SIUC power grid repairs begin

EXCEPTION: All work to be completed by August.

Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist to speak tonight

RESCHEDULED: Two other authors' speeches moved so people could attend both events.

University seeks private backing

STRATEGY: Administrators hope to raise $100 million to offset drop in state support.

SUBTERRANEAN: Mike Berry (left), Gorham resident and co-owner of Egizi Berry Excavating Inc., and Gary Howton, employee of Sullivan Electric Co. from Carrier Mills, patiently wait as the water main that is supposed to be located in the area where he is standing Tuesday.

President Robert H. Cook organized the construction of the new Shryock Auditorium, which seats about 300 people, but organizers now expect about 200 people to attend tonight's speech.

There was a larger response than expected, and we would have moved to Shryock, but it was previously booked," Frederick Williams, Hovens Department director, said.

Updike is expected to read from some of his recent works such as "Toward the End of Time" and works in progress at 8 p.m. in Ballroom D of the Student Center. His novel "Rabbi at Rest" was honored by the American Academy of Arts and Letters as one of the most distinguished work of American fiction written in the last five years.

"He's good. He has talent," Williams said. "He's not just a celebrity.

Updike has received the National Book Award, the American Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award. He has authored more than 49 books.

Updike also is responsible for the novel in which the movie "The Witches of Eastwick" was based on, and he has been dubbed the Jack Nicklaus of golf writing after the publishing of his book.

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Corrections

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Partisanship stalls vote on federal judge nominations

OPPOSITION: Republican senators setting up roadblocks to keep Clinton's judges out.

SARA BEAN
DAILY ELEPHANT REPORTER

Partisan opposition to candidates for federal judgeships may cease as more attention is turned to the issue, but not before Senate Paul Simon predicts.

"There has been increasing pressure from editorial writers in newspapers regarding the hold up of the vote on federal judge nominees," Simon said. "I think as the abuse becomes more visible, the Senate is likely to back off on the partisanship."

In March 1995, SIU law professor Wemona

Whitfield was nominated to an open seat on a federal judgeship in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois by then Sen. Simon.

Whitfield's nomination went through the entire process, passing the PFI and American Bar Association checks. The nomination made it to the Senate, where it was held up in the Republican-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee without a vote, until the nomination expired when the U.S. Senate session recessed in September 1996.

The panel will accept applications through Oct. 17, at which point it will review the applications and choose three finalists. The panel will forward the names of the three finalists to Sen. Carol Mosley-Braun, D-Ill., and Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., who will make their recommendations to President Bill Clinton.

Daniel Briggs, press secretary for Braun, said there is a backlog of cases in Southern Illinois as a result of the unfilled judge seats.

There are three districts in Illinois: Northern, Central, and Southern.

The Republicans are throwing up roadblock after roadblock in an attempt to keep judges nominated by Clinton from sitting on the bench so that those judges nominated by Ronald Reagan and George Bush will sit.

Women's Center to teach car care

SERVICE: Mechanic shares knowledge, expertise on cars.

LINDA A. KRINSTEIN
DAILY ELEPHANT STAFF WRITER

Women can learn basic car care techniques at the SIUC Women's Service Car Care Seminar Saturday, and a Carbondale mechanic will host the event.

Karen Greenberg, an Automotive Service Excellence certified automotive technician, will teach the seminar Saturday. The seminar is free and open to any women interested in learning about basic car care and maintenance tips.

"You'll leave with a better understanding of what makes your car run and how to check the fluids," Greenberg said.

Greenberg said she started working in the front office of her husband's car shop in Murphyboro, and to explain everything right to the customers she had to know firsthand what was going on.

"I got interested in working on cars about two to three months after we moved to being computer controlled in 1982," Greenberg said.

Greenberg started with oil changing like everyone else and ended up specializing in electrical and engine performance.

Depression screenings coming to SIUC

Barb Fjelke, Wellness Center coordinator, said the questionnaire consists of questions about how people feel about themselves.

