Derecho destruction creates construction

Carpenter Kelly Gonzalez helps co-worker and owner of Southern Illinois Builders Chris Nikolic clean up debris Thursday. The debris was left over from the May 8 storm that downed trees and caused damage throughout Carbondale. “Other contractors hate us because we do everything,” Nikolic said. The two men are clearing the area of what used to be an enclosed porch before strong winds brought down a tree larger than a house. They are scheduled to build an addition to the home located near E. College and S. Gay Streets.

Sierra Club critical of SIUC’s coal research

Madeleine Leroux

Daily Egyptian

SIUC has been attempting to go green through efforts such as the Green Fee and a sustainability council, but the university was still declared a failure in the latest issue of the Sierra Club magazine.

The September/October issue released the third annual Cool Schools list, in which universities nationwide were ranked by environmental commitments.

SIUC was not on the general rankings list, but did make the list of the three schools that failed, along with DePaul University and Texas Tech.

Avital Bishock, lifestyle editor of the Sierra Club magazine and editor of the Cool Schools list, said schools are ranked by a 10-page questionnaire sent to sustainability coordinators or press agents of colleges and universities. Those that are filled out and sent back to the magazine are then ranked by several areas of environmental issues, Bishock said.

Jon Dyer, a senior from Edwardsville studying geography and environmental resources, said the survey was not sent to the correct person, which is why it was never filled out and returned.

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Judicial Review Board set to decide own future

Stile T. Smith

Daily Egyptian

The Faculty Senate’s Judicial Review Board is meeting today for the first time since March to decide if it will continue hearing faculty grievances.

The board suspended itself following an incident last spring involving a professor in the School of Law and the former dean of the same school.

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— Philip House

Faculty Senate President

The issue arose after associate professor Jill Adams was placed on two-year probation in March by former dean Peter Alexander for “not meeting the expectations of the School of Law.”

Adams appealed the decision to the Faculty Senate’s Judicial Review Board, a 12-person committee that reviews faculty complaints against other faculty and administrators. The board unanimously sided with Adams.

Chancellor Sam Goldman rejected the board’s decision, but the Office of the President reversed his decision during the summer.

Faculty Senate President Phillip Howze said he would be happy to see the board back in action.

“The case has been resolved; it was resolved over the summer,” Howze said. “I have asked the JRB to reconvene and to begin hearing faculty grievances again.”

Farrad Pourbaghrat, an electrical and computer engineering professor and member of the board, said he thinks the JRB will decide to reconvene.

“I have a feeling that we probably will,” Pourbaghrat said. “The feeling is that we really want to service the university.”

Pourbaghrat said it is important to reconvene, because for certain schools in the university, the board is the only voice to hear the faculty’s complaints.

Interim Provost Don Rice said it is important for the faculty to have a place to go to voice their concerns.

“I think the faculty need a forum. We have fully intended that there be a grievance process,” Rice said. “I think the fact that there is a forum and the fact that faculty can be heard in that forum is appropriate.”

If the board does decide to reconvene, Pourbaghrat said it could be suspended again under certain circumstances. Pourbaghrat said it is vital for the board’s decisions to be heard and its decisions to be taken seriously.

“There’s hope that the decisions of the JRB from now on will be accepted and not ignored easily,” Pourbaghrat said. “If that is not going to work, obviously there’s going to be another consequence.”
Raymone Fleming, a senior from Chicago studying university studies, dances in front of the booth for the Fatal Fusion dance group at the Registered Student Organization fair Thursday. Fleming has been a member of the dance group, which began in 1997, for four years. He said the group does mainly hip-hop dance and gets its inspiration from Chicago and St. Louis-style hip-hop. Octavia Woods, another member of the group who is a junior from Chicago studying elementary education, said most of the members volunteer at charity events. “We are currently working on our homecoming show,” Woods said. The group has 30 people and practices three times a week.

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JASON STRAZIUSO
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL — A roadside bomb and gunfire attack killed a U.S. service member in southern Afghanistan Thursday, a death that pushed August into a tie with July as the deadliest months of the eight-year war.

