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### Enrollment decreases for fifth consecutive year

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The doors have reopened at the Operation Rebound Center for this fall, but how long they stay open is still a question.

The Illinois State Board of Education cut $400 million from programs that serve school children in mid-July because of the lack of state funding.

The future of Operation Rebound, which helps students ages 16 and older reach high school diploma and GEDs and is located in the old Carbondale high school, looked bleak after the massive cuts in funding.

When Jure Hickey, director of Operation Rebound, heard the news, she said she prepared for the worst.

“I was told to expect everyone who was not opening the doors,” Hickey said.

“I was one of the worst weeks of my life,” she said.

Matt Kelly, a student at Rebound, said he thought he had nowhere else to go.

“I was thinking I couldn’t go to college; I couldn’t finish my goals,” said Kelly, of Princeville. “That was the only place I had.”

Rebound was established in Carbondale in 1999 to help students who, for various reasons, could not finish their education in a traditional high school setting.

Hickey said the staff started signing up for unemployment and the nearly 400 enrolled students started scrambling around to find another alternative school.

That’s when Hickey and the rest of the staff went into action.

Candy Calcattara, a guidance counselor at Operation Rebound, discusses college options with Sara Russell, 19, of Cobden. Russell, who has a 1-year-old daughter, said Rebound gave her the opportunity to finish high school and prepare for college. She was thinking I couldn’t go to college ...

“... until they had this program, and they’ve had it all over the place, they have seen that retention grows because students have a better understanding of what’s going on at the universities,” Goldman said.

The Saluki First Year Experience is a program debuting this year to help freshmen make the transition from high school to college.

James Ferraro, an associate professor in the School of Medicine, said enrollment is down because tuition and fees have risen higher than many students can afford.

“I think we’ve had a broad problem,” Ferraro said. “In the last 10 years, we’ve pretty much priced ourselves out of a bit.”

Applications from five different states increased by 175 students, likely due to university grants.

Rebound, said offered to Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas beginning this fall.

Goldman said he expects enrollment from those five states to continue to climb.

“By the time this is all over, we’re going to have a really strong class,” Goldman said.

Goldman said the St. Louis, Evansville, Nashville, Memphis and Pascack areas would continue to be targeted during the coming years.

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### Alternative school receives needed grant

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Alternative school receives needed grant

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### Lack of MAP grant could hurt enrollment

Fall enrollment is down 1.6 percent, and administrators say that number could increase in coming semesters.

Students who rely on the Monetary Award Program grant for a large portion of their financial aid could be forced to look elsewhere in the spring.

Chancellor Sam Goldman said the loss of the MAP grant could spell doom for the university.

“T he is yet to come with MAP,” Goldman said. “We are particularly vulnerable. No other university in the state serves a clientele like us.”

While students are still receiv- ing MAP benefits during the fall, nearly 270,000 eligible Illinois college students will receive either none of the grant money or just half of what they are eligible to receive in the spring.

The MAP program only re- ceived half of the funding originally budgeted, resulting in the loss of the grant for the spring.

Goldman said more than 5,000 SIUC students receive financial aid from the MAP grant, and losing the grant could have a major affect on the university’s enrollment.

In the executive council status report at Tuesday’s Faculty Senate meeting, vice president Sanjeev Kumar urged those present to contact legislative members in order to re- store the grant.

“We encourage the senate and faculty to contact legislative mem- bers, otherwise our enrollment could be disastrous,” Kumar said.

There is even a movement among the students for a rally in October to bring the grant back to life.

SIUC student trustee Nate Brown said efforts are leading to an Oct. 15 rally in Springfield.

“Members of the higher educa- tion community in Illinois are going to meet and request that the Legis- lature considers restoring full fund- ing for the MAP grant,” Brown said. “That’s when we’ll take students to Springfield to participate in that rally and meet with legislators.”

Brown said Undergraduate Stu- dent Government President Pier- cilliano Fabian and senator Dave Lofthus have been instrumental in securing the rally.

“We have had some students step up to the plate and show initiative and spread awareness on this issue,” Brown said.

Goldman said administration has indicated to the Legislature that October is the absolute last minute to make a decision about MAP funding can be made.

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Of the individual colleges, only Agricultural Sciences and Science experienced an increase in enrollment. The College of Agricultural Sciences increased by 882 students, up 7.3 percent from last year. The College of Science is now at 1,271, up 2.5 percent from last year. The College of Mass Communications and Media Arts suffered the biggest decrease. The college’s enrollment decreased 10 percent to 866 students last year. University spokesman Rod Stiever said he was happy to see the increase in agriculture and science but a slight decrease in many of the other colleges.