"There is a variety of questions about how severe the symptoms are or how chronic the symptoms are," she said. "It's normal to be depressed for a day or a couple of days."

The questions help to determine how severe the symptoms are.

"There is a difference in feeling a little blue and not being able to function," said Greenberg. "It depends on if the person is going to be able to shake off those feelings in a couple of days."

There are different resources for the varying degrees of depression.

"The Wellness Center sees people for short-term information and education," she said. "They might benefit from talking to someone or some self-help books we have here."

"For people with severe depression, there are other methods of treatment. For severe cases, we offer psychiatric care for medications or a counselor," Fjelke said. "The counseling center offers long-term therapy for students who need that kind of help."

Anita Thomas, a senior in social work from Chicago, said although she sometimes suffers with bouts of depression, she uses her own methods to combat the problem.

"I get depressed about things like money or school and especially my health," she said. "I just read a book or hang out with my friends or watch TV and I feel better.""
Our Word

Fair measure

SAT/ACT scores factor into student’s academic potential

IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION FROM analysts who advocate the omission of standardized test scores in admissions policies, SIUC administrators are correct in their assessment that traditional SAT/ACT scores should remain admissions factors. A combination of indicators — including standardized test scores — should be used in determining whether a student will be successful as an individual. That is why SIUC President Donald Beggs and Walker Allen, director of Admissions and Records, are right in their opinion that test scores should be used in conjunction with high school grades and activities. Beggs, a former standardized test developer, says it is how standardized test scores are used by schools that should be questioned more than the actual tests themselves. Beggs says the tests perform the function for which they were designed. But Rooney says 284 colleges and universities have opted to set manual standardized test scores. A combination of factors outside of a student’s test score can allow students either to beat the odds or be beaten by the odds in their first year of college. More often than not, these odds are determined by a school’s evaluation of a test score.

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RESEARCH HAS SHOWN, STANDARDIZED test scores can become an immense barrier for lower-income and minority students, whose schools may not adequately prepare them for standardized test success. Standardized test scores also become a barrier for students who excel in academics but who are poor test takers. Although standardized test scores are supposed to measure a student’s potential success in his or her first year of college, the scores often can become misleading. A combination of factors outside of a student’s test score can allow students either to beat the odds or be beaten by the odds in their first year of college. More often than not, these odds are determined by a school’s evaluation of a test score.

SIUC’S OWN ADMISSIONS POLICY mandates that students must score a 20 or higher on the ACT. If a student scores an 18 or 19, he or she must be in the top half of his or her graduating class to be considered for admission. These test scores are considerably lower than what highly competitive colleges and universities ask from potential students.

One would think that SIUC is trying to remedy the problems associated with standardized test scores by its relatively low ACT test score requirements.

It all boils down to the fact that some standard form of measurement is needed for admissions officials to make basic admissions decisions.

BUT TRULY INFORMED DECISIONS cannot be garnered from numbers alone. An ideal combination of aptitude, high school grades, extracurricular activities and a student’s academic goals is the only true way of discerning a student’s true academic potential.

“Our Word” represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

The Daily Egyptian is the student-run newspaper of SIUC. It is intended to bring a more personal, human element to news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
Mailbox

Dear Editor,

I write this letter independent of personal affiliation, but out of the perspective of a student at SIUC who is not responsible to elect our own trustee.

Many of you are aware that laws exist in the State of Illinois intended to prevent discrimination of its citizens. These laws, collectively known as the Anti-Discrimination Clause, specify that discrimination cannot occur on the basis of sex, creed, ethnicity, religious background, age and physical handicap. Yet, of all these, the issue of sexual orientation is the most recent and the verification of authority cannot be made.

