Suspect charged in sexual assaults

Joseph charged with four counts of Class X felonies

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Tejas and anger filled the Peoria Courthouse Friday afternoon as police presented a case charging James K. Joseph Jr., 32, of Tamaroa. The suspect is accused of sexual assault against two 10-year-old girls, a 20-year-old woman and the attempted robbery of a 14-year-old girl.

James K. Joseph Jr., 32, was charged Friday with attempted attempted rape, aggravated criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of children and tampering with evidence. All are Class X felonies except for attempted aggravated robbery.

If convicted, Joseph could receive a 20-year prison sentence per Class X felony and be fined up to $25,000 for each offense.

The attempted aggravated robbery charge is a Class 2 felony, Joseph, who is a registered sex offender, is eligible for an extended sentence on this charge. That sentence can go up to 14-year Illinois prison sentence is up to 20,000 first if convicted of attempted aggravated robbery.

Joseph allegedly indicated Oct. 8 that he would go to the police station in Davenport that I had a firearm, weekend a 14-year-old female to the ground and demanded money.

He also allegedly displayed a pair of pipe Oct. 29 and convicted a 13-year-old girl to the Moos-Murt that it was a dangerous weapon before he actually sexual assault.

Joseph also faces charges stemming from Oct. 23, 14-year-old female assaulted.

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He had lived in Cuhio and he was a Tamaroa resident for the past five years, he claimed.

He worked as a security officer at the Peoria County Jail, making a net salary of $1,146 per month.

At Friday’s arraignment hearing, Joseph kept them both happy. He did not intend to make his bail, which is set at $75,000.

Peoria County State’s Attorney David Stanton said he is considering the request to incarcerate Joseph without bail.

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Governor, Senate president agree on death penalty package

Bill approved in Senate, awaiting House vote

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Gov. Rod Blagojevich praised the state legislature’s efforts to strengthen the death penalty package with an intergovernmental veto.

During last week’s vetoes session, Blagojevich and Jones were able to reach an agreement that would give the governor the power to reject any bill that he believes would give an unfair advantage to certain groups.

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Ethics package to clean up politics

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The ethics bill, or House Bill 5412, would create punishment for corruption in government and would fulfill an ethics commission as a watchdog over government workers to ensure they are operating in an ethical and honest manner.

Members of the ethics commis- sion would be appointed by the governor, attorney general, comptroller, treasurer, and a public protector.

Each office would nominate two candidates from the party and two from a different political party. From these 20 nominees, the governor will appoint four to the commission. The highest-ranking officer in the state government will then appoint three officers from the remaining group of 12 nominees.

The bill would also clarify Illinois’ political work provision, provide a gift ban and institute ongoing ethics training for government officials.

Blagojevich, who supports the package, sent it back to lawmakers with a number of changes and tougher provisions. The trailer bill, which is currently being considered, would likely go to the Senate and the House.

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**National News**

Democrats boxed in politically by situation in Iraq

WASHINGTON (KRC) - Despite persistent complaints about President Bush's policy in Iraq, few leading Democrats want to bring the US home any time soon.

The closest the party's presidential hopefuls have to a consensus approach would love American troops in Iraq indefinitely and hope for more international help - not strikingly different from Bush's policy.

The result is the Democrats are in a box, eager to rip Bush's leadership away to Iraq without the support of many allies, but unwilling to allocate a withdrawal they think would leave Iraq in turmoil, U.S. standing damaged abroad and their own political fortunes shrouded as they were until.

Shut shop withdrawing U.S. forces, Democrats are left pondering different ways to get other countries to send soldiers and money. Thus, they say, would take the American flag off the occupation and, in the words of Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, take the target off the backs of U.S.

Only two of the party's nine presidential candidates urge withdrawing American troops, Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio and the Reverend Al Sharpton of New York, but even Kucinich makes his proposal contingent on getting the United Nations to move in first, at best an uncertain prospect.

Indeed, the United Nations withdrew all its personnel from Baghdad after suicide-bomb attacks there.

Poll reveals minority of voters would not re-elect Bush

(CNN) - A poll released Saturday finds more registered voters want to see Bush re-elected, while 44 percent said they do.

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**International News**

Deaths mount in bloody week for troops in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) - Three US. soldiers were killed Saturday in two separate vehicle attacks, the second deaths in a bloody week for Americans.

Thirty-seven U.S. troops and one Polish soldier have died in Iraq since Thursday of last week-west of Jeddah.

Two soldiers were killed when their vehicle ran over a homemade bomb on a main highway west of Fallujah near the village of Shur, about 30 miles west of Baghdad. A third soldier died when his convoy hit a roadside bomb Saturday night in Baghdad's al-Wehda district.

