Amaya to set deal, will play overseas

By Kevin Bergquist
Sports Writer

Former Saluki hoops player Ashraf Amaya's agent said his client is close to a deal that would have him play in an all-American basketball tournament for a European candidate team touring the hardwood in France this season.

Bill Hill, Amaya's representative, said Amaya has another offer from a team in Spain, but is leaning towards the French offer, which would pay him more while offering similar competition.

"I think at this point, he will be playing in France," Hill said. "As long as they agree to our contract specifications, he will be in the south of France Saturday morning."

Hill would not name the team interested in Amaya or the amount of money he is seeking, but said it is well above six figures.

Amaya also said he is inviting on a one-year deal for Amaya in hopes he may get another crack at the NBA.

"I would never sign him to a two-year deal unless the money was so good, you just couldn't turn it down," Neff said. "His goal remains the NBA. In my judgment, he should be in the NBA, if not this year than next."

Neff said Amaya made the decision to look hard at the overseas offers for several reasons, including waning interest from NBA clubs as well as the fact that European teams begin competition in the next few weeks.

"At some point, you can't roll the dice anymore," Neff said. "Most of these teams start their seasons after Labor Day, and what if you roll the dice and turn down a certain amount of money—that would be crazy."

Neff said playing overseas will give Amaya an opportunity to work on parts of his game that were a concern to NBA teams.

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Football foursome to have hands full in Saluki end zone

By Dan Leary
Sports Writer

The Saluki football team will have its hands full this season. Full of passes that is, if their talented quarter of senior receivers fulfill their expectations.

The group includes proven performers such as LaVance Banks and Billy Swan, as well as experienced back-ups like Alan Brewer and Steve Stamm.

Banks stepped into the national spotlight this summer when The Sports Network named him honorable mention All-American.

Last season Banks hauled down 29 passes for 663 yards and ten touchdowns. Banks topped off a great year by catching 5 passes for 176 yards and three touchdowns in the season finale against Indiana State.

On the all-time list Banks ranks second in most yards for a season (603), first for most touchdowns in a game (3), first in most touchdowns in a season (10), tied for first for most touchdowns in a career (12), and has the second average yards per reception for a career (22.8).

Swain also has etched his name into the Saluki record books. Besides sharing the career touchdowns title with Banks, Swain is third in receptions for a season (43), seventh in most receptions for a career (76) and fifth in most receiving yards in a game (158).

Brewer and Stamm have performed well in limited duty. Last year Brewer caught 11 passes for 136 yards. Stamm grabbed four passes for 51 yards.

Offensive coordinator Phil Meyer said receivers have several responsibilities within the Saluki system.

"Our receivers need to run precise routes, read coverage and adjust, and be disciplined," Meyer said. "If they do that, they will catch plenty of footballs."

When it comes to reading defenses, Meyer said the receivers do it at the line of scrimmage and in mid-route.

"It happens both ways, so there must be a lot of coordination between the defense and the receiver," Meyer said. "So we spend a lot of practice time with the receivers and the quarterbacks learning to make the right read."

Meyer said the quarterback change should not hurt the passing game.

"These guys have been working together in the spring and now," Meyer said. "So I think they have developed a good rapport with each other."

One advantage the Salukis have in their offensive scheme which favors the wide-receiver and split-receiver on different sides of the field.

"If the defense overloads on one side we can go to the weaker side," Meyer said. "So our system fits our athletes very well."

Receiver coach Sam Venuto said Brewer and Stamm provide stability with their presence.

"They know the system and bring a lot of experience in a back-up role," Venuto said. "They also will see action in our three and four-man sets."

Venuto backed up Meyer's assertion that their receivers must be able to change routes.

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SIUC students get chance to fulfil athletic urge

By Grant Dancey
Sports Writer

At the Student Recreation Center, you have a chance to participate in athletics at SIUC.

In addition to the actual Rec-Center facilities, there are also indoor sports such as weightlifting, aerobics, and ping pong, and a number of events and activities being made available to individuals and teams.

Last spring, the Rec-Center began a new program called sport clubs and this fall the outdoor clubs and fitness golf club will join a list of about 30 other clubs preparing to get underway soon.

Sports such as sailing, bowling and even an equine club will be offered to anyone interested.

About 80 students combined to form a roller blade hockey club that helped begin the new program.

These clubs try to meet specific at a location (the roller blade club meets at the Wall Street Courts) and break into teams for competition among one another.

The success of the roller blade hockey club has inspired others to form sport clubs.

For those interested in team competition, volleyball, 16- and 12-inch softball, soccer and flag football will be open to anyone willing to organize a squad.

Under the Rec-Centers classification of special events, there are several activities taking place throughout the semester.

A 3-point shot contest, home run derby, 3.1 mile run and a bike race fall into the special events category.

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Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman was indicted for conspiracy and charged Wednesday with masterminding a terror ring that bombarded the World Trade Center, murdered militant Rabbi Meir Kahane and launched “a war of urban terrorism” through kidnappings, assassinations and additional bomb attacks.

ADVERTISING DIFFERS IN EASTERN GERMANY
A news report of consumer has developed among eastern German consumers. Three years after their abrupt conversion from socialism to capitalism, many consumers have long since agreed that one of the most important things left behind in the west was the showy, colorful advertising pitches of the old days.

NICARAGUAN HOSTAGE CRISIS COMES TO END
A double-hostage crisis that has gnawed Nicaragua for nearly a year has given way to a peaceful end. Wednesday in Contra rebels in northern Nicaragua and Sandinista guerillas in the capital freed their last prisoners. Vice President Vigilio Godoy and four conservative politicians emerged from the building where they had been held at gunpoint since Friday. They looked haggard but well and complained bitterly of the way in which President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro handled the crisis.

MEXICAN EXHIBIT FEATURES ELECTION FRAUD
An unusual cultural exhibit called “ExpoFraud” has come to Mexico City. It documents 10 years of election rigging, a practice still common in Mexico. The exhibit is mostly blown-up copies of newspaper articles about election fraud, with headlines like “In Culiacan They Were More Wrong Than Thalas.” Fake voter cards are on display. And there are photos of women protesting election fraud being beaten by police officers and dragged to jail.

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ETHICS COMMITTEE INVESTIGATES PACKWOOD
The Senate Ethics Committee is feverishly gathering material for its investigation of charges that Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., sexually harassed perhaps dozens of women who worked for him and with him for two decades. For more than a month, the committee has been contacting nearly 300 women—all of whom have worked for Packwood since he took office in 1968.

MILLIONS SPENT ON HELIUM BY GOVERNMENT
The Navy ballyhooed the unveiling decades ago, but Uncle Sam is still in the helium business. The government has bought $1.3 billion worth of the gas. Even though the government’s helium isn’t needed, Washington is still spending millions to refine more each year. The National Helium Reserve run by the U.S. Bureau of Mines, makes the government the single largest owner of helium in the world.