Many of you may not be aware that a bill proposed in the Illinois legislature that would have added "sexual orientation" to the Anti-Discrimination Clause was rejected solely on the basis that it would have provided "special rights." Such opposition was based in part on the assumption that there was no need for a law of this type because there were no instances of discrimination due to sexual orientation. I would encourage all sympathizers to write to politicians in support of such measures, and become active in such organizations as the Human Rights Coalition, the ACLU or local action groups such as Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Friends.

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Gay history month

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Octobet is Gay History Month, and the month provides the perfect opportunity to educate the student body about the progress of human rights and to show all people how far we still have to go in the struggle for sex equality. I would encourage all sympathizers to write to politicians in support of such measures, and become active in such organizations as the Human Rights Coalition, the ACLU or local action groups such as Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Friends.

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Saluki Pride should include cleaning up own backyard

Dear Editor,

Last week there was a great battle getting ready for Logday, Homecoming, the alumni and planned festivities. But we're our pride? I am not talking about Saluki Pride, I'm talking about the pride we have in ourselves and our surroundings.

Sure, we can put thousands and even millions of dollars into rebuilding old buildings, landscaping and building new buildings, but are those for the students? Oh, but of course they are, but they are more for the people on the inside looking in.

Any day of the week you see ground people working diligently to make the grass and flowers attractive around the ballfields and areas that non-Saluki public frequent.

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Trustee should be students' choice

Dear Editor,

There has been coverage in the Daily Egyptian about Gov. Jim Edgar granting our student trustee a vote, but making the position subject to a political appointee rather than by a representative elected by students.

If we want representation, we need to be able to elect our trustees. Someone who is an appointee but who is not answerable to students cannot be expected to provide legitimate representation.

Not anymore than we could expect representation in our own best interests from the governor if he were an appointee, owing his position to some interest outside the State of Illinois.

Speaking of the governor, since he feels that students are too irresponsible to elect our own trustee, perhaps we should demonstrate our ability to cast an effective and intelligent vote by keeping him from political office.

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Chief counsel for Durbin's legal committee, Victoria Borsukti, said the belief in Durbin's office was that the Republicans were being as difficult this year as they were in 1995 and 1996.

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trayal of what we are," Simon said.

Jackson said the business plan should benefit the entire University.

"It is recognition that a decreasing share of our total budget has come from the state general revenue fund, and that we are now well below 50 percent of the total bud-
get," he said. "In the past (to compensate) increasing the burden on students over the years through tuition processing.

This is a fine step forward for that entire operation."

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Northern Hills," he said. "Then they'll work on 11 and 12, which go to other housing areas."

"They are trying to get all of the dirt work done before the weather gets bad," Haake said.

Haake said work on feeders 11 and 12 will put pre-existing duct work to repair the system.

In February, after two years of partisan gridlock, the Illinois General Assembly appropriated $1.84 million to repair feeders 10, 11 and 12. which service University Park, Southern Hills, the Recreation Center and the Blue Barracks.

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Internet addresses subject of hearing, task force, suit

**CYBURBAN SPRAWL:** Internet Society seeks to add new web suffixes.

**WASHINGTON POST**

Like much of the cyberspace community, the Internet Society thinks that the process of doing so, or addresses on the Internet, is largely controlled by Network Solutions Inc. — should be opened to competition.

To help bring that about, the society’s chief executive, Donald Heath, has been advocating a global approach to the global computer network.

Heath has suggested that international space be handed out to domain names with a multi-utility approach, where domain names with a multi-utility approach, would be handed out to domain names with a multi-utility approach, over the International Telecommunication Union.

In March, the Internet Society plan, backed by several technology companies, had been viewed by some experts as the quickest pages to run by Network Solutions. Exclusive arrangement would be extended six months beyond the February 28 expiration date.

Among the committee’s plan, new and existing addresses — known in Internet parlance as second-level domain names — would be handed out by several competing firms. The process would be administered by an international committee, which Heath has suggested should be incorporated in Switzerland.

Although the plan has drawn stiff opposition from some quarters, Heath has said the system, collecting $10,000 application fees from each company that wants to hand out the new domains.