One of the 17 Americans who died this week was killed in a non-fatal incident. Although thousands suspect an attack brought down the Black Hawk helicopter that carried Friday, killing six soldiers, it has not determined that conclusively.

The military confirmed all other deaths were caused by enemies of the coalition.

Koizumi weakened in Japan election

TOKYO, (CNN) - Japan's opposition made big gains in Sunday's elections, eroding Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's majority in Parliament and dampening his hopes for a strong mandate to carry out ambitious economic and political reforms, exit polls showed.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said his coalition would have to rethink its policy as it lost its 252-seat majority in the lower house of Parliament - still a majority, but below its previous

It was Koizumi's first trial in general elections since he took power more than two years ago - and he had boasted the tightly contested race as a test for public support of his reforms.

While his coalition looked set to maintain control of the government, Koizumi's Liberal Democratic Party was forecast to lose the simple majority it enjoyed by itself before the election.

**Corrections**

- Readers who spot an error should contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

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**Police Reports**

Ronald Carl Curry, 31, of Royalton was arrested on a Jackson County warrant for an original charge of domestic battery at 1:05 p.m. Wednesday.

Curry was unable to post bond and was taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro, where he was released on bond.

Quinn Ly, 21, of Wayjekan was arrested and charged with possession of less than 30 grams of marijuana, delivery of less than 30 grams of marijuana and driving while intoxicated at 11:15 p.m. Thursday. He was arrested at the intersection of East Park Street and Logan Drive.

St. Louis posted $100 cash bond.

Michael Smith Balls, 21, of Forest Park was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct at 2:14 p.m. Friday at Frey Hall. Balls was unable to post required bond and was taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro, where he was released on bond.

Carbondale

Police said a burglary occurred between 5 p.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. Thursday in the 700 block of South Rawlings Drive.

The victim reported the residence was entered between those times and a color TV, a Phillips DVD player, a Sharp VCR, a Compaq computer system, a Nintendo Wii game system, a Sony PlayStation 2 game system, a Nintendo Revolution game system and a wide-screen television were reported missing. Total losses are estimated at $624.

**Calendar**

Today

NAACP Meeting

Thebe Room in the Student Center

Nightly at 6 p.m.

THE DAILY EGYPTIAN, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discourse while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
STUC Habitat for Humanity reaches out to Cobden migrant community with paint
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Fifty volunteer from the Habitat for Humanity SIUC chapter made their way to Cobden early Saturday morning to make improvements in the lives of people in Southern Illinois. As the group split up to accomplish 11 maintenance tasks in Cobden, one group of Habitat for Humanity volunteers painted and cleared the Union-Jackson County Farm Worker Housing Association. Chris Pitala, advisor to Habitat for Humanity at SIUC, said the SIU chapter is an affiliate working partner with Jackson County Habitat for Humanity International. He said the group is committed to improving housing conditions in Southern Illinois. "That’s why we’re all out here,” Pitala said. Some habitat workers painted walls inside, while others fixed up the outside furniture. Warren Edwards, a sophomore in business from Chicago, was one of the volunteers who took time out of his Saturday morning to make living conditions better for the migrant camp. "If it’s not hard work, it’s kind of fun,” Edwards said. "I could be a house watching TV, but I’m here doing something.” Willie Walker, a sophomore in industrial technologies from Belfield, has done more work in the past, but this was his first time working with Habitat for Humanity. "I’m trying to give back to the community, even though it’s not mine,” he said.

There were so many volunteers that they could not all fit on the bus that transported them from Carbondale. Walker, whose built resembles that of a football player, squeezed into a Ford Probe with four others to make the 13-mile trip to Cobden. While community service is a requirement Walker needs to fulfill to become eligible for a scholarship he is applying for in January, it was not his only motivation for donating his time. "I’m doing this so when [migrant workers] come back, this place will be in a better condition,” Walker said. The Union-Jackson County Farm Worker Housing Association in Cobden houses Mexican farm workers who work seasonally in the Southern Illinois agriculture industry. Currently, the camp is almost empty. Most of the workers and their families have left the compound but will return next spring for the planting season. The camp contains 26 housing units that can be occupied by as many as six people in each unit. The

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Constitutional rights discussed during Jessie
Jackson, Jr. 'Freedom Ain't Free' lecture

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It was a long wait, but almost two hours after his scheduled arrival, 11-year-old Courtney Flowers turned on her video camera and recorded someone the crowd refers to as a role model — Jessie Jackson Jr.