The death brought to 44 the number of U.S. troops who have died in Afghanistan this month with four days left in August.

More than 60,000 U.S. troops are in the country — a record number — to fight rising insurgent violence. The number of roadside bombs deployed by militants across the country has skyrocketed, and U.S. forces have moved into new and deadlier areas this summer, in part to help secure the country’s Aug. 20 presidential election.

The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan released his new counterinsurgency strategy Thursday, telling troops that the supply of militants is “effectively endless” and that U.S. and NATO forces need to see the country through the eyes of its villagers.

Gen. Stanley McCrystal said troops “must change the way that we think, act and operate.” McCrystal hopes to install a new approach to counterinsurgency where troops will make the safety of villagers the top priority, above killing an endless supply of militants.

“An insurgency cannot be defeated by attrition; its supply of fighters, and even leadership, is effectively endless,” the new guidelines said.

When U.S. and NATO troops battle a group of 10 militants and kill two of them, the relatives of the two dead insurgents will want revenge and will likely join the insurgency, the guidelines say, spelling out the formula: “10 minus 2 equals 8 (or more) rather than 8.”

“This is the result of the reason why eight years of individually successful kinetic actions have resulted in more violence,” McCrystal said.

He called on troops to think of how they would expect a foreign army to operate in their home countries, “among your families and your children, and act accordingly,” to try to win over the Afghan population.

Violence is on the rise in Afghanistan even as it falls in Iraq, where nearly twice as many U.S. troops are still based. Five U.S. troops have died in Iraq this month, three fewer than in July.

A statement from the NATO-led force in Kabul said the U.S. service member died in southern Afghanistan when a patrol responded to the bombing and gunfire attack. No other details were released. Militants unleashed a wave of attacks in southern Afghanistan last week that helped suppress voter turnout there.

Afghan election officials have released two batches of vote tallies that show President Hamid Karzai with 44.8 percent of the vote and top challenger Abdullah Abdullah with 35.1 percent, based on returns from 17 percent of polling stations. The next partial results are expected Saturday.

Meanwhile, U.S. and Afghan forces battled Taliban militants at a medical center in eastern Afghanistan after a Taliban commander sought treatment there, and a U.S. helicopter gunship fired on the clinic after militants put up resistance.

Reports of the militant death toll from Wednesday’s firefight varied widely. The spokesman of the governor of Pakhtika province said 12 militants died, while police said two were killed. It wasn’t clear why the toll differed.

The fighting began after a wounded Taliban commander sought treatment at a clinic in the Sar Hawza district of Pakhtika. Afghan forces went to the center and got in a firefight with militants. U.S. forces later provided backup.

Hammidullah Zizwak, the governor’s spokesman, said the Taliban commander was wounded Aug. 20. Militants brought him and three other wounded Taliban to the clinic Wednesday. Afghan forces were tipped off to their presence and soon arrived at the scene, he said.

Insurgent snipers fired from a tower near the clinic, and troops called in an airstrike from U.S. forces, Zizwak said. Fighting between some 20 militants and Afghan and U.S. forces lasted about five hours, and 12 Taliban were killed, he said.

“After ensuring the clinic was cleared of civilians, an AH-64 Apache helicopter fired rounds at the building ending the direct threat and incurring the targeted insurgent in the building,” a U.S. military statement said.

A U.S. military spokesman, Lt. Cmdr. Christine Sidensticker, said the clinic’s doctor gave U.S. troops permission to fire on the clinic. After the battle, Afghan and U.S. forces met with villagers and discussed rebuilding the clinic, a U.S. summary of the meeting said.

Villagers expressed “disguise” that militants used the medical center to fire from and that they understood that the action by Afghan and coalition forces was necessary, the summary said.
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Quinn vetoes campaign finance bill he once praised

Don Babwin
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Gov. Pat Quinn vetoed a campaign finance bill Thursday that he once praised, saying Republican and Democratic lawmakers, reform groups and average people around the state convinced him he should scrap the bill and start over.

Flanked by fellow Democratic lawmakers who eventually dropped their support for the legislation and Republicans who always opposed it — many of whom praised Quinn’s courage for backing away from the bill — Quinn joked that the scene was typically reserved for bill signings.