JACKSON ABUSE ALLEGATIONS INVESTIGATED
A Washington Post article had international ramifications of sexual abuse by Michael Jackson, Los Angeles police are focusing on the entertainer’s contact with at least four young boys, including a 13-year-old who said Jackson was the first to report the allegations. The(Symbol) for close-up to the investigation and Wednesday. The investigation started in July. Since then, Jackson developed immunity in the widening raids and investigating about at least three other potential victims.

TORONTO-DAMAGED TOWN RECONSTRUCTED
It’s unclear when life will get back to normal in a Pocahontas County, Va., an area hit by a tornado nearly three weeks ago, but reconstruction is well under way. Pocahontas Island was settled by black slaves more than a century ago. The Aug. 6 tornado, which killed four people and injured nearly 200, destroyed homes, damaged about 80% of the island's homes and cars, and killed 58 horses, some of which still occupied by descendants of the original residents.

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By Shawna Donovan
Administration Writer

SIUC Student Trustee Mark Kochan said he believes in an "open-door" policy.

Kochan, a graduate student in public administration from Herrin, said he is trying to keep open his campaign promises by making himself available for students when they need him.

Kochan was elected to his position last spring, and worked during the summer to establish a centralized office where students can reach him.

"I think in the past the student trustee was not very accessible," Kochan said. "I am trying to change that by getting an office where students can walk in and talk to [me]."

"I just want to be available for people," he said.

Kochan's office was moved from the barracks to the old Alumni Association on the second floor of the Student Center.

Although the office is not running at full capacity, the student trustee is optimistic.

"We have a lot of issues to face this semester as well as this year," he said. "There are also concerns on campus, such as safety and parking, which all need to be addressed, and they will be."

Further program cuts and recommendations from the Illinois Board of Higher Education are his biggest concern, Kochan said.

"I was put in this office because I campaigned to let students know if they want something done about program cuts they have to focus on the purse strings in Springfield," Kochan said. "If they want action, they have to be represented."

"I just want to be available for people." — Mark Kochan

"I am here to represent the students' interests and concerns," he said. "So far, the Board of Trustees and University administration have been responsive to students' needs."

Since July 1, Kochan has served as the student representative on the SIU Board of Trustees. He can recommend and second any recommendation brought up, but can only give an advisory vote on it.

Kochan also has served as the student trustee for the past two years.

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By Kellie Huttes
General Assignment Writer

Carbondale resident Betty Mitchell believes a picture is worth a thousand words — or at least a book's worth.


Dr. Burton, executive director of the SIU alumni Association who sponsored the book, said there were more than 70 orders for it in the first few days after its release.

"We [the association] are very, very pleased that we were a part of this book; the quality is first rate," he said.

Burger said the association received a letter from Dorothy May Morris, the wife of former SIU president Delyte Morris, saying she was pleased with the publication.

"It far exceeded my expectations," he said.


The book follows SIUC from its beginning as Southern Illinois Normal University and Old Main was the only building, up to present-day campus.

Burger said he expects a book signing in October around Homecoming that will be held in the association's new office in the Stone Center.

Burger said there are 1,500 copies available for $35 plus tax.

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By Sean L. N. Hao
General Assignment Writer

Embers of Russian coup still burning after two years

The failed coup ended in a dissolved Soviet Union, as ultimately 16 republics declared independence, and also sent the Communist Party reeling in the wake of political reform.

But class divisions are not the only legacy of the coup.

Ethnic divisions, once suppressed by Communist leaders, have come to the fore, Nicholls said.

The Communists-turned-Socialists are ethnic problems and Old Man's democratic and capitalistic reforms, he said.

One of the reasons Yeltsin is having problems reforming the system is that he still finds former high ranking Communists in the parliament, military complex and privileged positions," he said. "While there have been some changes, there have also been a lot of continuity in the persons involved."
Fine on pedestrians avoids real problem

THE SIUC PARKING DIVISION IS trying to make it more difficult to walk across the road on campus—or at least make it more expensive.

Beginning Sept. 1, parking officials will fine pedestrians $15 each time they are caught crossing the street anywhere but within a marked crosswalk, as well as bicyclists who do not walk their bikes through a crosswalk.

The motive behind the fine is the statistics to back it up. According to figures from another way, SIUC officials can draw more money from already empty pocketbooks, when they are ignoring the even greater concern: vehicles that do not stop even at crosswalks.

SO FAR THIS YEAR, SIUC POLICE have reported that three pedestrians were injured by motor vehicles. Last year, only one person was hurt, and three in 1991. No accident is trivial, but considering that thousands upon thousands of pedestrians trek across the road almost every day of the year, three injuries is not a significant number. In any case, it is not significant enough to pose a threat to the well-being and safety of people walking across the campus' roads.

Yet a threat exactly is what parking officials have in mind by slapping a $15 fine on anyone who walks outside of their painted lines. Parking Division Director Merilyn Hogan said that the University needs "some regulations to prevent and reduce accidents," but this is a new regulation going to reduce three accidents to none?

PEDESTRIANS SUPPOSEDLY ARE feeding the high accident rate on campus by not walking within marked areas sporadically placed across campus, but what about the cars that choose not to stop when they encounter the painted lines and yellow yield signs?

On any given day, a person can stand on the edge of a crosswalk and rest assured that at least one vehicle will not stop. This is not the case in every instance, but more often than not pedestrians are just as apprehensive about crossing the road in crosswalks as they are outside them.

They must be so overly concerned by the larger safety problem of cars not stopping.

PARKING DIVISION OFFICIALS should be congratulated on promoting public safety, but this new regulation is not the solution to the problem. It is illogical to ask students rushing to class to seek out a crosswalk before crossing the road, when they easily could just cross on their own judgment with no problem. Charging $15 for walking outside a crosswalk is excessive in itself, especially considering that crosswalks do not guarantee a person's safety.

Officials should dump the fine on pedestrians and refocus their attention on where the real problem of pedestrian safety: the vehicles not stopping at crosswalks.

Students already shoulder numerous expenses at this University—they should not be faced with another for merely crossing the road.

Letters to the Editor

Conservative ideologies cause concern at SIUC

I would like to refute several claims presented through the mosaic perspective of Michael D. Caldwell as published in the August 25th DE.

First, Mr. Caldwell warns that liberals of this campus are out to "brainwash" new students. The term "brainwash" is of little value, so let us use the more scientific equivalent, "indoctrination." Indoctrination involves a harsh compulsion of a particular environment, mis-leading of a language, and no opportunity for personal opinion. I have yet to see any of these conditions met by the so-called "liberal" professors or student organizations on this campus.

Secondly, Mr. Caldwell's platitudes are so overly simplistic that they mask any real understanding of modern liberal opinion. If only space would allow, I would address them individually, however, I am limited to three hundred words.

If any individual is truly interested in what liberals believe and support, I would suggest reading Liberal Opinion Weekly. Students ought to listen to the likes of Limbaugh. I hope you have a background in logic of argument so you can catch the red herrings.