Jackson spoke in front of a packed room of all ages at the Student Center Ballroom Sunday night.

"When I first didn't see him here I thought he wasn't going to show up, then when I saw him I was excited," Flowers said. "My mom's part of the NAACP... and I have heard about him for a long time.

Jackson was the keynote speaker at the 27th annual Freedom Fund Banquet sponsored by the Freedom Fund and the Carbondale division of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Jackson said the Constitution needed to be amended to keep up with the ongoing struggle for human rights.

"I think something new would happen when we struggle for the right as we voted in 1865," Jackson said. "NAACP of Carbondale, IL can believe and I believe in all of this, you have got to believe that we can amend the Constitution of the United States, we can beat George Bush, we can return our democracy to the American people, we can provide every American with healthcare and every child with a decent education."

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole said Jackson's speech was a good opportunity for the community to draw attention to issues that are sometimes overlooked.

"I think the struggles for the NAACP are long over and it's something that this society is going to have to deal with," Cole said.

Although some sponsors provide assistance for housing accommodations, all externs are generally responsible for their own housing, meals and transportation.

Fowler said his externship was unique because of its hands-on training for the whole day, first morning, Fowler reported to the Association recognizing medals in recognition of its contributions to the externship program at SIUC.

"I did hands-on training for the whole day, just like the dealership technicians did," Fowler said. "I met everyone that was attending the training and talked to them about how they like their jobs and talked to them about plans for the future.

"It was great talking to actual people that work in a dealership. They told me how they felt about working in the industry," Fowler said.

In previous years, students have been offered opportunities at a variety of companies including: Ascension Health, Boeing, The Chicago Tribune, General Motors andYounkers National Park.

These companies are updated every year. More companies are continuously added, and those who have positive experiences with externs and also the program.

A graduate from Lewis & Clark Community College in East Alton, Illinois, Joel B. Krebs, represented these success stories in automotive technology, Fowler said. He came to SIUC for the opportunities and in-depth training on the latest technology offered by the University's automotive program.

"The reason I transferred to SIU is they have one of, if not the best, automotive programs in the country," Fowler said.

SIUC was recognized as the best automotive school in the country in 1991 and 1999, something Jack Greer, chairman of the College of Applied Science and Arts and Automotive Technology, said is special.

"I think it is impressive that the automotive industry gives the award," said Greer, who has spent more than 25 years in the automotive program.

The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education has awarded the Alumni Association two silver medals in recognition of its excellence in planning and executing the External Program.

The deadline for students to apply for a 2004 externship is Nov. 14.

Prospective applicants must meet a minimum grade point average requirement, be enrolled at SIUC for both fall and spring semesters, satisfy an extensive application process, complete a screening interview, contact the director prior to the externship and attend the externship recognition ceremony after returning from campus.

One-third of externs participants are offered future employment opportunities with their sponsoring companies and organizations.

"It's a great program," Jones said. "Even the internships that are offered are great opportunities for young people looking to find out what they want to do in the industry."

Fowler said students that are considering signing up for an externship should try it at least once.

"If you don't mind giving up your spring break, it will most likely pay off in the end," Fowler said. "Firms...emphasize to me that students are the dedicated enough to give up a week of free time to experience the job market. They are that kind of commitment."

World War II veterans saluted

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will be saluted at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Illinois Avenue. Cole will be on hand to give a speech at the event.

On Campus

Kingston to present Emerson lecture

University students will have the opportunity to listen to former Secretary of State Colin L. Powell's senior seminar lecture, sponsored by the Emerson Faculty Organization, at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the School of Law auditorium.

The University's director of art and design, will present "Forty Years of National Security: A Retrospective." Kingston founded the academic program at SIUC, which is the only MFA black studies program in the country.

His work is shown in museums all over the world, including the Smithsonian and the Metropolitan Museum of Rome. A reception will follow the presentation.
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Young women ranging in ages from 4 to 18 had the chance to strut their stuff on the catwalk in hopes of raising money to attend conferences and recreational activities. The Pearllettes, Amicettes and Archonettes are subgroups of the youth group and look to the women of Zeta Phi Beta for guidance, sisterhood and love.

The models for the fashion show included 26 members of the Youth Auxiliary groups and 11 male volunteers from the community. Tammy Chapman, president of the graduate chapter, said the idea of having a fashion show stemmed from wanting to give the young girls an opportunity to be involved in a positive community event.

"We teach the girls self-esteem, self-confidence, business skills and how to be a leader," Chapman said. "We wanted to show the young women how to represent themselves and do so with their heads held high." 