Quinn recognized that the veto will widely be seen as a flip flop on an issue that has long plagued a state with one former governor in prison and another charged in a corruption scandal. But he said it was better to go back to the “drawing board.”

The bill would have set the state’s first-ever limits on campaign contributions but allowed candidates for state offices to accept more than double the amount of money from businesses and individuals than federal candidates.

Republicans and other opponents blasted it as a sham bill, saying it was designed to look like reform in the wake of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich’s impeachment and corruption charges.

“I like to listen to people, so in the course of listening to people in the last few months, many, many people felt that we should go back to the drawing board with some core principles in mind, that we must have limits on campaign money that are real limits, understand the importance of disclosure, openness and fairness and doing things right,” Quinn said.
Friday 8/28

Booby’s

Booby’s beer garden will host five rock acts accustomed to gracing Carbondale stages.

Nighty Night, Chandeliers, Goliad on Saloon, Shit Hawk, and Near Death Experience will all be performing.

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If you are looking to move your feet, these three spots will all host live DJs.

Saturday 8/29

Booby’s

Once again the beer garden will be full all night of prime midwest rock acts.

Saturday night will feature six bands, including: Himalayas, Secondary Modern, Spokesmen, Moon Buggy Kids, Young Lows and Black Fortys.

Calvi’s, Stix, Tres Hombres and Gatsby’s

If you missed out on Friday or did not fulfill your grinding needs the previous night, all four establishments will be purring on live DJ once again.

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For those returning to Carbondale and those who are gearing up for their first weekend in town, here is a few things to bide your time Friday and Saturday night.

From live music to drag shows, this town has a lot to offer — if sticking around the apartment or dorm does not sound like a stellar weekend (which it might).

Just remember folks, if you are going to party, do it responsibly.
The Counseling Center

Making SIUC Your Home

Rosemary E. Simmons

This may be your freshman year or your senior year. However, the number of years you’ve attended this university is not what determines if SIUC feels like home.

The major factor that makes SIUC home versus an institution at which you are receiving your degree is a sense of belonging. A primary factor that determines if students stay at their current university, transfer, or drop out is having a personal connection with at least one other person.

Students who have found their niche, stay. Students who feel like they don’t fit in are more likely to leave.

So how do you begin to feel like you belong? This challenge will be different for each of you. Factors such as where you come from, personality style and cultural background will all influence your approach in making SIUC your home.

The most important principle in creating that sense of belonging is to keep a balance of the familiar, while taking risks to try new opportunities. Continue to be involved in activities that are meaningful to you.

Keeping with familiar routines helps maintain a sense of continuity in life, helping us feel safe and secure.

We need that feeling of safety in order to learn, and to have the energy to engage in new experiences.

Keep in touch with your closest friends and family members. Share with them your excitement, anxiety and new experiences.

You’ve probably heard the old thing to do at SIUC is party. Well, here are just a few suggestions of other activities that are available to you.

Join a Group – Student Development has a listing of more than 450 Registered Student Organizations. Check out your options at http://www.siudev.siu.edu.

Move your Body – If you like the outdoors, southern Illinois is the place to be. SIUC is surrounded by parks, lakes, hiking and biking trails, camping sites, etc. Get a group of people together and explore: www.reccenter.siu.edu/services/base_camp.html

If you aren’t the outdoors type, you can exercise in comfort at the Recreation Center. Sign up for a class, go for a swim, or ride a bike and people-watch: http://www.reccenter.siu.edu/

Volunteer – Volunteering brings many personal and practical rewards. We all feel better about ourselves when we help others, plus it’s a great experience to add to your resume. So take the leap to help yourself and someone else. http://www.siukids.siu.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=55&Itemid=63

Expand your Cultural Experiences – SIUC has a rich tradition of diversity and you are a part of that tradition. Learn about other cultures, beliefs and values and help fellow students better know your culture.


Explore the Arts – Make your own art at the Student Center Craft Shop, http://www siuc studentcenter craftshop index.html, or enjoy the art of others by attending concerts, theater, mixed media, or public lectures, http://calendares.siu.edu/.

