently are enrolled in the FLIT program, and about 35 to 40 students need to find internships each year, he said. “We are trying very hard to find internships for the students and this bill will certainly help,” he said.

Charles Klasek, executive assistant to SIUC President John C. Guyon, said the bill would be a boost for Illinois.

“It could make Illinois a very powerful state in the international arena,” he said. “The important thing is that it is going to bring the leadership of international programs from every public campus in Illinois together.”

Programs on campus would benefit from this internship program, Klasek said. “We have a head start,” Klasek said. “It will put us in a good place to expand our program.”

Husein Elsaid, director of SIUC’s Center for International Business and Cultures, said the financial support this bill would make possible will go a long way in helping students get internships. He also said that in the future, internships will become a bigger part of college education.

“I believe the trend is toward more internships,” he said. “I think internships will be required both overseas and in the United States.”

The purpose of the program would be to give students in the state of Illinois the opportunity to work in international corporations locally and abroad,” he said.

Osberg said the goal of the legislation is to internationalize education in Illinois universities.

Illinois colleges and universities should concentrate on graduating, people who know about international business, international studies and foreign languages, he said. “It’s necessary for education in the United States to redirect some of its efforts to reflect the importance of foreign cultures and international studies so that we have people in those areas and can compete,” he said.

The focus on global economy makes international studies necessary, he said. “When you are competing with global economies you need to know how they operate and their backgrounds,” Elsaid said.

Osberg said the bill focuses on international education as an economic development, not just education enhancement.

“It provides a needed focus on the whole issue of international education and it also promises to provide international business experience to the students we are providing in

see BILL, page 6.

Staff Photo by Anne Masterson
Worker at the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge excavates paint chips and contaminated metals. The U.S. and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will monitor the progress throughout the coming weeks.
Budget deal a joke on Illinois taxpayers

THE FISCAL 1993 budget approved by the Legislators July 3 and signed Thursday by Gov. Edgar can only be defined in one way: A joke.

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS put the blame on each other after an agreement that will leave 2,800 state employees without a job and cut most areas of state government about 12 percent.

Legislators tried to save face with the $28.4 billion patch to the state’s problems, and left for home to prepare for an upcoming campaign where all 177 House and Senate seats are up for grabs.

BY CUTTING A DEAL ON THURSDAY, two days after the statutory deadline, the politicians avoided dwelling on a tight budget and dealing with voters in the mood to throw out incumbents. The 1992 budget blooper of extending budget discussions for 19 days beyond the deadline was not affordable in an election year. The resulting compromise was another useless battle in the lost war for a balanced budget.

UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES, it would be understandable that the Democratic majority tried to beat the GOP at cutting spending. That way it could point an accusing finger at its opponents in November and call them money wasters. But his year there was no money to cut.

The State’s infrastructure is in such bad shape that the Democrats’ move may backfire. With State employees losing their jobs, voters in a bad mood over the economy and Republican redistricting in effect, the new cuts put Democrats in such a spot as it does members of the governor’s party.

GRANTED THAT CUTTING some flashy projects like Chicago’s third airport and the lavish casino was a good idea. The state can reconsider these plans sometime in the future, when its economy allows it to carry the temporary burden.

But excessive cuts in services and the effort to avoid discontent by dropping the proposals to raise revenues are only hurting the Illinois economy.

THE $30 MILLION INCREASE FOR public schools and universities is sufficient to keep the education boat from sinking. But the massive cuts in family services, public aid and mental health will do little to ease the problems of the public sector, which was left crumbling last year and will now receive only more cuts.

ALL IN ALL, THE COMPROMISE only satisfied the legislators, who got out of Springfield with enough reasons to boast “the one” for the fiscal fracas and enough time to trot the campaign trail. Maybe next year, with the election behind, both the House and Senate will set to work to get Illinois services adequately funded.

Commentary

West not tough enough for Cubs

This man named Fay, who is the baseball commissioner, is said to be a smart guy. I wonder how he’s so smart, how come he can’t even read a map?

You don’t have to be an astronaut to figure it out. From Wrigley Field in Chicago to Shea Stadium in New York it’s not about 800 miles.

But if you head the other way from Chicago and go 800 miles, you will be in a town called Julesburg, Colo.

And if you get up the next morning and go 800 miles beyond Julesburg, Colo., you will be in a place called St. George, Utah.