Alica Seallark, a student of Carbondale Middle School, and Michelle Boykins, a student at Carbondale Community High School, used humor, intellect and respect as hosts of the event.

Seallark, an Amicette and first-time public speaker, said although she was nervous, she was glad to be part of such an important event.

"It was great to be involved," Seallark said, because there are the women [the Zeta Phi Beta members] that we aspire to be.

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THEIR WORD

Agreement shows progress from RIAA

Daily Orange (Syracuse U.)

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP-WIRE) — Napster is back and running for a small fee, and that skateboard-riding logo is setting its sights on college campuses.

Pennsylvania State University became the first college to team up with a file-sharing program when it announced Thursday it would give students access to Napster 2.0 as part of the student fees.

The partnership does not come without fine print — students will have access to streams of its library of songs but will have to pay the $0.99 fee if they want a permanent download or to burn the song to a CD.

The steps the music industry has taken to begin to appease its primary audience, college-age listeners, is long overdue. Even though the attempt is filled with loopholes for the students, it is a good start to mend the severed relationship between the Recording Industry Association of America and a major fanbase.

The methods employed by the RIAA before this new measure have been disrespectful and ridiculous. Their misguided attempts to sue the listeners has failed miserably.

It is high time the RIAA focuses on more viable solutions, like the Penn State-Napster alliance. Through forms of compromise, the music industry and the consumer can begin the process of reconciliation.

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The move by Napster and Penn State is a step in the right direction — it certainly took long enough.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Justice is served

Alan Lamb
senior, English

This week’s conviction of the Green River Killer in Washington State presents us with an excellent opportunity to select one of the many cases of the death penalty in America. Gary Ridgway, confused murderer and impost of women, pled guilty before a judge and God to all 48 counts of first degree murder against him. Yet he will not be executed for his crimes.

Ridgway’s life is spared, a plea bargain deal in exchange for information from America’s most prolific serial killer keeps him from the gallows.

Is this justice? If you’re against the death penalty like I am, then the answer is yes. Perhaps there is an “outrage” here though, as some in the media, who already portrayed him to be the vigilantes on the streets? As much as it would seem just to the RIAA, and that skateboard-riding logo is setting its sights on college campuses.

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"We have a tradition of good writers around this area, and so we're trying to kind of create a momentum for writing in the community and acknowledge the good writers and the writing that goes on in this area."

--- Brandy Udall
assistant professor, creative writing

Padgett Powell, an author whose work has appeared in magazines such as The New Yorker, Harper's and Esquire, pauses for a moment while reading one of his unpublished short stories Thursday evening in Brown Auditorium as part of the Devil's Kitchen Literary Festival.

**Literature in the Devil's Kitchen**

*Second annual festival continues to build a literary community*

*story by Linsey Maughan*

I t was a weekend of a different sort, an escape to another place and a once-in-a-year opportunity for those who attended.

The second annual Devil's Kitchen Literary Festival proved to be another winner as the love of literature brought together faculty, students and the Carbondale community for three unforgettable days.

"It is a way for not only the writers to interact with each other, but for people in the community and the University to all be part of a big thing at one time," said Mike Magson, head of SIUC's creative writing program.

"We didn't pick big enough rooms last year. It was made up for," Magson said. "It was very well attended." This year, most of the readings took place in Brown Auditorium in the Parkinson Building.

"The Devil's Kitchen Literary Festival is something we started to try to build a literary community in Carbondale and the University," said Brandy Udall, assistant professor of creative writing and English. "It's in the second year now, we've invited lots of amazing readers, poets and fiction writers."

Udall hopes the literary festival will help enhance the local writing community while giving students the opportunity to hear accomplished writers in person.

"It is a way for not only the writers who visit here to interact with each other, but for people in the community and the University to all become part of a big thing at one time," said Mike Magson, head of SIUC's creative writing program.

"We had an article in The Daily Egyptian this weekend about the festival. We had a lot of positive feedback. People said they really enjoyed it. They thought it was a great event for the community."

"It just goes to show that if you put on a good event, people will come," said Alonzo.

The festival began late Thursday afternoon with a reading from SIUC alumnus and poet Adam Miethe, who read from his master's degree in creative writing.

Fiction writer Steve Lattimore followed Miethe with an excerpt from a book he has been working on for seven years.

Also, poet Chad Davidson and fiction writer/poet Laura Kasischke gave readings, including several poems by Davidson and a short story by Kasischke.

"Everything is great, great experience, great time," Davidson said.

"It's been a blast, couldn't be better," Kasischke said of the literary festival. "It's good to be back. I really valued my time here."

Guests are currently reading his second book, and two different publishers have expressed interest in publishing it.