I would dispute that the corporate news media reinforces liberal opinion. When media sources reflect a bias, this bias better represents the interest of the advertisers than a political orientation, which can be seen through the coverage of issues such as the drug war, welfare, health care, and military intervention. I am not arguing that corporate media is apolitical, rather, it is centrist, with a bias towards the status quo.

For further examination of this topic, I would suggest Ben Bagdikian's Media Monopoly and Noam Chomsky's Manufacturing Consent.

Finally, I would agree with Mr. Caldwell that students ought to listen to the likes of Limbaugh. I hope, of course, that you have a background in the logic of argument and a critical ear so you can catch the red herrings, the name-calling, and the bones of contention these people refuse to acknowledge.

Indeed, listen and decide for yourself.

---Michael Scharfer, graduate student, history

Ivy league's presses compete

I recently spoke with the Harvard Press concerning their publications catalogue. Asking about computer disk-based information, I was directed to the Yale Press.

"They are Harvard's dormant, you know," the student said.

---William Powers, unclassified grad student

Representation lacking at paper

Welcome back all of you who have been away for the summer. You missed a lot of good things: like excellent summer concerts, a lot of bad things: like liberal start of the DE editorial board. Day after day we were subjected to the common liberal mean liberal dogma.

While I do not admire a lot the liberal ideology, I don't observe a place in the public debate. It adds to the free exchange of ideas. The kind of free exchange necessary to formulate public policy.

Unfortunately we have not heard from all sides, we have heard the kind of public debate worthy of a free people.

Can you imagine CNN's Crossfire with nry Mike Kinsley, or Pat Buchanan: where's the debate, that would be a half hour lecture. What is especially disturbing in the debate is the left is far too state supported by taxpayer and authoritarians. Hence from liberals, conservatives and moderates alike.

I implore you at the DE to broaden your editorial perspective. Surely you must have at least one close to conservative at your newspaper who could write editorials. Perhaps you could do different viewpoints on different days of the week, debating an issue, Or you could have a point-counterpoint kind of thing.

You, at the DE can work out the details, but please try to reflect the diversity of the community you serve.

---Paul Gillham, senior, finance

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We already discussed safety with the children on Monday, before the incident occurred," Jacobson said.

Today we have to take it further and get them to think for themselves.

Purdy said parents and children should always be aware of their neighborhoods (McGruff Hound) where they can go to in the event of an emergency.

Gene Dybvig, block captain of the neighborhood watch in his area, said children need a place to go where they feel comfortable even though they do not know the people in the house.

"When they come here we'll try to contact their parents or the police," Dybvig said. "This is a place for them to escape from the outside environment if the outside environments are threatening.

The suspect's vehicle is a small, silver colored, two-door with a black stripe and possibly a suv.

Anyone having information about this incident can contact the Carbondale Police at 549-2121 or Crime Stoppers at 549-COPS.

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that justice is served," Green said, referring to the death of a black student at the now-defunct Checkers nightclub.

Green said he is impressed with SIUC police efforts to maintain good race relations on campus.

"I think that they've made an effort to work with students on campus," Green said.

Davidson said she feels it is important for African Americans who succeed in their professions and in their lives to remember those who have gone before them.

"In my office, I have a picture of a house in the Mississippi Delta. I keep it behind my desk. When I look at that picture, I am reminded what it means to he black and poor in America," Davidson said.

Although Davidson did not attend the 1963 civil rights march, "it was active in the movement, serving as the national coordinator for the Congress of Racial Equality Conference.

"I think if I were to become involved again, a major goal I would have would be to help those African Americans who are really here to understand that they have a responsibility to reach back and help their people," Davidson said.

Of the march, Davidson said, "It worked as a coalition for both blacks and whites. It set the pace of the momentum for the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"I have to maintain steadfastly my commitment to work toward equality for African Americans in this society," Davidson said.

"We're moving toward freer movement of what's that's what we have to keep in mind. March" doesn't mean to stand still, it means to move," Davidson said.

"We all should be free to be who we are and not have anything placed upon us because of our differences. We can all live together in this land. I really believe that that's what it's all about," Jackson continued.


Nightmares of natural disaster continue long after waters fall

Scipps Howard News Service

HANIBAL, Missouri—The nightmare is always the same for Jimmy Miller.

The 6-year-old is alone, sitting in his room, when the muddy water begins to rise. It rises quickly, swallowing up his toys, furniture and anything else in its path. He cries, rolls over in his parents, but no one is there. The water already has swept them away.

"It was my room and everything," said Jimmy's mother, Barbara.

Now he's afraid he might lose us.

As Mrs. Miller has learned from the dreams of her frightened child, the river rises each year in the Missouri at times. The Midwest flood is not always as visible as the flooded homes and muddy yards up and down the Mississippi.

The flood, among the worst ever in the United States, has claimed 50 lives, caused US $10 billion in damage and left at least 10,000 homeless.

But as the water continues to recede, it's also becoming clear that the summer-long ordeal has taken a heavy emotional toll.

These people are feeling overwhelmed by their lots and lives, said Jean Hance, a counselor. "Whatever we give them, it's not going to be enough."

Although the river is still well out of its banks, most of the flood victims took the first painful step toward recovery when receding water began to reveal the wreckage of homes and farms.

Until now, the flood's magnitude and duration made it almost impossible for victims to visit their homes. While tornadoes and hurricanes wipe out entire neighborhoods in only a few hours, the flood crept up on them, consumed them and then settled in for a long stay.

"People people under a lot of emotional pressure," said Marie Price, a Red Cross volunteer.

"What's difficult is when the water is gone and they go back and see the extent of the damage," Price said.

Some have found they have almost nothing to go back to.

Mrs. Miller, along with Jimmy and her 12-year-old daughter, Jennifer, spent two weeks in a shelter before returning to their house for the first time. It was an unpleasant homcoming.

"I think Miller had seen her small, two-bedroom house, it looked as good as new. It had a fresh coat of paint inside, new furniture and a rose bush that looked just like a sheet of red velvet," Connelly said.

There were two new bikes on the porch and an antique dresser, a gift from her grandparents, in Jennifer's room.

When they returned, they barely recognized their home.

A thick, smelly layer of river mud—like a mix of mud, raw sewage and gasoline—spread across the grass and lawn, the front porch and every room in the house. The rose bush had been unplugged, the screen door had gone and the furniture was rotting in the living room.

"Oh God," Mrs. Miller said as she stepped into the house. This makes the damage was even more disheartening because the Millers had left so much behind. They evacuated quickly, leaving only with a trunk full of clothes and a radio. The Hilltop was inside when the water filled the house, almost to the ceiling.

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Choral union needs voices
By Charlotte Rivers
Entertainment Writer

Students who want to lift their voices in song are invited to audition for the SJU Choral Union now through next week.

The Choral Union performs in and outside master works. This semester’s featured work is the second half of Joseph Haydn’s oratorio, “The Seasons.” John Mochnick, SJU director of choral, said.

The Choral Union is not restricted to music majors but is open to all SJU students who enjoy singing. Since rehearsals are only once a week, belonging to the chorus is not overly time-consuming, members said.