So, bored out of your mind, you go few hundred miles more and you’re finally in Los Angeles.

Which isn’t much of a reward for so long a trip.

So what’s my point?

The question is, why does this man named Fay want us to upset the natural order of things by trying to turn Chicago into a Western town?

That’s what Fay is doing when he insists that for the good of baseball the Cubs must switch to the Western Division of the National League.

Why is this good for baseball? It’s hard enough being a Cubs fan without being thrown into a foreign culture.

Yes, that’s what it is. Chicago is not west.

It’s not exactly east, either, but it’s a lot more east than west.

In our lifestyles, recreational choices and attitudes, we have little in common with the other Western Division cities.

Unlike Denver, this is not a cowboy boot or ski slope city.

Unlike San Diego, this is not a surfing bun town.

Unlike Los Angeles, we don’t eat much raw fish. And unlike San Francisco, we don’t ... well, most of us don’t, so let’s not talk about it.

But consider the cities that we’ve been sharing our baseball town, Chicago is.” You don’t hear him singing. “My kind of town, Houston, Texas.” Or “New York, New York, how I love to live there,” even though they may make it there, you can make it anywhere.

Aren’t this man Fay does not believe in tradition. If he did, he’d remember that there has been a Chicago in the past and they’ve been here since the major-league baseball began.

You don’t have to be an ancient to remember when Houston, San Diego and the others were minor- league cities.

If it hadn’t been for the invention of air-conditioning, they would still be amusing themselves by shooting snakes and swelling giant skaters.

So after more than a century of being a genuine, big-league franchise, with a rich tradition going back to the days of tiny gloves and the dead ball, when they’ve practically been being called a drinking and smoking and being usually drunk, is this guy Fay saying that we must now try to establish a rivalry with San Diego, where they sell sushi at the ballpark, or the Denver Whoombats, which won’t even start having a tradition for another 30 years?

Traditional rivalries are not created by marketing.

They come from years of mutual loathing, watching the misfortune of others.

The Men in Blue - the hatred is from the heart.

But San Diego?

Even if I pretended to hate a Padres fan, he would probably look blankly at me and say: “Hey, dude, I mean, you want to use my suntan lotion?”

We should have, expected this years ago, when they started making with the natural order by making the Cubs play in the same division as Montreal, a city of Frenchies, where’s it practically against the law to speak English.

Now they want to toss the Cubs in with teams from California, where it’s practically the law to be wide awake.

Well, in that regard, this Cubs team will be competitive.
GORE, from page 1

same area of the country as the presidential candidate is an unusual one. But some political observers say the southern flavor of the ticket may allow the Democrats to win back some of these Southern states they will need in a three-way race in the fall. In addition to coming from the same region, the two Democrats have much in common — both are in the moderate wing of their party and both are from a younger generation of American politicians. Clinton is 45 and Gore is 44.

Gore brings a Washington background to the ticket with expertise in foreign affairs and a strong record on the environment.

He also has been known with other Democrats and voted for the Persian Gulf War and has a record of fighting explicit lyrics in songs. In the primary season, Clinton took heat over the issues of family values and military record.

In their joint appearance, Clinton and Gore stressed what will likely be their theme for the fall campaign — that they are the candidates who best look out for the common good of the people of the nation.

"All Gore and I won't just be sharing a spot" on the ticket, Clinton said, but also will be "shar­ing the values I've learned, individual responsibility, hard work, faith in family... people who live and work by the rules will be able to share in the American dream."

"We have the best plan and now we have the best ticket," Clinton added.

Gore echoed those comments, saying, "Together we can make all the difference in determining whether or not the United States of America will offer the leadership the world needs.

"Throughout American history, each generation has passed on leadership to the next," Gore said. "That time has come again, a time for a new generation of leadership for the United States of America."

"I believe very deeply that this nation sir y car not afford another four years of the kind of leadership that we have had in this world."

"We ran out of ideas."

"Gore and I decided the ticket will give the country the "greatest" chance to get moving again."

"We have watched for 12 long years to the Republican administration that is still in power to have driven this country into the ditch," he said. "What we're finding is that this nation simply cannot afford another four years of the kind of leadership that we have had."

President Bush had no immediate comment on the choice but Toby Clark, spokesman for the Bush-Quayle campaign, jumped into the political fray saying Clinton apparently "tried to find someone to make up for his own weaknesses.