Boisseau teaches undergraduate and graduate level English and creative writing courses at the University of Missouri in Kansas City and is also working on poems for a future collection.

"I've seen so many students who want to be involved in so many different kinds of ways, and are interested in poetry," Boisseau said. "And I've found that the kids have this really wonderful program for writers. SIU is so fun. It's inspiring. I wish we could do better here in Kansas City."

Fiction writer Padgett Powell, who has published two collections of short stories and four novels, gave a reading of several unpublished short stories. Powell is the winner of the University of Florida's MFA writing program. Powell said he is currently working on a book of "little weird things" such as the stories he read for the festival.

"This is a very good-looking festival for something only two years old," he said. "They're coming along very nicely here."

Saturday, poet Natasha Trethewey, and fiction writer Dan Chaon gave readings in Davis Auditorium of the University of Georgia. Chaon has written two books of stories, the second of which, "Among the Missing," was a finalist in the National Book Award competition.

Tunney said he has written two novels, "The Devil's Kitchen Literary Festival" and "A Wake Up," which came out last year in the fall.

"I think I could ask for more," Trethewey said.

"It's been really, really pleased with that. There have been just enough to fill Brown Auditorium each night, and I don't think I could ask for more than that. With all of the headlines and everything that goes along with the festival, if there is someone reading and there is a bunch of students that turn out and show up and listen to them read, that makes it all worthwhile," Trethewey said.

Campbell and Alonso expect to see the Devil's Kitchen Literary Festival grow even more in the coming years.

"I just think it's something that, when I'm an alumnus, like 20 or 30 years from now, I'm going to look back on it and it's still going to be going strong," Alonso said. "It's also to be a part of something like that."
Foreign language boom sweeps universities

Robert Becker

(KRT) — An increasingly global economy, terrorism and war being world events have American students returning to foreign language courses in record numbers.

According to a study released Thursday by the Modern Language Association, 1.4 million American college students — a 43 percent increase over the last nine years, are taking foreign language study — the most since the group conducted its first nationwide survey in 1972.

Since 1991 — the last time the study was done — the number of students enrolled in foreign language courses has jumped 17 percent, compared with 0.8 percent student taking such courses has risen to 8.7 percent, the highest it's been since 1972.

Students say the study of languages is not just an exercise in verb tenses and vocabulary. Rather, it's a unique window into another culture.

"Through German I'm getting a better understanding of Germany and the multinational process they're still undergoing and just some of the things they've gone through over the last 50 years — the Cold War and all that," said Jesse Miller, a freshman at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Study of some languages has risen sharply. Since 1969, enrollment in Arabic has increased 92.5 percent — to 10,956 students from 3,569 — and Biblical Hebrew was up 39 percent, to 14,469 students from 9,069.

"It lacks to doubts it's the interest in global issues," said Rosemary Feal, executive director of the association.

The world is smaller, and people are much more aware of the need to expand their learning beyond the borders of the U.S.

Even with the jump, foreign language study in America's colleges and universities lags far behind schools in Europe, where language study often begins as early as age 5, and high school graduates are proficient in two languages.

The good news is we're seeing something — a three-decade decline in language acquisition," said David Ward, the British-born president of the American Council on Education and the former chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"So it's two, not three, not four.

The study notes that although Spanish, French and German still dominate the academic landscape, colleges have broadened their offerings, teaching 148 of the less commonly taught languages in 2003, compared with 137 in 1998. Those languages include Ojibwe, Swahili, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

It's great in terms of educating students in a global way," said Larry Schreiber, a professor of French and executive associate dean for humanities at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. "It's a great way to develop and foster global awareness.

Education experts said American schools have witnessed dramatic increases in language enrollment despite the 1990s and the Cold War.

At the time, national security concerns — the need to translate foreign technical journals and analyze intelligence data — prompted students to study Russian and other Eastern European languages.

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Local outside


Students take part in Ag open house

Agponsor Program has open house as part of Saluki Spirit Day

Andy Horonzy

High school seniors from across the state have a chance to sneak a peek at the SIUC campus Saturday as the College of Agricultural Sciences and the Biology Department held an open house as part of Saluki Spirit Day.

Whether they hailed from the suburbs of Chicago or nearby Mount Vernon, about 35 prospective students interested in agriculture made the trek with their families to Carbondale to gain insights and information from a few members representing the University's Ambassador Program.

DuWayne Woody, associate professor of animal science food and nutrition, said the event, which took place in the Agriculture Building, served as an opportunity to provide interested students with a basic overview of the University's agriculture program and what SIUC can offer.