Valerie Kuhle, a freshman in nursing from Riverton, was one of the students who auditioned for the Choral Union.

“...I am not too nervous because I am familiar with auditions. But if you’re being singing for five years or 20 years, there’s still something in your stomach,” she said. “You can never be too confident.”

Kuhle, who has been singing for eight years, said singing is something she has always enjoyed. “It’s a nice extracurricular activity to be involved in, even if you’re not a music major. Singing is one of my favorite hobbies,” she said.

Students participating in the Choral Union will receive one hour general education credit and the chorus is open to both students and area residents. Although community members are not required to audition, they must have some previous ensemble experience.

Mochnick said more than 80 singers were present at last week’s rehearsal, many of the hopefuls traveled long distances to attend.

“Some of those who came to Monday’s rehearsal came from as far away as Chester. Other area residents came from Marion, Murphysboro and Goreville,” Mochnick said. “I was pleased to see such a large turnout, but I also want to especially invite SJU students to participate.”

Laugh translates into flood relief
Comedians do their part for flood victims

By Bill Kugelberg
Entertainment Editor

There is nothing funny about the flooding that has devastated parts of Southern Illinois this summer, but if a bartender, a bar and grill owner will be turning laughs into money for the victims.

Joe Frick, an owner of Mug’s McGuire’s, located at 1620 W. Main, will be hosting a comic relief benefit for flood victims at the establishment this weekend.

Frick said he is glad to be able to help the communities ravaged by flooding.

“We are just trying to do a good deed for society,” Frick said. “We wanted to have something where people would bring in canned goods along with money, which we would donate to the Red Cross.”

But the Red Cross said the victims needed money right now more than anything.

The comedy benefit will run tonight and Saturday night. Admission is $2 for SJU students with a valid I.D. and $4 for the general public.

A canister also will be inside the door for any donations.

Barry Martin, the leading comedian for both nights, will be selling a tape at the show consisting of musical songs he has performed.

Martin said any money collected from the tape sales also will be sent to the Red Cross.

“I feel really good about donating the time to help make this happen,” Joe said. “I came up with the idea and I figured it’s the least I can do to help.”

In addition to Martin, Dan Davis will perform tonight and Saturday.

Kevin Stagg also will perform tonight with Willie Rance and another comedian is expected Saturday.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m., and the show starts at 9:30 p.m. Food will be available starting at 7:30 p.m.

Theatre looks to students

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By Rob Sisk

“...We need the idea of a forum to be a part of something that can help people,” Martin said.

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Raging river spares Grand Tower

By Fernando Felu-Moggi
Special Assignment Writer

For the small town of Grand Tower, on the shores of the Mississippi, the tragedy of the flood of 1993 has had a somewhat happy ending.

Unlike others along the river levee that prevented waters from inundating the town resisted pressure and, although residents had to evacuate in late July, they returned three weeks later to find much of their lives intact.

Throughout the town, passers by could see residents unpacking belongings, while chatting with neighbors who did the same. There remained a few structures surrounded with sandbags intended to guard sensitive areas from high water.

Chairs and computer monitors were piled atop the safe of Grand Tower’s First National Bank, where they would have remained dry had the levee broken.

“I all moved back in,” asks one resident to the driver-dui teller. “My house is awful. There is stuff all over the place,” the teller tells the driver. “But we’re glad to be back home.”

Ba. President Rick Wiggs, said the flood score may have slowed the town’s economy somewhat, but residents are glad the area was spared from extensive damage.

Routine deposits and payments were affected, but not nearly as much as if the town were flooded.

“No one in Grand Tower has flood insurance right now,” he said. “If that levee had broken, we would have had problem because there have a lot of mortgages out.”

“People would be obligated to the the the the debt.”

During the evacuation, the bank set up temporary offices in the library to help alleviate confusion.

Because of this, Wiggs said business has remained steady despite the forced evacuation of the town.

“Mainly, it was just a loss of time,” he said. “It was a big inconvenience because there was no major damage.”

A town that was buffeted by heavy breaks, but the flood insurance was restored.

After evacuating the town, many residents are glad the area was spared floodwaters.

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Groups give clean-up aid

Area organizations seek help for disaster victims

By Erick Enrquez and Emily Priddy
Special Assignment Writers

Although flood waters are receding, local interest in the relief effort remains high.

Jackson County towns escaped serious water damage, but several Carbondale organizations have been busy lending their support to communities spared by the flood.

Elaine Clyburn, district director of the American Red Cross for the current Disaster operation in southeast Missouri and Southwest Illinois, said since the emergency phase is over the major concern now is picking up the pieces.

“The major help we need now is clean-up,” Clyburn said.

“A lot of people need transportation and help getting items out of storage.”

Clean-up efforts include removing debris from their property and collecting conditionings from the levee areas.

Clyburn said.

The Red Cross not only is distributing clean-up kits and water to individual families and homes, she said but also to community buildings and other non-contact for citizens.

Clyburn said the Red Cross has established a family grant program in which a cash amount is given to persons who have been forced from their home for more than 21 days.

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Groups give clean-up aid

Area organizations seek help for disaster victims

By Erick Enrquez and Emily Priddy
Special Assignment Writers

Although flood waters are receding, local interest in the relief effort remains high.

Jackson County towns escaped serious water damage, but several Carbondale organizations have been busy lending their support to communities spared by the flood.

Elaine Clyburn, district director of the American Red Cross for the current Disaster operation in southeast Missouri and Southwest Illinois, said since the emergency phase is over the major concern now is picking up the pieces.

“The major help we need now is clean-up,” Clyburn said.

“A lot of people need transportation and help getting items out of storage.”

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The findings were presented in a Rand Corp. report that had been completed in early July—15 days before the president announced his new directive policy—but was kept under wraps until now, after the issue has been debated and the fate has been decided.

Clinton administration officials acknowledged that only minute changes have been made in the document over a period that had been finished seven weeks ago, but they denied the report was delayed for political reasons.

Kathleen deLaski, the Defense Department's spokeswoman, asserted the report had not been made public earlier because "it did not meet our form." But she said policy makers had been briefed on its contents before Clinton made his decision.

But David M. Smith, a spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, charged that the report "clearly was deliberately delayed" to deprive gays of their ammunition for arguing Clinton should do away with all restrictions immediately.

"This clearly indicates that the administration took a politically expedient way out ... instead of doing the right thing," Smith contended. He said the report showed that "if the president would have ... put forth a principled position, he would have been supported.

The policy announced by Clinton allows homosexuals to serve in the military as long as they keep their sexual orientation private, but it continues to make them subject to discharge for engaging in homoerotic acts on or off base.

Clinton told Pentagon officials last January he wanted to draft an order "ending discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in determining who may serve in the armed forces," but backed down after opposition from conservatives and military leaders.

The study released Thursday, commissioned by the Pentagon in hopes of providing the most comprehensive treatment of the subject to date, says military commanders should "consider sexual orientation, by itself, as not germane to determining who may serve in the armed forces.