“The drains have really stepped up to the plate,” Stiever said. “There’s been a lot of work done by a lot of people.”

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“That’s when students are making decisions about going to school (in spring),” Goldman said. “There’s a veto session in October, and our hope is that during the veto session they will pass the MAP money. If they don’t, I don’t know. We can’t say it’s $8 million.”

**Chicago investor group submits bid for Sun-Times**

CHICAGO — Struggling newspaper publisher Sun-Times Media Group said Tuesday that a private investor group led by Chicago banker James Tyree will bid $5 million in cash for the assets in a bankruptcy court auction.

The group, called STMG Holdings LLC, also would assume about $20 million of Sun-Times Media’s liabilities, the company said.

Sun-Times Media, which owns the Chicago Sun-Times and 58 suburban Chicago newspapers and Web sites, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in March. The media company listed $479 million in assets and $603 million in debt in its bankruptcy filing.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, Sun-Times Media Group owes as much as $608 million in back taxes and penalties related to the business practices of former owner Conrad Black, when the company was called Hollinger International Black, who was convicted of fraud for announcing millions of dollars from the company, is serving a prison sentence.

But bankruptcy means that most of the liabilities wouldn’t be part of the company’s sale.

In its statement Tuesday, Sun-Times offered no details on STMG Holdings’ other investors or what the deal would mean for its newspapers.

The so-called “slashing horse” bid is contingent on no other higher bidder coming forward, as well as agreement from unions and a judge’s approval.

“I certainly believe this is a good business opportunity, though certainly very risky,” Tyree said in a telephone conversation late Tuesday.

In May, when the Meson Financial Holdings chairman began reviewing the media company’s books, Tyree said his goal would be to keep all of Sun-Times’ properties. He reiterated that view late Tuesday, saying he had no plans to sell off anything.

Tyree said he saw strength in a media group that concentrates on local news and issues and believes continuing STMG would have “meaningful impact” on the Chicago area.

**Police Blotters**

There are no items to report at this time.

**Corrections**

If you spot an error, please contact the Sun-Times at 215-213-101, ext. 251.
Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans would be fined up to $3,800 for failing to buy health insurance under a plan that circulated in Congress Tuesday as divisions among Democrats undercut President Obama’s effort to regain traction on his health care overhaul.

As Obama talked strategy with Democratic leaders at the White House, the one idea that most appeals to his party’s liberal base lost ground in Congress. Prospects for a government-run plan to compete with private insurers sank as a leading moderate Democrat said he could no longer support the idea.

The fast-moving developments put Obama in a box. As a candidate, he opposed fines to force individuals to buy health insurance, and he supported setting up a public insurer plan. On Tuesday, fellow Democrats publicly flagged their desire to alter both ideas.

Democratic congressional leaders put on a bold front as they left the White House after their meeting with the president.

“We’re re-energized, we’re ready to do health care reform,” said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., insisted the public plan is still politically viable. “I believe that a public option will be essential to our passing a bill in the House of Representatives,” she said.

After a month of contentious forums, Americans were seeking specifics from the president in his speech to a joint session of Congress on Wednesday night. So were his fellow Democrats, divided on how best to solve the problem of the nation’s nearly 50 million uninsured.

The latest proposal, a two-year, $900-billion bipartisan compromise that Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., a moderate who heads the influential Finance Committee, was trying to broker. It would guarantee coverage for nearly all Americans, regardless of medical problems. But the Baucus plan also includes the fines that Obama has rejected. In what appeared to be a sign of tension, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs pointedly noted that the administration had not received a copy of the plan before it leaked to lobbyists and news media Tuesday.

The Baucus plan would require insurers to take all applicants, regardless of age or health. But smokers could be charged higher premiums. And 60-year-olds could be charged five times as much for a policy as a 20-year-old.

Baucus said Tuesday he’s trying to get agreement from a small group of bipartisan negotiators in advance of Obama’s speech. “Time is running out very quickly,” he said. “I made that very clear to the group.”