Last week, however, the U.S. government — whose labs gave birth to the network in the late 1960s and whose support Heath badly needs — thumbed its nose at the plan.

“American taxpayers, companies and government built the Internet,” Rep. Charles W. Chip Pickering Jr., R-Miss., a member of the House Science Committee, said at a hearing last month. Ceding control over the system, Pickering said, to “bureaucrats in Brussels or Geneva running the system,” was a “very bad idea.”

Domain names function as sort of a Zip code system, enabling Internet users to locate pages on the global World Wide Web and address electronic mail.

The issue is receiving increased attention because Network Solutions’ exclusive arrangement with the National Science Foundation to assign most addresses ends in March. The NSF has said it does not intend to renew the agreement because it wants to end oversight of Internet addressing.

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Network Solutions has refused to open the new domains. But critics say the Internet addresses subject of hearing, task force, suit, offer domain names with a multi-utility approach, and the Internet has become a global resource.

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Updike's appearance is part of the Annual Authors and Nancy Glassman University Honors Lecture Series. The series was endowed by the Glassmanes, who met while they were students at SIUC. Nancy Glassman intended to bring a "fellow writer personally with him," said English Department Chairman John Howell.

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Professor believes Rolling Stones best band ever

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A philosophy professor in academic circles as a pioneer in quantitative aesthetic theory has developed his own mathematical formula for judging rock bands and their music. And according to the calculations of Crispin Sanwell of Penn State University, the Rolling Stones are a better rock band than the Beatles.

The basic reason, says the 59-year-old professor, is that Beatles' music was derived from rock 'n' roll's African-American blues traditions in order to become avant-garde artists. The very symbol of their downfall, he says, is in the seminal "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," an album Sanwell describes as "truly bad." It has a very European totality, it is Unguh-bond stuff," the professor says.

By contrast, the Rolling Stones rarely pretend to be anything but a straight blues band, Sanwell explains. Mick Jagger never mistook himself for higher the rating, the professor says, the square of its distance from the blues.

However, like many Beatles fans around the world, Sanwell says his conclusions are not simple matter of opinion. Rather they are dictated from an empirical analysis that turns on a pair of principles appropriately named, Sanwell's Laws.

Sanwell's First Law dictates that the quality of a rock band is inversely proportional to its pretentiousness, with pretentiousness expressed as a ratio of artistic ambition to artistic accomplishment. The higher the rating, the professor says, the worse the band.

In this manner, the Ramones, with a ratio of 1:2, come out better than the Talking Heads, with a 2:9 ratio.

Nirvana, at 19, is exactly as good as Paul Jan is bad, at 93.

Sanwell also offers a specific warning about the quality of early U2 and early Bruce Springsteen, saying both were in the habit of taking simple ditties and mounting them with "an elaborateness usually reserved for Wagnerian opera.''

But as the Beatles fell short was under Sanwell's Second Law. To wit, the quality of a rock song varies inversely with "an elaborateness usually reserved for Wagnerian opera.''

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a 37-yard field goal as time expired in Saturday's game to

beat the Salukis.

Despite Salukis' Saturday's game was the first time the

Salukis controlled the first half of a game this season.

SIUC had been outscored 60-3 in first-half action prior to

Saturday, but the team had a 26-17 lead at halftime against

the Bears.

Quarles said he was pleased with the first-half performance of

the team, but said the team had one bad quarter — the third-

quarter.

The Salukis could only muster 10 offensive plays and gained 11

yards. SIUC also lost 22 yards in the quarter and controlled the ball

half of five seconds in the first half of play.

Although the Salukis could not get the offense going in the third,

Quarles said that overall, he saw some good things from the

offense, especially in the play of quarterback Kent Sommisa.

"He was very consistent," Quarles said. "He was not wor-

ried about making that big play. He was playing more comfort-

able."

Quarles also was pleased with the play of running back Brian

Nolbertowicz. Nolbertowicz rushed for 122 yards on nine car-

ries and scored two touchdowns.