It asserts such a policy—which essentially would declare a person's sexual orientation irrelevant to the government's business—would be the "only one ... consistent with the findings of the study and Clinton's mandate in January to end discrimination.

The $18-page document also psychometrically refutes—or dismisses as manageable problems—virtually all the major arguments that military leaders and conservatives have made against eliminating the ban and restrictions on gays in the armed forces.

It contains countries that allow homosexuals to serve in the military have found gays and lesbians generally do not openly admit their orientation, are not violent, do not disrupt the battle formation and do not cost more.

They continue to work, see their families, live normal lives and get married. They "are not a problem," Smith said. "They are a solution....

An AIDS study released Thursday, the document says.

And it dismisses as outdated fears the presence of known homosexuals will exacerbate problems related to privacy in showers and foxholes, saying a survey of military facilities shows there is more privacy now than before.

Rather, the report asserts, the key to making a lift-the-ban policy effective is to set clear guidelines, as Clinton did.

"The key to getting the ban off the table is to do it in a way where there will be no special restrictions on gays and lesbians," said Brian M. Patten, a spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign.

"It is important that the White House drop these restrictions and move the country toward a broadly inclusive policy that respects the rights of all Americans to serve in the military," Patten said.

The study recommends that if Clinton ever is to lift the ban, he should do so in a "comprehensive way..." and not in an "ad hoc manner..."

William A. Otter, a lawyer representing the American and National Gay and Lesbian Task Forces, said the directive was "a clear indication of the president's shift..."

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New ideas flow fast at USG

Student representatives present projects for fall semester

By Tina Davis
General Assignment Writer

Multiculturalism and athletic funding are among some of the issues Undergraduate Student Government senators say they are concerned with this fall. Kyle Westbrook, a junior in history and education from Springfield said he would like to make multicultural history courses mandatory in the history department.

"It doesn't make sense to me that our future teachers and historians will be teaching our children and have no background in the history of other cultures," said Westbrook, senator for education.

Westbrook and other senators are working on getting the courses implemented now.

"What we want to do is write other universities and see how they run their multicultural history program. Then we plan to maybe develop our program from there," he said.

Willie Chapman, a senior in hotel restaurant and traveling administration, said one of his main goals is to see a Brother's Keeper program.

"This program will be an escort service where the escort are always around with an identifiable symbol," said Chapman, senator for agriculture. "Then, if you're walking home at night and you need someone to walk you home, they will be around you on the shoulder and ask them to walk you home."

Chapman said he would like to motivate the escorts by giving them one credit hour for community services.

"The program would run 24 hours a day and any escort who has been reported three times for not acting would be automatically cut out from the program," Chapman said.

Aimia Daifallah, a junior in political science from the Middle East, said he plans to help pass some new bills.

"I plan to join the Commission of Student Welfare and get more funding for students," said Daifallah, senator for the East side.

Larry Jackson, a sophomore in history from Chicago, said he is really excited and ready to be a part of the changes about to be made in the USG. "I represent Brush Towers and I plan on better representing the people in the dorms," Jackson said.

"I'm really looking forward to working with the administration and getting a more diversified curriculum into this school," USG President Mike Spiwak said he believes the new senators are excited and will work well together.

"I'm a pretty down-to-earth person," said USG president Mike Spiwak. "This year I hope we have less of a stuffy air."

As for the senators, most of them said they feel this year will bring about some big changes.

"The USG that we have right now has the potential to be a very progressive force," Westbrook said.

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King's newest thriller shoots for laughs with black comedy

Newsday

All hell is breaking loose — again — in the sleepless little town of Castle Rock, the tiny Maine town up on a hilltop in Stephen King's latest. Unlike his previous novels, this one has no bloody mayhem during the course of his career. Instead, King would choose to live there, unless they're completely oblivious to popular culture. However, why someone like Alan Pangborn (Ed Harris) would trade in his big-city police job to become the town's sheriff — and so do because he wants to relax — is even more confusing.

What's crystal clear, however, is the humor behind the serious, vicious behavior of some Castle Rock residents: Leland Gaunt (Milo Ventimiglia), is always wildly sort with a poisonous smile, whose little shop, Needful Things, offers just what people want. And cheaply. Providing they perform the little tasks he requests.

From the "Omens" curse that opens the film, to the wildly overblown special effects and the scenery chewing — particularly by J.T. Walsh, who finally gets to do something fun — "Needful Things" is aiming for laughs, and usually hitting. Director Fraser Heston, son of Charlton, performs a sort of Reverse Hitchcock: Rather than find terror in the commonplace, he makes terror commonplace. But this actually enhances the rest of the film. The matter-of-factness with which characters are dispatched, and honestly, makes the film so horrifically comedic one can't help but laugh, between shudders.

Max Sivoly is obviously delighted with Leland, who drips with uncouth evil. He doesn't sell his customers as much as seduce them, and he always has the proper tool. For the "idellable Nitric ( Amanda Plummer), there's a Hummel-like, just like the one smashed long ago by her brutal husband — the one she's suspected of murdering with a meat fork. For Alan's girlfriend Polly (Ronne Bedelia), there's a magic amulet that alleviates her dreadful arthritic pain. For Danforth's "Buster" Keton III (Walsh), there's a toy racetrack that predicts winning horses.

There's a washed-up ex-cop who finds a leaver jacket just like his own one — "Just like the one I used to have in high school, before I was a bum" — and who has to perform; some lonesome burchety. New and an old nemesis locked in a death battle (while "Ace Maria" resounds in the background). All Leland's customers must perform some outrageous acts against their neighbors — the pattern of violence isn't one on one, but core of a round-robin — asoland sits back and laughs.

By the time the Baptist minister and the Catholic priest are at each other's throats, there's little question who Leland actually is. "Needful Things" is the last legend, in masse. Whether Alan should be so quick to figure it all out is another story. But it barely matters. The film, although burdened by a high-minded allegory, is basically a hoot. With barns.

"Father Hood" will take audiences on wild ride

Los Angeles Times

When a foreign-born director starts making films in the United States, he or she often gets stuck on the physical landscape. Energized, they show us things that American filmmakers — often obsessed instead with turning landscape into "metaphor" — take for granted.

In "Father Hood," Darrell James Roodt is the most American of a director group, "A Place for Weeping" and "Sarafina!" slips into that tradition, only in this case, the material is thin. It's another chase movie, a family fugitive tale shown with a double crook of a dad (Patrick Swayze) springing his kids from an abusive child institution and vanishing on a cross-country chase with bona fide villains — and the social services about systemic flaw rattling along behind like a real Wallace and Bausman.

Novelist Scott Speer, the author of "Endless Love," wrote the script from an idea by producer Nicholas ("GoodFellas") Pileggi. Arguably the only reason they are pulling hard is, as if they've deliberately scaled themselves down, trying to cover too much story, too many characters, too little time, not enough material, not enough charm.