Some experts consider the $900-billion price tag a relative bargain because the country now spends about $2.5 trillion a year on health care. But it would require hefty fees on insurers, drug companies and others in the health care industry to help pay for it. Just as auto coverage is now mandatory in nearly all states, Baucus would require that all Americans get health insurance once the system is overhauled. Penalties for failing to do so would start at $750 for individuals and $1,500 for families. Households making more than three times the federal poverty level — about $66,000 for a family of four — would face the maximum fines. For families, it would be $3,800, and for individuals, $950.

Baucus would offer tax credits to help pay premiums for households making up to three times the poverty level, and for small employers paying about average middle-class wages. People working for companies that offer coverage could avoid the fines by signing up. The fines pose a dilemma for Obama. As a candidate, the president campaigned hard against making health insurance a requirement, and fining people for not getting it.

### Health of the world

Despite spending more on health care, the United States continues to lag behind other countries on some key health indicators.

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### Roadside bombs kill four U.S. soldiers in Iraq

**Baghdad —** Four U.S. soldiers were killed by roadside bombs Tuesday, the deadliest day for American forces in Iraq since combat troops pulled back from urban areas more than two months ago.

The separate attacks in Baghdad and in northern Iraq showed the dangers still facing U.S. troops as they drastically scale back their presence and prepare for a full withdrawal by the end of 2011.

The monthly U.S. death toll has declined sharply this year, falling into single digits for the first time, with American troops shifting to a mainly support and training role in line with a security pact that took effect on Jan. 1. August saw the lowest monthly toll since the war began in 2003, with seven U.S. deaths.

But attacks have persisted since American troops withdrew from population centers on June 30 — as required under the deal — and Iraqi forces have borne the brunt. Bombings and shootings killed at least 10 Iraqis on Tuesday. The attacks have heightened concerns about Iraq’s ability to protect the people and raised fears of resurgent violence ahead of January’s parliamentary elections.

One roadside bomb struck a patrol in southern Baghdad, killing one American soldier. A short time later, another bomb targeting a patrol in northern Iraq killed three U.S. soldiers, the military said.

With the deaths, six U.S. troops have been killed this month. It was the deadliest day for U.S. forces since June 29, when four soldiers were killed in a suicide bomb in Baghdad. In all, at least 4,343 U.S. service members have died since the war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.
President Barack Obama
in his controversial back-to-school
address to the nation’s students Tuesday,
the speech aimed to inspire students to
work hard and be successful.

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Pat Meller of Anna, who serves on the board of directors for the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society, looks into one of the many glass cases that house Kirkpatrick Brother’s Pottery at the Union County Museum in Cobden.

Historical caretakers of Cobden

More than 12,000 years of history is housed in the one room Union County Museum in downtown Cobden.

Started by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society, the museum, which opened in 2006, has found a niche in local history—focusing on life in and around what is now Union County.

Stepping into the two-story brick building, visitors will find orderly rows of historic objects ranging from Native American arrowheads, to an upright Kimball piano to a Nazi flag from WWII.

Society President Patrick Brunleve said the building that houses the museum is unchanged since it was built in 1892.

His great-great grandfather settled in the area after emigrating from France.

“The Indian artifacts in the museum were found by my grandfather,” Brunleve said. His grandfather was also one of the founding members of the society and it was his Native American artifacts that were the first components of the museum.

Society secretary Bonnie Heidinger, a former Anna-Jonesboro history teacher, said one of the museum’s biggest draws is the Anna Pottery made by the Kirkpatrick brothers. An Anna Pottery chimney pot from the Riverlone Mansion in Cairo greets visitors as they step through the wooden door of the museum.

Treasurer Judy Travelshead said the museum is still growing.

The members are working on a resource room for research of local history and family history.

“It will have historic photos, newspapers, letters and books,” Travelshead said.

Once completed, residents with longstanding ties to the Union County area can come learn more about the lives of those in their genealogical past.

The room will be named after former society president, Jane Clark Brown, who passed away at age 96 just before the museum opened at its new site.

“You would never think she was 96,” Travelshead said, adding that it is the memory of Clark that inspires many society members to keep digging into local history.

To keep the museum growing, the society has multiple fundraisers throughout the year and sells books published by the society about local history that had never before been recorded.

Aside from the friendships and fundraising events that keep Brunleve and other members busy volunteering throughout the year, there is one major component to the museum that keeps them involved more than anything else.

“It’s the history,” Brunleve said. “It’s about understanding where you’re from.”
Vote declares no confidence in science dean

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A vote of no confidence for the College of Science Dean Jay Means from three departments in the college led to a resolution passed in Tuesday’s faculty senate meeting.