Of course, as hard as we try to belong, sometimes stress, relationship problems or anxiety gets in our way. If you are having difficulties or experiencing undue stress, please remember that we are here to help. The Counseling Center is here to assist you with personal, academic and relationship concerns. Contact us at 453-5731 or http://www.counseling.siu.edu.

Simmons, Ph.D., Director of the Counseling Center

Letters to the Editor

Society not as color-blind as some think

Dear Editor:

Jonathan Bean clumsily twists Dr. King’s words and ignores reality when he writes “Today’s liberals cannot... (embrace) the means but not the dream.”

In practice, the two are incommensurate. Fewer than three months ago, we learned that Wells Fargo systematically singled out black homeowners in Baltimore for high-interest subprime mortgages.

Just three years ago, a Princeton study showed that a white ex-convict is far more likely to be hired for a job than an equally educated black person with no criminal record whatsoever.

We are only five years away from an MIT study revelation that applicants with white-sounding names were 10 percent more likely to be called for a job interview than identical qualified applicants with black sounding names and a Millennium-based study that revealed that wealthy blacks are five times more likely to be denied a mortgage than white applicants who make considerably less.

Today’s young adults are not one generation removed from the era when my father, with his new M.B.A., in hand, was told by an interviewer at a major corporation that he was sorry, but they “just didn’t hire black people.”

Does Bean really believe that our country has, after 46 years after Dr. King’s speech, become colorblind enough in our practices that we can afford to be colorblind in our policies?

Jacinda Townsend
assistant professor of English

Unmarried sex is not sexual abuse

Dear Editor:

Several students have contacted me this week to express concerns about an information table in the SIUC Student Center with a sign reading “Unmarried sex is sexual abuse, a hate crime.”

While I understand the sign was being used as a provocative means for a group to spread their beliefs about marriage and sex, I wish to address the concerns that have arisen.

It is damaging, personally and socially, for those who cannot or choose not to participate in the institution of marriage to be accused of violent crimes.

Many lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people are denied the benefits of marriage, even as they form nurturing relationships.

Some couples, same-sex and heterosexual, choose not to participate in marriage for religious, political or other reasons. Still, most such relationships do not meet the definition of sexual abuse or any other crime.

Sexual abuse occurs when sexual activity is non-consensual or exploitative. There is a clear difference between abuse and mutually consensual, consensual sexual relationships.

A hate crime is a criminal act targeting an individual based on their group membership (ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion, etc.), causing the entire targeted group to live in fear of violence.

Again, this is very different from a mutually caring, consensual relationship. Sadly, sexual abuse and hate crimes are both very real issues that have affected many people here at SIUC.

To accuse people of such crimes simply because of their stability or unwillingness to participate in the marriage institutions instigates the lived experiences of survivors of violence.

If you or a student you know is dealing with the emotional effects of such experiences, the SIUC Counseling Center can be reached at (618) 453-5731.

For resources regarding gender and sexual diversity, the SIUC GLBT Resource Center is located in Woody Hall B200, (618) 453-5627.

There are also many religious and non-religious student clubs and organisations at SIUC espousing a wide variety of views. If you are new to campus (or returning and looking for new ways to be involved), I encourage you to look for groups that will support you and encourage your growth in your time here.

Welcome to SIUC!

Virginia Dicken
SAC Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Resource Center coordinator

Gary Bode says: The DE is looking for student columnists. If you can write coherently and would like to share your perspective with the world, please consider sending your voices to our pages.

To apply for the position, fill out an application at the DE office with a sample of your work. If you have questions give us a call. Otherwise, come write for us!
Last of Kennedy brothers left strong imprint on our history

The death of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy marks the end of a remarkable life and a remarkable era in American politics.

For the first time in more than half a century, there is no Kennedy in either the White House or the U.S. Senate, leaving a void that became evident in the last months of Sm. Kennedy’s tenure.

It is a tribute to his legislative ability and his standing with Senate colleagues that even adversaries concede that Sen. Kennedy’s absence makes the fight for passage of a health-care reform bill much harder.