One of the keys of Nolbertowicz's success in the ev-

erything he has done for this game was a counter play the

Salukis ran three times in the game for success.

Nolbertowicz's success in the offensive plays and gained 11

yards. SIUC also lost 22 yards in the quarter and controlled the ball

six months ago.

McGowan usually spends about 12 hours each week updat-

ing the page, and three times include breaks between the other
duties he performs.

The future is bright for the Saturday page because the web

department is planning several additions to improve the site.

Providing links to Quarles' weekly highlight show, live chats with

coaches during certain times each week or monthly mail con-

tests are some of the events the department is planning to have on-

line.

"You never know where the information is coming from that

might be published too," Trude said.

"We can control this, and we're able to get feedback going out to

to people via the Internet.

"The more things you have to do, the more people are the

more you're going to come back. Maybe you'll read what's on a

page when it's a game on Saturday, and maybe you'll go.

FOOTBALL
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Barr's persistence of striving to be the best at all times has

impressed SIUC volleyball coach Sonya Locke.

Locke said it would be prema-

ture to declare Barr as the most

productive setter during Locke's

sixth year at SIUC. But she said Barr's

desires to improve the setter from others in the past.

"I think it's a little early to say she's the best, but she's just

as competitive as a setter as we've

seen," Locke said. "She's some-

body I would have recruited

whichever or not she was a setter

because of how competitive she is.

I'd like to have other setters want to

accomplish what I've done. I want

people here to have to break my

record.

DEAN BARR

SALUKI VOLLEYBALL SETTER

Barr was not highly recruited out of high school, even though

she played for one of the top pro-

grams in the country at Kanel-

son Central High School. Barr

was only recruited by four colleges, and she chose SIUC because

of Locke.

Barr managed to lead her team

in assists with 918 during her

sophomore year as the team finished

ranked No. 4 in the USA Today

seasonal high school poll.

Adjusting to boxing has been one of the biggest changes Barr

has encountered at SIUC. In Barr's first season with the

Salukis, the team finished 14-19.

High school team only lost 10

out of 111 matches over a three-

year period.

At my high school, we were a powerhouse," Barr said. "We

walked all over teams, but here I've had to work harder for the

fact that we aren't a powerhouse."

But Barr has gotten a taste of winning on a national scale.

The Salukis have compiled a 7-7 record. The team comes into this

weekend's matches at Creighton University and Drake University

riding a three-game winning streak.

Barr said she is pleased with her team's success, but hopes the

team continues to play at a high level. She said there is still

one goal that outweighs all of her personal records.

"I definitely want to win the MVC before I leave," she said.

"It is the ultimate goal because this school has never won a cham-

pionship through volleyball. That would be the best thing for us."
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SIUC athletics enters onto information superhighway

VITAL SALUKIS:
SIUC web site allows fans to hear games in real time.

Ryan Keith
De Sports Editor

The SIUC Athletic Department is a head-first dive into the Internet, and department officials see cyberspace as the perfect public relations opportunity.

The department put up a Saluki Athletics web page at http://www.siu.edu/edu-athletics last year in an effort to make Saluki athletics more student and alumni friendly.

Marketing director Mike Trude said the page is one of the best ways to relate information to students and alumni.

“We think it’s a great way for alumni throughout the country to keep up with the Salukis,” Trude said. “It's a way for them to interact with the coaches, which they don't get a chance to do, if at all, ever.

“It’s a way for the students to ask the coach, ‘Why should we pay a student fee to help your program?”

The idea for the web page came from Scott Bridges and Tony Kerner, information technology specialists who work in the Media Studies Program. Bridges said a former SIUC basketball player, decided that SIUC needed an athletics page after seeing several other schools’ home pages.

But things started slowly last year for the page. The page was updated infrequently last spring, which turned off many visitors, even though the web page included archives and live radio broadcasts of Saluki basketball games.