"We want to try and give an explanation of the kinds of classes we offer and an introduction to the many different aspects of our program," Woody said. "It allows us to cover any questions they may have about classes, credit hours and what it's like for them to complete their degree." Woody said one of the principal goals of the event, which included a tour of the University's agriculture facilities, was to expose students to the family atmosphere of the SIUC program.

"I understand that coming to college can be a big transition," Woody said. "It's important to note that most of us here have an open-door policy where students can come in and talk to us about anything. This is an environment that not a lot of other schools can say they offer.

Finding out what a school has to offer is really the only way to figure out what fits you as a student's interest, Woody said, saying there was a time he was not sure what direction he would take his studies.

"I was out of high school two years before I even went to college," Woody said. ""I didn't know when to quit." I can't join anymore, but there's just that one aspect he thought could draw the interest of prospective students is the fact that the University has made available to students.

"The best thing I can say is join, join, join," Washburn said. "I know that I've joined so much that I really can't join anymore, but there's just so much to do down here that it's amazing."

Washburn also said it was important for students to remember just because they are interested in pursuing a career in agriculture does not mean their experience at SIUC would be limited to one campus.

"I know that I'm hoping to get a minor in chemistry," Washburn said. "I know a lot of people here that have changed their mind along the way, and it's important to always keep that in mind."

But for several of the prospective students who attended the event, agriculture was the only thing they were interested in. Josh Boroski, a senior at St. Joseph-Ogden High School, said he thought this trip to Carbondale cemented his desire toward both SIUC and agriculture.

"They're really got a lot of things that are very appealing to me," Boroski said. "They seem to be really connected to agriculture here, and that's kind of what I'm looking for most in a school."

Megan Stufflebeam, a high school senior from Petersburg who plans to major in pre-veterinarian medicine, takes to her mother, Susan, during an individualized meeting for interested students interested in animal science food and nutrition. Many high school seniors came to visit the SIU campus for the Ag open house.

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Nickel will feature new ‘tails’ designs

Alata Sue Petkov
Assistant Professor of Art & Design

WASHINGTON (KTR) — Next year, the nickel will get not one but two face-lifts. It commemorates the bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase, with the Lewis and Clark expedition, and the U.S. Mint on Thursday unveiled two new designs for the "tails" side of the 2004 coin. It would be the first change to the 5-cent coin since 1938, when the Indian head, or buffalo, nickel gave way to the current version featuring Thomas Jefferson and his home, Monticello.

This spring, about 500 million tiny nickel cabochons decorating the Louisiana Purchase commemorative quarters, it's not off production lines. Next fall, the mint will pay homage to explorers Capt. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark with another special-edition nickel. Jefferson's profile will continue to grace the face of the new coin, ringed by the phrases "In God We Trust" and "Liberty 2004.""
"If you in. I told on you," Gates said. "She said, 'What do you think I think? I'm a cop!'" Gates said he was in the Perry County Courthouse. The hearing is in Petersburg on Friday morning. Joseph is charged with four Class A felonies and one Class 2 felony.

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by Linda C. Black

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Today is a 6. If you don’t find up by taking on the entire world right now, relax. Your life should soon be getting easier, Somebody else wants a turn. Be on the alert and be sure to keep the fire going, as suggested by the above content.
### Crossword

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1. Remove knots
2. Lab medium
3. Commute
4. Gl. Ill. ranch
5. Long jump record holder 1968-91
6. 14-15 Across
7. Tim or Beryl
8. Sphynx
9. 16 Across
10. Buzzette
11. Boy's money
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14. 30 across
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23. Demonstrated
24. First-rate
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30. Shaven
31. Actress
32. Mineral spring
33. Skim
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**SHERBERT**

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4. Sherbert
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**Solutions**

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5. Fiscal period
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10. Premium quality
11. Words at the start
12. Ex-CBS Dana's
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Volleyball

Siu junior point guard Daphney Desamours drives against a Coldstar defender during Sunday's exhibition game at the SIU Arena. Desamours hit a 3-point shot with less than a minute to go to tie the game, and the Salukis went on to win 64-42.

### Loss to Illinois State takes Salukis out of race

The Salukis (18-2, 12-1 SIU) had to win against the Redbirds (29-2, 3-1) on the road to stay in the hunt but couldn't, losing 3-0. The Salukis, who had three wins in a row and were tied for the lead in the Missouri Valley Conference, dropped to 12-2 in the MVC, 3-9 in the loss to Illinois State.