Arriving in the Senate when one brother was president and the other attorney general, he was barely old enough at 30 to qualify for the job. He had a well-deserved playboy reputation and was known principally for being the youngest of the Kennedy clan.

In the end, though, he would leave the strongest imprint on American history. He became a legislative machine, authoring more than 2,500 bills, several hundred of which became public law, during a storied Senate career of nearly half a century.

An unapologetic liberal crusader, he was in the thick of the era’s major political fights and made a difference in the lives of millions.

His accomplishments cover a broad range of issues, from the Americans with Disabilities Act to increases in the minimum wage and the mandate for insurance portability for people who change jobs.

He was the heart of the Democratic Party, but usually found Republican allies as partners. He worked with Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah to establish the Children’s Health Insurance Program and with John McCain to seek immigration reform.

In 2001, he helped then-President Bush pass the No Child Left Behind Act, and in 2008 won approval of, and praised Bush for signing, legislation giving students easier access to college loans.

For his many critics, the flaws in Kennedy’s character and his mistakes – above all, Chappaquiddick – overshadow his good works.

He paid for that by losing the campaign to unseat President Jimmy Carter in 1980 and later suffered humiliations over his drinking and womanizing.

Ultimately, he turned his energies to Congress and forged one of the great Senate careers. Now, the Kennedy brother who had to deliver the eulogies for his brother Robert, nephew JFK Jr., and other loved ones will himself be eulogized.

The ceremony may recall his own words upon losing his fight against President Carter but vowing to stay engaged: “For all those whose cares have been our concern, the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives and the dream shall never die.” Edward M. Kennedy.

RIP.

The following editorial appeared in the Miami Herald Thursday.
New impetus for bill banning anti-gay bias at work

David Cracy
The Associated Press

Momentum is building for Congress to pass the first major civil rights act protecting gays and transgender individuals, supporters say, and one of the stars in the debate is a barrier-breaking transgender staffer on Capitol Hill.

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act, or ENDA, would prohibit workplace discrimination—including decisions about hiring, firing and wages—based on sexual orientation or gender identity. It would exempt religious organizations, the military and businesses with fewer than 15 workers.

The driving force behind the bill has been Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the longest-serving of the three openly gay members of Congress. He expects hearings on the measure to be held this fall.

Frank pushed ENDA in 2007, but it foundered because of insufficient backing in the Senate and a split within the gay and transgender communities. Many activists were stung because Frank—seeking support from warring colleagues—was open to covering sexual orientation but not gender identity, excluding trans people from protection.

This time around, several factors have changed.

—Barack Obama is now president, and is on record supporting ENDA. A veto was considered possible if the 2007 bill had reached then-President George W. Bush.

—ENDA’s core supporters, including Frank, have agreed they will push only for a bill that includes gender identity.

—The bill has picked up key support in the Senate, where it was introduced earlier this month by Oregon Democratic Jeff Merkley and Maine Republicans Collins and Olympia Snowe. Even without other GOP senators, Merkley believes it has a good chance of obtaining the 60 votes that likely will be needed to pass the Senate.

The main Senate champion of ENDA in the past had been Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, who died Tuesday. That role was passed on to Merkley earlier this year.
The football team wrapped up the preseason Thursday with its annual scrimmage at McAndrew Stadium.

The Salukis practiced several game situations throughout the scrimmage including base offensive and defensive formations, kicking game, short game, goal line and the two-minute drill.

Unfortunately for the offense, the scrimmage turned out to be a defensive clinic.

It didn’t matter if it was Chris Dieker, Paul McIntosh or Bobby Brennise behind center, the offense simply could not generate much against the Salukis’ tough defense. The offense even failed to score a field goal during the base offensive and defensive portion of the scrimmage, as kicker Kyle Dougherty’s lone attempt, a 48-yarder, was no good.

It wasn’t until the ball was placed on the 20-yard line that the Salukis scored their first points, a 22-yard field goal by Scott Ravanesi.

The two-minute drill didn’t go much better for Dieker, as his last pass of the night landed in the hands of the defense. McIntosh and Brennise’s drive didn’t fare much better, as they led the offense to only one field goal.