Roodt relishes the chance to get out on the road, to show as the high road to heaven, the Daniel and Hoover Dam; slather through L.A.'s alleyways and the Glorious Last Survivings of Texas Cascade Caverns; bliss through Majave and — like Hong Kong's John Woo in "Hard Target" — nose around New Orleans.

"Father Hood" is a film about travel, about the road. As shot by Roodt's South African cinematographer, Mark Victor, the landscapes are lush. Most of the characters may be trapped in programmed situations, but you can get a feel of the landscape. The sunlight over the gas stations and billboards, and the cameradrome of '50s and '60s rock oldies that seems springing out of nowhere and Jack Nicholson's radio. Critics often use a lazy cliche for action movies: They call them "rider." But don't what "Father Hood" is: a fast ride in
Teenagers leap to death in lovers' pact

St. Petersburg Times

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Donna Marie Klein and Marc Weigel wanted their young lives to be remembered.

At the base of a fishing pier Monday, one of them wrote in lipstick a memorial to their feelings.

The two Northeast High School students then fulfilled a lovers' pact, leaping into Tampa Bay from the Sunshine Skyway bridge, police said.

Donna's body was found at the mouth of the bay about 1:20 p.m. Tuesday. Marc's body was discovered about 11 a.m. Wednesday, about 2 miles from where Donna was found.

The teenager—Donna was 16 and Marc would have been 16 on Friday—had been dating a year and were apart that Marc's mother was sending him back to Ohio to live with his father, friends and authorities said.

Donna reflected her anger in a note to her sister.

"We don't real, know what goes through kid's minds," said Todd St. Louis, who was Marc's football coach at St. Petersburg Catholic High until this year. "I just wish we could have helped him out somehow. I just wish if he had a problem, he would have come and talked to me."

Word of the double suicide spread quickly Wednesday as Pinellas County students returned from their summer vacations. Several students sought help from school counselors, trying to understand how two young people could have ended their lives.

Family members, reached at home, declined comment.

"This is such a tragedy," said Stephen Driscoll, a friend of Marc's mother.

Donna's mother, Barbara Klein, first became worried Monday when her daughter did not return home by an 11 p.m. curfew, said St. Petersburg police spokeswoman Michele Jones. She notified police shortly thereafter.

She last saw her daughter about 6:30 p.m. Monday. James Falkingham was one of Marc's friends from St. Petersburg Catholic's football team. He was also one of the last people to see Marc and Donna alive. "Don't hear said Marc came over to his...about 6:30 p.m. Monday.

Then the two picked up Donna at her home and Marc. Donna and Marc didn't seem upset when they talked and held hands.

But he knew that Marc had "mentioned how he wasn't supposed to be here that much anymore...he wasn't supposed to see her," Falkingham couldn't elaborate.

He said Marc asked him to drive to the Skyway fishing pier. He said he refused, assuming they were going there for a party. Instead, "he drove them to a convenience store so Marc could call a cab.

"I dropped him off, then I left," Falkingham said, adding that he had no idea what was to follow. On Wednesday, he got the terrible news from his father.

"After the 11 p.m. curfew Monday, Mrs. Klein went through her daughter's room. She found a suicide note addressed to Donna's 18-year-old sister, Delia.

Donna said in the note that she didn't want Marc to leave and that she was very upset with her family, authorities said. Donna also said she wanted to leave her belongings to her sister, they said.

"There was no indication that either one was having trouble," said Sgt. Greg Tira, a spokesman for the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

"Until the note was found..."

Marc Klein spoke late that night with Marc's mother, who had last spoken to her son about 4 p.m., police said. Nothing had seemed out of the ordinary, Marc's mother told police.

That night, Donna's mother and sister went looking for the two, police said. Mrs. Klein called the few friends of Donna's that she knew, and at least one of them said the teenagers had been trying to get to the Sunshine Skyway bridge.

"They wouldn't tell anyone why they were going," said Jones, the police spokeswoman.

Donna's sister, Delia, and a friend decided to drive to the fishing piers at both ends of the Skyway. They discovered three messages, all written with what appeared to be lipstick.

Two of the messages said: Donna and Marc; a third had a similar message.

That was all the found.

On Tuesday, Donna's body was found floating by a tugboat crew, who alerted Coast Guard officials. Tisa said her legs were broken, probably from jumping off the bridge. On Wednesday, the crew of a tugboat found a body floating in the main shipping channel. Coast Guard officials picked up the body 30 minutes later.

Sheriff's deputies tentatively identified Marc through clothing and jewelry; they couldn't use dental records because he hadn't been to the dentist in St. Petersburg.

Tisa said deputies think he sustained head injuries from the jump.

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New buildings must be elevated 15 feet above the flood level, or instead levees could be built to accommodate the 100-year flood height.

Ward said Grand Tower lost its insurance program privileges in 1990 because three structures were built without regard of the elevation requirement, and the others were needed three feet of added height.

Although Grand Tower does not belong to the program, Gorham, Cora and Jacob all are included. Gorham was added to the program in 1980.

David Conrad, chairman of the Jackson County board, said the intent of the 100-year flood zone is to be used in building along the flood plain, which "would be helpful for the residents' safety."

Ivan Lively, an insurance agent with Country Companies of Murphyboro, said the construction limits may influence building patterns because they would cost extra.

"We know how it could influence construction along the flood plain because nobody wants to build their home on stilts," he said.

David Baggett, an agent with Taylor, Dodd and Wood of Murphyboro, said such insurance would be more expensive, there has not been a major flood in many riverside towns, many of which have populations of 900 or below.

However, Baggett and Lively said insurance policies have been sold since the Jackson County ordinance was passed.

Between August 11 and the present, Country Companies has written about 50 policies for flood zone residents, and Taylor, Dodd and Wood has written at least 55, the agents said.

Such insurance has also been sought in areas along the Big Muddy River, which also had experienced high water problems, Baggett said.

Ward said he plans to have a flood insurance program in Grand Tower before the end of the year.
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Black leader urges Clinton to keep troops in Somalia

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON—The head of an influential African-American think tank called on the Clinton administration Thursday to "stay the course" in Somalia and reject growing demands from Capitol Hill for a hasty withdrawal of U.S. forces from the troubled African nation.

As a news conference that marked the emergence of a potentially powerful constituency in support of American military involvement in Somalia, Randall Robinson, executive director of TransAfrica, said the sudden removal of U.S. troops could plunge the country back into anarchy and stasis and devastate U.N. peacekeeping efforts around the world.

Robinson, who often speaks for the American black community on foreign policy issues, sought to provide balance to the growing impatience of some lawmakers — including two of the most powerful members of Congress, Sens. Bob Dole, R-Kan., and Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., — with the Somalia mission in which U.S. troops have come under attack from Muslims aligned with fugitive warlord Mohammed Farah Aidid, in separate statements, Dole and Byrd have demanded an early withdrawal of U.S. forces.

"I find the recent suggestion of Senator Dole and Senator Byrd both sadly misinformed and dangerously irresponsible, for the United States cannot retreat from the world, particularly if we no longer have the capacity or the commitment to police the world alone," Robinson said. "We have to participate constructively in multilateral forces that will give people the chance in places like Somalia."