“If you hit our pages last spring, and you hit them again two weeks later, nothing changed,” Trude said. “You don’t ever come back because you always want to see something new. We’re now updating it weekly, and I think people who hit on it in the spring and get frustrated will be surprised with the stuff we have.”

Updates and several new additions this fall have made the page a popular site, with more than 700 visitors since Sept. 24. The page includes information on several men’s and women’s athletics teams, ticket information and a page devoted to updates on Saluki Futures, the Athletic Department’s fund-raising campaign for facilities improvements.

Also included is the return of live broadcasts for football games, which are recorded from 95.1 WXLT-FM and played live and archived through the use of RealAudio.

Trude said that while the live broadcasts have been a popular attraction this fall, many alumni do not realize that they can now listen to football and basketball games on the Internet. Spreading word of the web page through the SIUC Alumni Association and the Internet provided limited information about the page.

“We've had more ex-football players listen to the games than anybody, but it took them awhile to realize we were out there,” Trude said. “We did the games all last year, but it was hard to get information out.

Frequent updates are the job of SIUC’s Sports Information Department. Bryan McGowen, assistant women’s sports information director, said the Internet is a time-consuming but valuable tool for the University.

“Over time, it's gotten a lot easier.”

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SIUC CROSS COUNTRY

Parks earns Valley weekly honors for third time

SIUC cross country runner Joseph Parks earned Missouri Valley Conference Cross Country Athlete of the Week honors Monday for the third time this season.

Parks, a junior from Eldorado, earned the award after he finished first at the Saluki Invitational with a time of 24 minutes and 39 seconds. The win marked Parks' second top finish this season, and his effort gave the Salukis a team win over Washington University.

Parks, whose time was his best in five meets, also won the award Sept. 8 and Sept. 22.

NBA

Iverson appeals suspension

Philadelphia 76ers star guard Allen Iverson appealed Monday the one-game suspension handed to him last week by the National Basketball Association.

Iverson was ordered to sit out the Oct. 31 season opener against Milwaukee by NBA commissioner David Stern, who suspended him for “improper behavior” off the court.

Iverson pleaded not guilty to a charge of possession of marijuana.

His agent told the Chicago Sun Times Tuesday that the controversy Thursday.

Iverson’s suspension Thursday was the result of a charge that he violated the league’s drug policy.

As a freshman, Barr posted a school record of 1.433 assists per game last season. She was named MVC Newcomer of the Year.

Bulls, Rodman reportedly reach contract agreement

The Chicago Bulls and free-agent Dennis Rodman reportedly have reached a verbal agreement on a new contract. His agent told the Chicago Sun Times Wednesday that the controversy weekly honors for third time.

Coach says Dawgs in dire injury trouble

HURTING: Mounting player kisses making it tougher on football team to get a win.

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SIUC head football coach Jan Quarless said in a press conference Tuesday that the injuries have forced players to move into new positions, making it even tougher for the team to win.

When the Salukis reported to camp in August, they were only 80 players strong, and injuries have dropped that number even more.

Wider receiver Reggie Fowler is suffering from a hamstring injury and is being evaluated on a day-to-day basis. Right guard Brandon Friel will be out for at least three weeks because of an infection in his right knee. and center Kevin Schmidt is out due to a shoulder injury.

Quarless said in a press conference Tuesday that the injuries have forced players to move into new positions, making it even tougher for the team to win.

"(We) have to work with what we've got," Quarless said. "If you really want to look at our concerns, look at the fact that you have to move a fullback to center. I think that tells you the problem we're in."

For the first time in SIUC history, the Salukis have lost two consecutive games by one point. Saturday, the team fell to Southwest Missouri State University 36-35, and the team also lost to the University of Northern Iowa 28-27 Sept. 17.

The loss to SMSU put SIUC at a season record of 3-4, and the team marked the third consecutive game the Salukis had a chance to win in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter.

Bear place-kicker Travis Brower kicked