The resolution requests the interim Provost Don Rice to meet with faculty members in the three departments.

The vote of no confidence came in April by votes of 7-2 in computer science, 23-0 in mathematics and 10-0 in physics. In total, faculty members in the three departments voted 40-2 in favor of no confidence for Means.

Means said the vote of no confidence was engineered by a few faculty members and does not reflect the opinion of the entire college.

“The vote of no confidence does not extend to the entire College of Science that has over 40 faculty in it,” Means said. “It has been repudiated by the provost and the chancellor.”

The April resolution stated the decision came because of “the continuous and ongoing pattern of a lack of collegiality and communication, unfair treatment of a malign indifference to departmental concerns, a lack of knowledge and/or lack of proper consideration of policies and procedures of the College and University, and administrative threats against the well being of our departments.”

Members of the voting faculty requested a meeting with Rice, who responded by saying he would meet with chairs of each department to discuss the next steps. Professor of physics Aldo Migone and professor of mathematics Martin Zeman said they did not know if Rice met with faculty chairs and he has not met with faculty to discuss the vote.

Rice did not respond to two voicemails left on his cell phone Tuesday evening.

Migone said Means either does not know what the procedures are, or he chooses not to apply them. “That leads to problems,” Migone said.

“All of these procedures have taken a long time and plenty of negotiations between the association and the administration to get these rules in place. They cannot simply be ignored.”

The problems began in February 2008 when the three departments passed a resolution asking Rice to meet with Means to “simplify himself with the rules and regulations found in the operating papers of the College and the individual departments, as well as other policies governing the University, and apply them properly.”

Zeman said Rice informed him he had the meeting with Means, but relations between the faculty and Means did not improve.

“A year later, in April, things didn’t get any better,” Zeman said. “We’ve been trying to relate these to the provost.”

At Tuesday’s meeting, Zeman appeared in front of the Faculty Senate to pass the resolution for Faculty Senate President Phillip Howell to urge Rice to meet with the department’s faculty.

Zeman said the vote of no confidence in the school’s dean was unprecedented. “I’ve been here for 30 years, and I have never seen something like this before,” Zeman said. “This is just unbelievable.”

Jeff Engelhardt contributed to this report.
Limited by nothing

Joan Levy, Rustle Hill Winery Artist of the Month, will have her work, such as the piece above, on display at the Cobden winery Sunday.

Local artist work to be displayed through September

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Joan Levy surprises herself the time.
Levy, the 75-year-old artist who was selected as the Rustle Hill Winery Artist of the Month, said people should not worry about embarrassing themselves to discover talents they may have.

The Cobden winery is scheduled to host a reception of her work from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, providing an opportunity for people to meet the artist, view her work and hear her music.

"If I can discover gifts at 75, other people can also," Levy said.

She said it was not until reaching her 70s that she realized she had poetry and jazz singing abilities to explore.

She said it is important for people to take risks to discover their unique talents, which make life more enjoyable.
Levy said the constraints of society's rules discourage most people from exploring talents that set them apart from the majority, but creative people often have multiple talents.

"I do not care what kind of creative endeavor you go into, just don't be afraid to try anything," she said.

Painting is a way to escape into a timeless joy, she said.
"You can escape all your troubles; they just disappear," she said. "You are alone in the process of creating."

Her work primarily deals with fruits and vegetables, said Chris McKinley the event coordinator for Rustle Hill Winery.

"Her work is a lot of big, beautiful acrylic painting of fruits, and we thought it went along with the season and harvest in southern Illinois," she said.

She said it was important that Levy was a well-known local artist as well.

"She is a far-out lady and does beautiful work," said Bonnie Davis, Little Egypt Arts Association member.

"Do not care what kind of endeavor you go into, just don't be afraid to try anything."

-- Joan Levy, Rustle Hill Winery Artist of the Month, 2009

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2010 University-Level Outstanding Scholar Award

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Eligibility. All full-time SIUC faculty and staff members employed with the University for a period of five (5) consecutive years and who, at the time of the original nomination, are involved in research and creative endeavors are eligible for the award. Once nominated, the nominee may remain eligible for consideration for two additional years, if still a member of the SIUC faculty or staff. This will require agreement on the part of the nominee, to be obtained again by the sponsor. The supporting documentation may be updated at this time. Emphasis on service and/or teaching will not be considered as these are already honored through other awards. This award is permanent recognition of outstanding scholarship and is, therefore, awarded only once to an individual.