Congressional authorization for U.S. participation in the U.N. force in Somalia expires in October. The Clinton administration has not yet decided whether it will request an extension.

Responding to Robinson's remarks, Pentagon spokeswoman Kathleen deLaRique said, "The U.N. peacekeeping operation is expected to continue until 1995. As far as the U.S. portion of that, that still is to be worked out." She added that the administration does not want U.S. forces to remain "one day longer than necessary."

...But Robinson argued that U.S. withdrawal would hamstring U.N. operations "and have implications far beyond Somalia."

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town residents agree the experience of protecting their homes from the Mississippi brought a spirit of camaraderie they seldom had seen. "People have been outstanding," said Dennis Keller, owner of Keller's Hardware store on the corner of Front and Market streets, facing the levee. "We wouldn't have made it without the swell cooperation of the people from town." To Keller, who moved all the contents of his store to the second floor of the building, the loss of a few weeks of business and damage to the store's basement is little compared to what it could have been. "It got too close, too close for comfort," Keller said. "There may be some hidden damage, and we lost 30 or 35 days of income, but it is better than losing the business and the town." David Lodén, owner of David and Mary's Upholstery, said he lost at least a month's worth of business when the town was evacuated. "We lost quite a bit of business, and I will not be able to get work done until everything gets moved back in," Lodén said. "I've got materials that still need to be sorted through or located."

When the town was evacuated, Lodén went with his wife and children to live with relatives in Ava. Lodén said a broken levee would have meant the end of his business and of his stay in Grand Tower, but like many neighbors, he said the flood has taught him that people in the area can. "It's been an experience some of us could have done without," Lodén said.

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CIPS allows workers’ return

By Jefferson Robbins
American News Service

The end of a three-month-old lockout by the region’s main utility company allows about 1,000 electricians to return to work, but with one condition: there’s no guarantee they’ll all go.

Central Illinois Public Service Co. and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers announced Wednesday that CIPS would re-open its doors to union members left without work by the lockout CIPS declared on July 25.

CIPS spokesman Lynne Galia said today contract negotiations would continue, but CIPS would not rehire members who didn’t return. No future talks are scheduled at present, she said.

IBEW Local 702 spokesman Ed Phillips could not be reached for comment. The IBEW picket line at West Frankfort’s CIPS office was still active as of press time.

A CIPS press release said most electricians had agreed to return to work Monday morning, but said some workers who have found jobs outside the CIPS operating area during the lockout may take longer to return.

Electric workers employed at the Grand Tower and Newton Power stations will be expected back at work late Saturday night, the statement said.

The lockout’s end came Wednesday after negotiations between CIPS and IBEW representatives in Effingham.

Some of the key points that led to the CIPS-IUE stoppage — lack of a finalized contract and a disagreement over health insurance premiums — have been addressed on an interim basis, a CIPS spokesman said.

George Sheppard, CIPS public affairs representative in Marion, said some disputed health plans involving employees’ and retirees’ benefits were partially resolved in the Effingham meeting.

The health-care issue has been addressed, and the company has offered to supplement the employees as far as the premium is concerned,” Sheppard said. “Some benefits, obviously will be addressed on a permanent basis in the contract.”

IBEW Business Representative Ed Phillips said in May an insurance program involving a $65 per month health premium was approved by CIPS and the union last year. But when the plan was implemented last January, the premium had been upped to about $179 monthly, Phillips said.

The insurance plan CIPS offered also guaranteed reduced benefits, such as paying, for 80 percent of surgical and emergency-room costs. Although the company’s health insurance once covered 100 percent of those costs, Phillips said.

Sheppard said CIPS reversed its stance on some retirees’ benefits in the Effingham meeting, agreeing to continue supplementing retirees’ Medicare coverage portions and terminating a plan to make retirees’ benefits and premiums reflect the program active employees work under.

CIPS said in May the lockout came about because contract talks stalemated and IBEW workers staged a work slowdown, choosing to make overtime maintenance calls and dragging their feet to answer calls during regular hours.

Phillips and the union denied there was ever an organized slowdown.

The end to the lockout could mean the end of an apparent wave of sabotage committed against CIPS properties.

Between May and mid-August more than a dozen acts of vandalism on CIPS facilities and equipment were reported to police in the CIPS operating area, including damaged power lines and vandalized transformers and damaged a gas line in West Frankfort.

Lone picketer

Mike Wuest, an employee of National Foods, pickets outside a Murphysboro non-union establishment. Wuest was picketing Thursday afternoon as part of an informational group that targets the store.

Deaths from smoking down

Study: Cigarettes kill thousands despite decrease in fatalities

The Washington Post

The number of Americans dying from cigarette smoking dropped from 434,000 in 1985 to 419,000 in 1990, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — the first such decline since the agency began keeping records in 1955.

The reduction in smoking over the past 30 years "is now resulting in thousands of lives saved each year," said the CDC in a report released Thursday. But even so, it said, "Smoking is still responsible for one of every five deaths in the U.S."

"It’s good news, but smoking remains by far the biggest cause of preventable death and disease in our society," said Karen Lewis of the Advocacy Institute, a nonprofit group that campaigns against smoking.

Michael Erikson, director of the CDC’s Office on Smoking and Health, said the decline in the annual number of deaths, after adjusting for population changes and other demographic changes, results primarily from reduction of heart disease caused by smoking.

Researchers calculate deaths from smoking based on studies that compare the incidence of a disease among smokers and non-smokers in various communities and population groups. Based on these studies, a standard table has been developed to show what proportion of deaths from a given disease can be ascribed to smoking, when adjusting for age, population group and sex.

The 418,690 deaths in 1990 attributable to smoking included 278,147 men, 141,832 women and 1,711 infants affected by their mothers’ smoking. Women traditionally smoke less than men, the report said. Infants whose mothers smoke have low birthweights more often than the children of non-smokers, and low-birthweight children have higher than normal infant normal infant mortality rates.

Deaths attributable to smoking resulted primarily from cardiovascular disease (about 140,000 deaths), followed by lung cancer (120,000) and respiratory diseases (about 55,000). In 1965, shortly after a now-famous report by the Surgeon General of the U.S. first officially warned of the health dangers of smoking, 42.4 percent of adults smoked. From that high point, Erikson said, the proportion of smokers declined steadily to 25.5 percent by 1990. However, the proportion of smokers unexpectedly rose slightly to 25.7 percent in 1991, an increase Erikson attributed to the advent of discount-brand cigarettes.

"Twenty billion dollars a year is probably a good estimate of the direct health costs of smoking," said Erikson, who noted that the government spends about $1 million a year on anti-smoking campaigns through advertising, while the tobacco industry spends $4 billion a year in promotion and marketing to foster smoking.