The scrimmage marked the end of the Saluki preseason as they begin to prep for their first game Sept. 5 against Marshall.
Ten-Year Itch

Weakerthans’ started out strong

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Editor’s note: Ten-Year Itch is a weekly column, which sometimes appears in print and sometimes online. It focuses on a film or albums that is at least 20 years old and deserving of a second look.

People are creating art from the most unlikely sources. An artist may take a neighbor’s trash and construct a piece that is confusing yet beautiful. Or maybe a photographer captures an image of atrocity, but their image becomes a symbol that sparks discussion and insightful thought. Not just purely destruction or heartache.

It happens all the time. One such time was in 1997 when former Propagandhi bassist John K. Samson released his new band’s — “The Weakerthans’” — debut, “Follow.”

Not to say Propagandhi is garbage or anything. The band did moody, political-punk rock with the best, but the total left turn Samson took with The Weakerthans was unexpected after his previous output.

“Follow” is at times hauntingly stark and, at other times, radio-ready rock ‘n’ roll. More than three chords are utilized on the record, as the band shifts from folk to rock to adult alternative without falter.

The real standout here is Samson’s oft-poetic lyrics. None of the songs are upbeat, especially in the lyrics. Samson’s characters are spurned by lovers and life. They are unsure with what is ahead of them and not looking forward to greeting it. Instead they look to past mistakes, deciding to hide or run away.

Even though the band has spent most of its tenure on punk rock labels, the indie rock crowd has accepted them. The relationship has been an acceptance, not unending amounts of praise. The public reaction really is no surprise, because the band is doing what many have done before them: rock music with killer hooks attached. It is Samson’s literate take on rock music that puts the band in another level over groups such as Jimmy Eat World.

The band has been consistent over its tenure of four albums and an EP, another reason it just does not seem to stand out. Producing work with such consistency and not staying too far from formula does not raise any red flags.

This is a shame in itself, because the band is creating above average rock music and it just gets cast into a wider net.

“Follow” is where it all started and the perfect introduction for listeners interested in The Weakerthans.
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The SIU volleyball team gets its season started today in a two-day tournament against four different teams at the NIU Invitational. 

SIU matches up against Stephen F. Austin first, a team the Salukis are not familiar with. Stephen F. Austin went 20-9 overall last year with an 11-5 record in the East Division of the Southland Conference, netting them second place.

The Salukis then face Northern Illinois University for the second time since their last match in 1990. The Salukis lead the all-time series 9-8. NIU went 18-14 last season and finished third in the west division of the Mid-American Conference with a record of 9-7.

SIU, which had the best start in school history last season at 9-1, is looking to repeat or improve its previous success.

“We’re hoping to start quick again,” said junior outside hitter Jennifer Borwanger. “We had a really good preseason, and we’re all competing to get a lot.”

The preseason brought good news for SIU as it was selected to finish fifth in the MVC — the highest preseason ranking the Salukis have recorded since head coach Brenda Winkelkem took over in 2008.

Winkelkem’s team finished second overall in the MVC last season, missing the tournament by a single spot. If the Salukis can hold onto the fifth spot this season, they will make it in.

“I think fifth is good because there is always room for improvement,” said senior Chandra Robinson. “If we win in the top three or four, we would have a lot of pressure to stay there, but fifth is good because I know we aren’t going down from there, we can only go up.”

Roberson could play a large part in the Salukis’ success this season as she has the chance to enter the record books in matches and sets played, career attempts and career kills by the end of this season.

On Saturday, the Salukis play Illinois-Chicago, a team they haven’t played since 1994. The Salukis lead the series between the two programs 13-6. Illinois Chicago went 14-18 last season and finished seventh in the Horizon League with a record of 5-13.

The last team SIU plays in the invitational is Western Illinois. SIU beat Western Illinois 9-1 last year, which contributed to a 9-22 overall record and 5-11 conference record for the Leathernecks, who finished tied for seventh in the east division of the Summit League.

The results of the matches on Friday and Saturday could help set the tone for the 2009-10 season.