"I hope Gore chose not to serve in the military. Gore did. Clinton will serve."

Clinton need a panel headed by Warren Christopher, former deputy secretary of state in the Carter administration, to look into the possible candidates and interview the leading possibilities.

"Clinton kept the whole procedure a closely guarded secret but other people believed under consideration include Bob Lee Hamilton of Indiana, and Sens. Harris Woford of Pennsylvania, Bob Graham of Florida and Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia.

"Clinton said, "We considered many fine qualified candidates that have much to offer" but in the end picked Gore who "shares my hunger to turn this country around... so we can raise the first generation of children to do worse than their parents."

"Clinton said Gore can do something that George Bush is not willing to do — to be a leader in the world, to be a president, to be a governor."

"Together we can give the country a real environmental presidency."
“The bill has no outside costs attached to it for the state, therefore I believe the governor will be favorably impressed with the bill,”

—James Osberg

The bill was sponsored by Sen. Ralph Duns (R-DuQuois), Judy Baar Topinka (R-North Riverside), Rep. Bob Delagarhy (D-Silvis) and Rep. Kurt Granberg (D-Carlyle). Some of the proponents of the legislation are the Illinois World Trade Center, the Board of Governors, the Board of Regents and the Southern Illinois University System.
Focus

Ed McNichols (right), a SIUC English professor of Carbondale, leads Marge Hudson of Carbondale and Dianne Hudson, a SIUC geology graduate of Carbondale, on his tour bike to a trip to Lookout Point in Alto Pass. They belong to the Popular Camp Touring Team (PCTT) and went riding last Tuesday morning.

Invigorating exercise

Cycling enthusiast rides 100 miles a week, participates in local touring team

By Norm Smyth
Sports Writer

For many people, biking is a means to invigorate the body and a chance to take in the sights and sounds of the outdoors. But for English Professor Ed McNichols biking is that and more. For more than 30 years, McNichols has peddled his way to work and to take in the sights, sounds and scents of the day.

Using a bike as his main source of transportation, McNichols bikes an average of 100 miles per week.

He has two bicycles that he uses when biking to work on campus or for his trips with the Popular Camp Touring Team. One bike is a gray Raleigh 18 speed road bike and the other is a white Kestrel 14 speed road bike. McNichols purchased the Raleigh four years ago by replacing his Anzali road bike of 26 years.

McNichols has in the last three years started riding with the team, but always has enjoyed the exercise from biking to and from Campus.

"I like to ride the Kestrel when riding on flatter land, because it has less gears than my Raleigh. I ride the Raleigh more often when there are a lot of hills," McNichols said.

McNichols and the club enjoy outings at least twice a week. When riding on these outings McNichols equips himself with helmet, gloves and padded biking shorts.

"We have an easy ride on Saturday where we try and bring out new members or beginning riders and on Sunday we take a longer, harder ride," McNichols said.

One of the more challenging rides the club takes is the Prairie Du Rocher route by Chester. The route is hilly and long. The club will usually take this route once or twice a year and usually on Sundays when the more experienced club members are in attendance.

The club usually leaves from Murdale Shopping Center at 8 a.m. Saturdays and welcomes newcomers to join them.

McNichols also tries to get out with a couple of club members during the week and take a ride around the area.

McNichols and the club just completed the "Ride Across Wisconsin" from Michigan to Iowa. More than 300 people participated in the 500 mile trek across the state. Six individuals from the club participated in the event.

"The ride was the longest I have been on. McNichols said. "I did not ride the full 500 miles over the four-day trip, but I did cover the majority of the miles."

McNichols' first became interested in bikes when he was a teen-ager. After college he landed a teaching job at SIUC in 1962 and bought a bicycle as a cheaper means of transportation than owning an automobile.

McNichols said he has seen a lot of change in bicycling during the years. "The bikes are much lighter with the invention of lighter metal used in making the frame and also the multiplication of gears has made biking much easier," McNichols said.

McNichols has a driver's license, but rarely hops in his car for a ride.

"I usually only drive the car once a week may be because of ice or snow on the road making it too difficult for biking," McNichols said.

McNichols and fellow PCTT member Marge Hudson went on a three hour, 40 mile bike ride last Tuesday to Cobden and back into Carbondale. They took a break at Lookout Point in Alto Pass, ate ham, sand, water and took in the view.