Tom Lauria of the Tobacco Institute said the industry spends only $40 million in advertising of cigarettes to the public. All its other spending is for promotional campaigns targeted to merchants and smokeless tobacco products. The tobacco industry, for getting good shelf space, Erikson, in a note, erized, that the end of the lockout means such campaigns is that packs of cigarettes and pages of discount coupons are "what the public sees on the display rack right at the entrance to the store," which has a strong impact in fostering smoking.

In a related development Thurs- day, the Public Health Service’s Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration proposed regulations that would withhold millions of dollars in federal grants to states that do not enforce laws barring the sale of tobacco products to minors. The grants, for substance abuse control programs, total about $1.1 billion a year.
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**Lynch agrees to Lakers' contract**

Los Angeles Times

The Los Angeles Lakers first-round pick in the June draft and the 12th pick overall, has agreed to terms on his entry-level contract, his agent said Thursday.

According to the agent, who asked to remain unidentified, Lynch's deal is comparable to the contract signed by last year's 17th pick, Harold Miner of USC. Miner signed with the Miami Heat for an average of $1.4 million per year, "you can use that for a model and take into account where the market has gone," said the agent, who works for the Washington, D.C.-based firm Advantage International.

"The Lakers apparently have delayed an official announcement until Lynch can sign some minor clauses in the contract and negotiations shuffle up one of the several of the team's free agents.

Lynch, a 6-9-inch forward, averaged 12.1 points and 7.8 rebounds in his four years at North Carolina.

He's regarded by the Lakers as an eventual successor to A.C. Green, a role Lynch might assume soon if Green and the Lakers don't agree on a new contract.

Green, an unrestricted free agent, has also received offers from Phoenix and Philadelphia.

He visited San Antonio this week, but only to play in David Robinson's golf tournament. Green did not talk with the Spurs, Fletcher said.

The status of Seda Tale, another recently signed free agent, also remains unsettled.

Threat's agent, Jimmy sexton said the sides are "far apart."

Sexton added: "If we could find the right deal, we might (go elsewhere), but there's just been so little movement out there because there's so few (long-term) salary slots open."

Sedale has enjoyed his years with the Lakers, but he's been way underpaid. "It's just been sort of slow with us. We'll see what they say (Friday)."

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**Martinez turns down Atlanta deal**

Los Angeles Times

Dennis Martinez exercised his option Thursday and rejected a trade that would have sent him to the Atlanta Braves for first baseman Brian Hunter and outfield prospect Troy Hughes.

Martinez will likely remain with the Expos through the remainder of the season. General Manager Dan Duquette said, after which the pitcher is eligible for free agency.

"It was our choice, our choice was to make the deal," Duquette said.

"Our choice was to get a young player or two to help us in the future and to free up some resources to pay some of our fine young players."

"I'm disappointed Dennis didn't go along with it, but he has that right. Most players complain about coming to Montreal. Dennis prefers to stay."

Martinez, 38, who is 11-8 with a 4.33 earned-run average, preferred to stay, Duquette said, for two reasons: -- As a potential free agent, he feared he wouldn't be seen at his best in September because he was unsure how many starts he would get in an Atlanta rotation that features Tom Glavine, Greg Maddux, Steve Avery and John Smizet. -- And the Expos and Braves refused to compensate him for agreeing to the deal, his right as a player with 10 years in the majors, the last five with the same club.

"Either you want to pitch in a pennant race or you don't," he said.

Since the Braves were no longer officially in the running as the other team, Atlanta General Manager John Schuerholz refused compensation.

The process began when the Braves, San Francisco Giants and Philadelphia Phillies claimed Martinez on waivers, leaving the Braves with first call on a potential free agent, because they have the poorest record of the three.

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which included, most recently, the Philadelphia 76ers and Orlando Magic.

"We were told there was no aggression, attacking the basket and ball handling, skills which, if he improves on them, could get him a look from NBA teams in the future."

"He will get better and they will, 'boy has he improved,'" Neff said.

"You have to tear it up as a free agent and the goal is still to get better." Neff said.

Neff cited current NBA players Sam Mitchell and Anthony Mason as players who played overseas before making it to an NBA roster. Neff said the offers are only for tryouts and that nothing is guaranteed. However, he said he is confident Amaya will make the grade.

"If he plays like he can play, they are going to love him," Neff said.
AFC has potential for Bowl victory

The Washington Post

It's not a position any sane person should take publicly. It's been the same story since an AFC team won a Super Bowl.

Of those nine straight NFC victories, seven have been absolute blowouts.

No defense, plenty of miscues and run-and-shoots. Only the AFC could produce two Super Bowl qualifiers, Denver and Buffalo, whose only teams have become synonymous with bad football.

The AFC Super Bowl highlight is a receiver running down a line of scrimmage for the cameras at the goal line.

This is why it's impossible to say this, but here goes:
The AFC has more good teams than the NFC. Maybe twice as many.

On the last Sunday in January, after the NFC team has won the Super Bowl by 40 points or so, I'll deny I ever said this. But as we speak ahead at the NFL season, this is the only possible forecast.

The San Diego Chargers are solidly good, potentially great.

The Miami Dolphins are really good, potentially great. Same can be said for the Houston Oilers, for the Kansas City Chiefs, for the Denver Broncos, and possibly even (hey, is this limb feeling shaky) the Buffalo Bills.

That's six teams in the AFC assuming the Bills don't implode, and we don't give any real benefit of the doubt to the Steelers, Jets and Colts, all of whom could be pretty decent.

I love the NFC because it's real football.

It's defense-first, not no-huddle-run-and-shot gimmickry (with the notable exception of the Lions and Packers, neither of whom has won anything of note).

The NFC is professional football as it ought to be played.

But you can't find, at this point, three really, really good teams. Not this year.

Dallas at full-strength is the only league team as the season opens.

The Niners have to prove they can replace a handful of front-seven defenders and the Packers, who have all the ingredients, have to prove everything.

It's possible, if they cover for injured Jim Lachey, the Redskins could be the second-best team in the conference.

It's also entirely possible that we could finally be seeing a shift in power, and maybe it's not a coincidence.

Such a shift is coming after Bill Walsh, Joe Gibbs, Bill Parcells (trafor) and Mike Ditka— the men who accounted for eight of those nine consecutive Super Bowl victories—have left the NFC.

Considering the Niners and the Redskins have the highest player payrolls and have no major cuts before next year's salary cap is in place, this might not be a one-year situation.

The AFC is loaded. It's about time.

For a change, there appear to be several worthy opponents to make the best team in the league prove it on The Final Sunday.

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to compete in a regional tournament against other students from various universities and colleges.

The grand prize to the regional champion is a trip to Chicago Stadium to play at halftime of a Bulls game.

Rec-Center grad assistant Laura Poosker said that it's not difficult for students to get information about the activities being offered.

"Students can either stop by the Rec-Center office or go to the information station to receive brochures and details about the events," Poosker said.

"The people interested in team sports will have to hand in a roster and attend a captains meeting to be eligible for play."

All sports are offered at either men's, women's or co-ed levels.

The leagues are also broken down into a B-C-D-E category.

The A league is listed as highly competitive, B league involves moderate competition and C league is purely recreational.