Nomination Process. Nominations for the award may be proposed by colleagues, associates, supervisors or subordinates (hereafter, the sponsor) of the nominee. The nomination should be supported by a detailed statement of the nature and importance of the accomplishments sought to be rewarded. The separate submission of relevant supporting documentation such as a curriculum vitae (prepared in the standardized format used for promotion) and a list of scholarly and creative activities and special awards must be forwarded by the second deadline date. Presentations should be identified as invited, national or international, and information should be provided that can be used as ranking criteria for publications. Each sponsor must provide (after consultation with the nominee) a list of six (6) referees external to the University; the committee will solicit the letters. No SIUC faculty should be included in the list of referees for any nominee. Each referee listed must include name, address, phone number, email address, a short biographical sketch (2-3 paragraphs), and the nominee’s affiliation with the referee. The nomination letter and the packet of supporting documentation are to be forwarded to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean, Anthony Hall 220, Mail Code 4344, Attention: Outstanding Scholar Award Committee.

Deadline Date: for nominations with Statement of Nature and Importance of Accomplishments only: Monday, October 19, 2009
Deadline Date: for supporting documentation: Monday, November 9, 2009
Contact Person: Linda Martin, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean, 453-4526, lmartin@siu.edu
SIIUC head chef Bill Connors said he is always pushing for more locally grown produce to be used at the university.

Most of the university’s local produce comes from the Carbondale Community Food Co-op, which Connors said he made a deal with this summer. He said he is also looking to local farmers to begin supplying the school with their vegetables and fruits.

On Aug. 18, Gov. Pat Quinn signed House Bill 3990, a legislation designed to help keep more of the food produced in Illinois consumed within the state.

According to a press release from Gov. Pat Quinn’s office, the law establishes goals for state-funded institutions, such as universities, to purchase 10 percent of its food locally by 2020.

Connors said SIIUC is already at around 15 percent.

Connors said the law’s purpose was to increase demand for locally grown food as opposed to the commodity crops Illinois farmers grow. He said fewer than 8 percent of the state’s farmers are growing vegetables to put on the table.

Signs denoting locally grown tomatoes, melons and other produce are in the buffet lines of LeCoute and the other dining halls, and some students are taking advantage of the opportunity to choose local.

Haley Connors, an undecided freshman from Darien, said she knew the dining halls were offering local produce. She said she thought it was a good idea because it puts money back in the community.

“It’s good economically for the university and the community,” she said.

But Deni, a senior from Eureka studying civil engineering, said he would always choose locally produced food over something that had to be shipped.

The process does not come without its obstacles. Connors said staffing, particularly in cafeteria-style dining areas, can be a problem because cutting up the vegetables takes more time, putting more work on the staff.

He said purchasing regulations and insurance issues farmers face means they must pay more and fill out a number of forms to sell to the university.

Many smaller farmers do not have the money for that, he said.

Connors said many times another vendor purchases the local produce and then sells it to the university, such as SIIUC does with the Co-op.

Fruits and vegetables are not the only organic products the university offers. Connors said he began buying hogs from the university farms this summer, and all pork used in the dining halls comes from animals only a few miles from campus.

Tom Rosenthal, a swine specialist at the SIUC farms, said they sell about 24 hogs a month to the school. He said the pigs go to Open Gate Meats in Anna to be processed then returned to the university. Using a company closer to the university saves money by cutting the miles the meat travels, he said.

Rosenthal said the Swine Center began supplying hogs to the dining halls this summer, and so far is working well.

Pork is not the only meat the dining halls receive from the farms. Connors said 12 to 20 cattle, grazing on the university’s property would eventually return to SIUC as processed beef.

Connors said he does not consider the push to eat locally to be a passing fad. Whether serving local produce can be sustained long term depends on the farmers.

“Our university, at least as I’m around, we will continue buying locally,” he said. “I’m always pushing for more and more and more.”
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For the first tournament coming up, I am not expecting a lot of results,” Waked said. “I am expressing that they play how they are supposed to. That they play good and hard. Waked will only be participating in doubles play in the first tournament of the season in Lafayette, La., because of an injured arm.

The Salukis are coming off of their first conference title in 19 years and freshman Chikuwa Kidera said one of the team’s goals is to make it back to the top of the conference.