"Lookout Point was a nice place to take a break and refresh our bodies. The view is nice. Even though it was a gloomy day, we were able to see Bald Knob Crags," McNichols said.

They see a lot of wildlife including deer, raccoons, skunks and sometimes flocks of birds on their trips, especially when riding in the Shawnee National Forest.

"It is sad to say but some of the times these animals are road kills," McNichols said.

"On Tuesday we saw a white tail deer jump in front of a car and get launched into the ditch. By the time we approached the deer it wasn't moving. It was sad to see a beautiful animal die like that," McNichols said.

McNichols would like the trails in the Shawnee National see McNICHOLS, page 11

Biking trails abundant in area

National forest offers lakes, paths, sights

By Norm Smyth
Sports Writer

Running through areas populated with native trees and wildlife and enriched with the plentiful waters of area lakes, biking trails crisscross the rolling hills in Southern Illinois.

Some of the more popular trails are in the Shawnee National Forest, along the Ava Blacktop, along Rt. 127 south of Murphysboro and the Trans-America Trail, which follow a east-west route across Southern Illinois.

Dirt and gravel roads in the Shawnee National Forest are accessible to bikers. U.S. Bike Route 76 winds through the Shawnee National Forest, ending south of Carbondale at Highway 51 and ending at Cave-In-Rock State Park.

"This trail takes you through parks, past rivers and lakes, while leading right into the heart of the

Young sport of cycle racing exploding into public realm

By Norm Smyth
Sports Writer

In the last two decades, mountain bike racing has burst onto the cycling scene. In the early days, a few daredevils challenged each other on dirt trails forecasting what was to come.

Mountain bike racing is only one type of bicycle racing that millions of people enjoy year around. From road racing to bicycle auto-cross racing to bicycling tours, these people enjoy the thrill of the race.

Bike racing is sponsored by a host of organizations the National Off-Road Bicycle Association, The National Bicycle League and The American Bicycle Association.

The USGF is the national governing body for amateur competitive cycling for the United States Olympic Committee. The USCF is in charge of developing future Olympic biclists and sponsors 2 000 bike/ing events.

The USCF is made up of 33,000 licensed riders and more than 1,100 member clubs. USCF membership increases on the average 14 percent.

Because of the thrill of trying to make the Olympic squad, see RACING, page 12
Calamity equals hilarity in Neil Simon's 'Rumors'  
By Ronn Byrd Entertainment Writer

Misunderstanding and comedy abound in McLeod Theater's presentation of Neil Simon's 'Rumors.' From the amusing beginning to the bittersweet ending, the farce never stops dishing out the laughs. Tracey Moon's performance is absolutely wonderful as the gossip and carry Claire Ganz, as is Beth Perry as the highly annoying and loud Cookie Cooper.

Excellent performances are given by Kristi Atius as emotionally estranged Claire Ganz's new bride, Riley Bridget McCall as the spacey and skinny Cassie Cooper. The play involves the 10th wedding anniversary of the deputy mayor of New York and a dinner party with his closest friends. The host has attempted suicide because of unknown reasons. As the guests arrive, the humor stems from the rumors and cover-ups as they try to protect not only their host's reputation, but their own as well.

The play has strong direction from Christian Moe, and there is no problem with timing or spacing of the 10 cast members. Each couple is introduced upon arrival, giving the audience ample background. Problems with the show come from initial confusion at the large cast of characters.

'Rumors' is a very physical comedy. The players are up and down the stairs, in and out doors and occasionally rolling on the floor. But this general confusion adds to the overall hysteria. Often, while one character is talking, another is doing something bizarre, such as Cassie Cooper rubbing her meditation crystal over her forehead. The best couple has to be Cassie and Glen Cooper. Cassie's hot and codd running personality and Glen's attempts to placate her help move the play through a potentially low spot.

Overall, the plot is fast paced and never boggs down. Running gags, such as Mississippi Zimmer's 'en German who goes temporarily deaf,' bring the misunderstandings to a pinnacle.

The gag with the names is excellent. Claire Ganz realizes all the women's names, Chris, Claire, Cookie and Cassie begin with a 'C,' while their husbands' names all rhyme — Glen, Ken and Len. Cookie's line, 'and they're all men!' had the audience in stitches.