The Salukis had a comfortable lead at 22-20 in the first set, but the Redbirds went on a 22-2 run to close the set, 22-20. The Redbirds extended their lead in the second set, taking a 10-3 lead and holding a 25-13 advantage. The Redbirds swept the Salukis, 3-0 (22-20, 25-13, 25-18).

### Siu defeats Indiana State to complete the season sweep

The Salukis defeated the Indiana State Sycamores 3-0 at the SIU Arena Sunday afternoon.

The Salukis dominated the game, winning all three sets 25-7, 25-17, 25-18. The Salukis outplayed the Sycamores in all aspects of the game, leading in total points (90-54), kills (30-11), digs (37-26), and service aces (8-1).

The Salukis are now 20-2 overall, 14-0 in the Missouri Valley Conference, and have completed the season sweep against the Sycamores this year.

### History

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Despite losing to Illinois State, the Salukis are still in the running for the Missouri Valley Conference title. With a win over Illinois State, the Salukis would move to 13-1 in the conference and 15-6 overall.

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On a day when Samuelsen was the star of the show, there were still positives for 41 yards in what he called one of the shoppest games of his career. The junior was 10-of-18 with 153 yards and 6 touchdowns against the dominant rushing attack.

The Salukis scored up 337 yards on the ground including two stellar performances by two of the season's top rushers in the state. The Salukis ran to dominate the game in senior day festivities — Tom Kouwen, and Aboudlhossein.

With passing game being a struggle for the Salukis, "Them's football" and "Lightning" also combined for 275 yards on 40 carries to run the conference clinching victory.

"If we're not rolling then this game is over," Head coach Larry Egan said.

"You find one with a different story and let me know, I'd like to see it. It's incredible to me, absolutely incredible," that these kids have done," Larry Egan said.

"That was just the beginning of their transition need of scoring," Egan said.

"They weren't able to score 40 points, it's a tough loss," Egan said.

"We're here for the win, not the loss," Egan said.

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SIU sophomore Christian Tinajero competes in the 200-yard breaststroke event against Missouri Saturday afternoon at the Recreation Center pool. The Salukis won the meet first time in eight years.

**Swimming and Diving**

**Water Dawgs upset Mizzou**

SIU edges Tigers for first time in eight years

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The sweater vest has worked all season for SIU football coach Jerry Kill, who wore the vest of his Missouri days. At the Recreation Center pool, SIU swimming and diving head coach Bill Sigler, who won the 500 and 1650 freestyle, added his team's third victory over Missouri in eight years, so this one was really pleasant.

The Salukis won by a score of 171-129 and swept the final event, the 200-yard freestyle relay, to begin the celebration.

"It was crazy," sophomore Jason Sigler said. "It's nice winning the World. It's a great feeling."

SIU had already clinched the win prior to that final event, but the team's one-two finish attended Walker.

Walker, who won the 500 and 1000 freestyle races, was one of three Salukis to win two events. Junior Andrew Gangl took first in the 100 and 200 butterfly, and junior Matthew Haddix won the 100 and 200 backstroke.

Senior Brian Holden finished second in the 200 and 500 freestyle, in addition to winning the 400 individual medley.

SIU lost to Missouri by 18 points last season but allowed the Tigers to win just six of 16 events in a close meet.

Sunday afternoon, "We certainly didn't expect that we were gonna go one-two. They got an awesome free relay," Walker said. "It was unexpected, it was awesome."

"Missouri's Alner set a new pool record in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 55.32 seconds.

The Salukis men will face last year's Division II national champs, Drury. Saturday afternoon at the Edward Shuh Natatorium before traveling to West Lafayette, Ind., to compete in the Purdue Invitational Nov. 22-23, when numerous major conference teams will be present.

"We go in there, and we know that we've got a major school like Missouri, we know we can hang with Purdue and Indiana," Sigler said, "and we can give them a good run, and show them that we're not pushovers and not to be taken lightly."

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**Gateway Football**

**N. Iowa defeats by WKU**

No. 8 Western Kentucky 24, No. 6 Northern Iowa 3

The Hilltoppers knocked Northern Iowa out of first place in the Gateway and are now one step closer to earning an at-large bid to the NCAA playoffs following their upset victory over the Panthers.

Freshman quarterback Justin Haddix threw for a career-high 226 yards, and wide receiver Casey Johnson totaled 142 receiving yards as Western scored three second-half touchdowns en route to victory at No. 6 Northern Iowa.

Haddix was 10-of-15 passing, and he added 33 yards on the ground and a 31-yard reception from Rosen to give the first catch of his career.

Northern Iowa's Terrence O'Neal came into the game averaging a conference-best 131.8 yards per game, but he finished him with 134 yards and 13 carries.