“Making the tournament is something that I want to accomplish,” Kidera said. “It’s our goal to make it to the NCAA tournament and hopefully do better than what we did last year.”

Kidera has said he enjoys the team atmosphere and thinks the players have fun right in with the returning Salukis.

“I want to win as many matches for the team as I can,” Kidera said. “I also want to be there for my team and support them. Hopefully they bring their part as well.”

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SIU moves forward with new roster

West among players not returning to defending champions

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Last season, men’s tennis player Eric West went undefeated in conference play as he earned the Missouri Valley Conference Freshman of the Year and helped the Salukis win a conference championship.

But he won’t be able to help the Salukis much as an Oklahoma State Cowboy.

West’s transfer to Oklahoma State University in the offseason, as well as the graduation of four seniors, has allowed four new freshmen and two transfers to join the team.

“West was a pretty good guy, but these new guys are pretty good too,” senior Lucas Waked said.

The Salukis return only three players — Waked, senior Anton Leonenko and sophomore Park Bajiri — from their 2009 Missouri Valley Conference Championship season.

Waked said the main goal was to show the new Salukis that collegiate tennis is different and more of a team sport.

He said the newcomers should produce great results, but he is not expecting their best finishes in the first tournament.

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Women’s golf team tees off

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The SIU women’s golf team has its sights on the top of the conference standings despite losing four seniors.

The women’s golf team hopes to return to its 2007 championship form as it introduces three freshmen to the squad. The Salukis held their qualifying rounds over the weekend to find out who will fill the top five spots on the roster for Monday’s Towson Golf Classic and the Payne Stewart Memorial on Sept. 21.

Sophomore Alisha Matthews said the golfers have already broken their qualifying round scores from last year and should start the season strong.

Women’s golf coach Diane Daugherty said while the team is young, she still expects a strong performance from the Salukis to start the season.

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Freshman Shaina Rennegarbe, left, sophomore Margaret Gilley, middle, and sophomore Alisha Matthews, right, practice putting with tennis balls at the advice of head coach Diane Daugherty who refers to it as a “mind game” because it forces golfers to think about putting a bigger ball into a smaller hole.

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FOOTBALL

Missouri Valley Football Conference roundup

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The first week of college football has come and gone, and the top programs in the Missouri Valley Football Conference have shown they can compete with anybody, whether they’re National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics schools, or are ranked 22nd as the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Indiana State Sycamores 10
Louisville Cardinals 30

A week after losing to NAIA division school Quincy, the Sycamores faced Football Bowl Division Louisville, to similar results. The Sycamores extended the nation’s longest losing streak to 28 games, and only managed 101 total yards of offense against the Cardinals defense.

Western Illinois Leathernecks 35
Sam Houston State Bearkats 28

For a game that was a shut-out, it was the Leathernecks’ final defensive stand that stood out. With the ball on the one-yard line and a little more than 20 seconds on the clock, the Leathernecks stopped the Bearkats on three straight plays to wrap up the win. Bearkats’ quarterback Blake Joseph final pass to Jason Maduli was dropped with zeroes on the clock to end the game.

North Dakota State Bison 17
Iowa State Cyclones 34

Iowa State snapped a 10-game losing streak, making coach Paul Rhoades a winner in his debut. Quarterback Austen Arnaud threw for 227 yards and two touchdowns as the Cyclones pulled away from the Bison in the third with 10 unanswered points.

Northern Iowa Panthers 16
Iowa Hawkeyes 17

The Panthers ended up short — twice on the biggest upset of the weekend. Billy Hallgrens first field goal attempt for the win was blocked, but the officials ruled there was still time on the clock, but Hallgrens’ second attempt was blocked again, sealing a Hawkeyes victory. The Panthers blew a 10-3 lead at half, being outscored 14-6 by the No. 22 Hawkeyes in the second half.

Youngstown State Penguins 3
Pittsburgh Panthers 38

Pittsburgh barely broke a sweat against the Penguins, as Panther freshman running back Dion Lewis had 129 yards and three touchdowns by halftime. The game marks the fifth straight time the Penguins have failed to score a touchdown against an FBS program.

Missouri State Bears 10
Arkansas Razorbacks 48

Arkansas’ Dennis Johnson took the opening kickoff in for a touchdown, and the Razorbacks rolled all over the Bears Saturday. Arkansas set a school record with 447 yards passing. Michigan transfer Ryan Mallett finished with 309 yards and one touchdown for the Razorbacks.

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