The set is a two-story apartment, very well done in detail and decor. Everything is placed so the full set is visible from anywhere in the house.

The costumes give the play a high-society air it is supposed to have, but are still very tasteful. Each fits the character perfectly, especially Cookie's '60-year-old' Polish dress.

As the play draws toward its ending, where everything is finally brought out in the open and lies are told simultaneously), more insults begin to fly as tensions increase, especially when the police show up to investigate gambits.

William Kieker as Leney Ganz shows in the end as he gives the police the ultimate fabricated explanation that sends the police away and saves the day. It brought down the house with applause.

The play stands out with fantastic direction. The acting carries the story from moderately funny to outstandingly hilarious.

Budget cuts hit Illinois State Fairs
by Christine Leninger
Entertainment Editor

Budget cuts to the Illinois State Fair in Springfield and DuQuoin have forced officials to trim activity schedules. State Fair officials met Thursday to decide on the length of the DuQuoin State Fair, and should release the results of that meeting sometime today, said Ellen Grant, spokesperson for the fair.

"It is not probable the fair will be eliminated, Grant said, but there will be cuts made to the fair schedule. "It is possible lawmakers will decide to eliminate the fair in the future," she said. "But that is not something on their agenda at this time. They will be deciding what changes need to be made to accommodate the budget cuts for this year's fair."

This year's Illinois State Fair in Springfield is two days shorter as a result of the recent cuts which total $1.7 million, leaving $3.2 million for the fair budget and $3.5 million for buildings and grounds. It will run Aug. 15 through Aug. 23. Because of the shortening of the fair, headlining entertainers Color Me Badd and the 3-5-2's have been canceled, along with the truck and tractor pulls.

Fair Manager Bud Hall said in a statement that fair officials proposed reductions in the budget for the State Fair, but the additional cuts by the General Assembly have forced them to shorten the fair and cancel some of the entertainment and other events.

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If bikers need to understand to dismount their bicycles in the walk
bike areas on campus, they will avoid high incidents rates between bicyclists and pedestrians.

Professor Ed McNichols, an avid bike rider for the past 30 years, sees a problem with the safety of bikers trying to get to campus.

I think that bikers need to be safer when riding in campus, and I fear that many bikers are unaware of the rules they must follow when on the highway," McNichols said.

Some rules and regulations can be found in a brochure at the University Parking Division located in Washington Square D.

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"forest," said Anne Mueller, public affairs assistant for the Illinois Department of Conservation.

Trail riding on the bike trails is prohibited, but there are many gravel and dirt roads you can follow that will take you through some beautiful scenery, said Doug McTuree. Those are areas of the Phoenix Cycling in Carbondale.

Biking is popular on many back

roads throughout the forest because of the rich natural settings, challenging hills, and dark forest. Many plants and trees like oak, tulip and maple can be seen from the roads. Biking is illegal within the designated wilderness areas.

Other bike routes include the Ava blacktop, a paved road leading from Ava into Murphyboro, and is a well marked route. The route has long hills making for tough rides up and easy coasting down.

The Trans-America Trail (Bicentennial Route), which crosses into Illinois at Modoc and continues to Cave-In-Rock, passes through Murphyboro and includes the 1970s era route followed a marked route east and west through Southern Illinois.

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and Murray State. The new opponents for the season are Arkansas State and Western Kentucky.

"Northern Iowa is picked to win the Gateway as well as the Division I-AA national championship," Meyer said.

Meyer said the Salukis will play Northern Iowa at 12-19 in the home crowd in the middle of October.

"We were the only Gateway team to beat Northern Iowa last season with a 21-0 victory at home, which ended up winning the conference," Meyer said.

The Salukis were picked to finish third in the Gateway in one pre-season poll and sixth in another. The polls were established by coaches and sports writers for the Gateway.

"I like to be in the underdog position, and we're in that every time we're proving these polls wrong," Meyers said.

"This is the first time we have a chance to compete in every football game. We have made great strides and feel we can compete for the Gateway title," Meyers said.

Some of the key returning players for the Salukis on offense are quarterback Scott Gabbert, fullback Yonell Jordon, tailbacks Anthony Perry and Greg Brown.

On defense some key players are safety Kevin Walker and linemen Ed Center and Ron Moran.

"These kids are the foundation of our team and they should be major contributors for the up-coming season," Meyers said.