“We’re capable of winning some matches and doing well,” Winkelkem said. “We have a few areas we need to work on, I think offensively especially. If we can eliminate some of the errors, we’ll be in good shape.”

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Volleyball starts season with NIU

Smoltz ready for second start with Cardinals

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ST. LOUIS — Heading into his first start at home with the St. Louis Cardinals, John Smoltz realized it’d be impossible to top his debut.

The 42-year-old right-hander worked five scoreless innings with nine strikeouts, including seven in a row, on Sunday in San Diego. It was the first step, and potentially a giant one, in an effort to distance himself from an out-of-character stint with the Red Sox that led to his release earlier this month.

Smoltz was 2-5 with an 8.32 ERA in Boston, allowing five or more earned runs in six of his eight starts. He’s 1-0 with an 0.00 ERA in each of Friday’s start against the lowly Nationals.

“Certainly, I can’t go in and try to duplicate it,” Smoltz said. “But at the same time I want to be able to go out and keep the ballclub in the game, and allow the squad to be as loud as possible. And certainly pitch as deep as I can.”

Earlier in the week, Smoltz said he wanted to pitch next year and conclude a career that will almost certainly land him in the Hall of Fame on his own terms.

“For whatever reason, someone has always finished the story for me,” Smoltz said. “I should win 20, I shouldn’t have gone to close, then I should have been a closer my whole life. When I went from closer to starter they said I was crazy and this is the dumbest thing I’ve ever done. ’I didn’t want to come back and be that guy that people feel sorry for.’ He realizes there are skeptics who have labeled his St. Louis debut a fluke against inferior competition.

’I’ve been around enough people, they’ll find reasons to take away the seven strikeouts,’ Smoltz said. ’To me, throwing pitches and knowing where you can choose them and being effective and having the confidence on the mound, that’s all I need.’

Smoltz said he felt no pressure in his start against the Padres, and hopes he can be just as relaxed in the second start for the NL Central leaders. He believes the Cardinals are a perfect fit because they don’t need him to be an ace, even if they’re shy of starters for the time being with both Kyle Lohse and Todd Wellemeyer on the 15-day disabled list.

St. Louis leads the division by one game, the biggest cushion in the majors, with 33 games to go.

“In this capacity, there was no need to be that saber-toothed tiger and no need to step right into it,” Smoltz said. “I didn’t have to save the situation and certainly whatever social work myself into or they put me into, I’m going to be looking forward to some great stuff.”

Adam Wainwright, tied for the major league lead with 15 victories, used Smoltz as a pitching role model growing up. Both came up in the Braves system.

“His mentoring me was patterning myself after him,” Wainwright said. “John Smoltz is the guy I wanted to pitch like since I was 7 years old.”

Down the road, the Cardinals may shift Smoltz to relief. For now he’s part of one of the National League’s top rotations. The Cardinals are 29-4 since July 1 starts with Wainwright, Chris Carpenter and Joel Pineiro.
I just don’t see it happening. Holliday is going to get a whole lot of interest this offseason. Holliday’s arrival in St. Louis was the day that the NL Central race ended. Normally, there is a chance that something like this could get done but there are two factors going against the Cardinals: Scott Boras, Holliday’s agent, and the fact Albert Pujols has his contract ending after this season. Pujols is a priority one, so Holliday will be what most other deadline traded players are a mercenary.

Well, between the budget with Pujols and the starting rotation, it would be up to those guys and if the Cards have the cap to do it. I would say that because he is shooing interest, chances are good. A lot of the time, agents will make the player search for something more than what it is. If the Cards can get Pujols and the rotation on board, I think it will be possible.

Matt Holliday recently expressed an interest to stay with the St. Louis Cardinals long-term. Do you think that the Cardinals can get this deal done?