The Panthers' Tom Patron was 21-of-37 for 233 yards passing, but they were 1-of-2 in the red zone.

Northern Iowa will play host to SIU this Saturday with the Gateway crown on the line. Western will be the road for a game at Youngstown State. "We'll be in the red zone in the league," Winfield said.

No. 10 Western Illinois 34, Indiana State 28

Travis Scalf tied an Indiana State fumble that was returned by Western Illinois' Wyatt Green for a 20-yard touchdown with 11:26 left in the third quarter to give the Leathernecks a 34-28 lead and their first lead of the game since the opening drive.

It was a wild game, as Western scored three second-half touchdowns on 31 carries and caught four passes for 38 yards. Maggie Gray added four catches for 72 yards, and低い Michara threw for 225 yards and a touchdown in 1-of-3 passing.

Sidney Montfort had 83 yards rushing on 26 carries for Indiana State, while freshman Phillip Johnson was 13-of-28 passing for 190 yards and those touchdowns. He also threw for two.

The 28 points on offense are a season high for Indiana State, which travels to Illinois State to close out the 2003 campaign.

Illinois State 48, Southeast Missouri State 43

Alex Bush had a 15-yard touchdown for Southeast Missouri State as he caught six passes for 249 yards in the opening win. Russell Screamer added three kickoff returns for 264 yards and a fifth touchdown.

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The Salukis won 22-7 in the first meeting on Sept. 6 in Carbondale.

**American Heritage Month Events**

November 1 - 30

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**U-Card Events for the Week of November 10 - November 16**

Monday, November 10

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Tuesday, November 11

Nov. 11: "Card Carvings vs. Non-Card Carvings," 6-8 p.m., Student Recreation Center Center Court

Wednesday, November 12

Nov. 12: "The Secrets of Fancy Dancing," 6:30-8 p.m., Student Recreation Center Center Court

Thursday, November 13

Nov. 13: "Idea Jam," 6:30-8 p.m., Student Recreation Center Center Court

Friday, November 14

Nov. 14: "Lynn Woodroffe Music," 6:30-8 p.m., Student Recreation Center Center Court

Saturday, November 15

Nov. 15: "Calvary Baptist Church" Petting Zoo, 1-3 p.m., Student Recreation Center Center Court

The Fall Festival is a celebration of cultural diversity. Come out and enjoy the many activities available throughout the day. The theme this year is "Fall Fest." It's perfect weather outdoors with the kids! Activities will include face painting, coloring, games, music, and more. Bring the whole family to enjoy this fun event. A petting zoo will also be available. Special thanks to the Student Recreation Center for hosting this event. The event is free and open to the public.

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**Sports**

**Daily Egyptian**

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SIU first 10-0 team in Gateway history

Todd Marchant

The SIU football team still has not awakened from its dream season. The Salukis had just defeated Youngstown State 24-17 at McAndrew Stadium and improved to 10-0 on the season, and senior running back Tom Koutsos appeared to still be in a bit of a daze as he talked to the media afterwards.

"It really hasn't sunk in yet that we're going to get fired for a thing," Koutsos said. "It's really just unbelievable right now."

With the win, the Salukis set a Gateway Conference record for most consecutive wins to begin a season and clinched a share of their first-ever league title as Northern Iowa lost to Western Kentucky earlier in the day.

The victory also all but assures SIU of a home game when the playoffs start Nov. 29. The Salukis travel to Cedar Falls, Iowa, this weekend to take on Northern Iowa in what is basically the Gateway championship game.

The winner of Saturday's game will earn the league's automatic bid to the playoffs and likely a home game in the first round.

"I can't control what happens, but I'll be disappointed if we don't have a home playoff game anyway," SIU head coach Jerry Kill said. "But you can't worry about things you can't control. All I'm gonna do is worry about the next game. I look at it as the bowl for it all, and I don't want to share the title with nobody."

Saturday's win over Youngstown State was made sweeter since it was the last regular season home game for SIU's seven seniors. The 10 victories this year doubled the 'Dogs' highest win total in the past four seasons, a fact that has not been lost on fifth-year senior Koutsos, Eric Egans and George Monroy.

"It's been incredible, man. The worst comes full circle. I'm just happy to be a part of it."

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With the victory, the Salukis improved to 7-3 and in the process set a new Gateway record for conference wins to begin a season and also clinched at least a share of the conference title thanks to Northern Iowa being swept by Western Illinois.

"It's amazing that we'll be able to go from 1-10 two years ago to Coach Kill's first and my first year to 4-8 last year to 10-0," sophomore quarterback Joel Sambursky said.

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