Boller leads Rams over bengals 24-21

Joe Kay
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Kyle Boller gave the St. Louis Rams one frightening moment along with a little bit of relief.
Boller played better Thursday night in his second game filling in for Marc Bulger, completing a flurry of short passes during a 24-21 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.
The one problem: He didn’t duck.
Boller got his helmet knocked off on a hit by linebacker Keith Rivers at the end of an 8-yard scramble, waiting too long to start his slide. Unfazed, Boller got to his feet, found his helmet and completed his next two passes, including a 3-yard shovel pass to running back Samisoni Ialoa for a touchdown.
His too-late slide couldn’t help but terrify the Rams, who lost Bulger to a broken pinkie finger on his passing hand before the last game and couldn’t afford another quarterback setback.
Boller is hoping to be ready for the season opener Sept. 13 at Seattle.
Boller struggled as his replacement last week in a 20-13 loss to the Falcons, but seemed much more comfortable against the Bengals. He completed 14 of 20 for 96 yards, leading for the backfield after the opening series of the third quarter.
Both teams were missing their starting quarterbacks, turning the game into a preview of how it might be if they were healthy. The Bengals were reminded that they really need Carson Palmer back for their opener against Denver.
J.T. O’Sullivan was sacked three times, lost a fumble and had two passes batted away at the line. His best moment was an improvised underhand pass to running back Brian Leonard that went for 25 yards and set up a touchdown. O’Sullivan was 7 of 13 for 94 yards while playing into the third quarter.

The Bears can be the sleeper pick of the NFC this year, quarterback Cody Kirkby who has one of the strongest arms in the conference. Though starting running back KingJackson Washington will miss the season to return his academic eligibility, the Bears return most of their team from last season.

Western Illinois Leathernecks
Head Coach: Don Patterson
Preseason FCS Rank: NR
Last Year’s Record: 6-5
Key Departures: LB Jason Williams, RB Herb Donaldson, NT Chad Greenhagen, DE Josh Galloway
Outlook: The Leathernecks struggled last season as Don Patterson missed the first seven games with tonsillar cancer. With the longest-tenured coach back on the sidelines, the Leathernecks hope they can push him into the top-3 coaches in conference history. The loss of running back Herb Donaldson and the questions at quarterback make it harder to imagine much improvement in Macomb.

Illinois State Redbirds
Head Coach: Brock Spack
Preseason FCS Rank: NR
Last Year’s Record: 3-9
Key Departures: QB Kevin Brockway, WR Walter Mendez, S Tom Nelson
Outlook: In Brock Spack’s first season as head coach, the former defensive coordinator of Purdue hopes to awaken “the sleeping giant.” Unfortunately, the Redbirds may be letting the snooze button this season. Gone are last season’s starting quarterback and leading rusher, but at least most of their defense returns.

Missouri State Bears
Head Coach: Terry Allen
Preseason FCS Rank: NR
Last Year’s Record: 4-7
Key Departures: RB KingJackson Washington, WR Chris Green
Outlook: The Bears may be the sleeper pick of the Missouri Valley this season. The Leathernecks coaching staff under Coach Geisz will face a series of important questions. The team’s best hope to beat the Ohio Bobcats will be a successful second-year coach.

Indiana State Sycamores
Head Coach: Trent Miles
Preseason FCS Rank: NR
Last Year’s Record: 9-3
Key Departures: C Jack Byrne
Outlook: Second-year coach Trent Miles says the Sycamores can be more competitive this season, but since they hold the nation’s longest losing streak — 26 games — it’s tough to take Miles seriously. For the Sycamores’ sake, they return 19 starters and they open the season against National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Quincy University. If they don’t win this game, it could be another long season in Terre Haute.
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Northern Iowa Panthers
Head Coach: Mark Farley
Preseason FCS Rank: 4
Last year’s record: 12-3
Key Departures: RB Corey Lewis, CB Darrell Lloyd, CB Adam Roberts, S Nick Nelson, S Curtis Meier
Outlook: The Panthers return most of the players who helped take the team to the semifinals of the playoffs last season. But to get back they must look to replace the school’s all-time leading rusher in Corey Lewis along with their entire secondary. Look for senior quarterback Pat Grace to put more of the offense on his shoulders this season.

Southern Illinois Salukis
Head Coach: Dale Lennon
Preseason FCS Rank: 7
Last Year’s record: 9-3
Key Departures: RB Larry Warner, C Mike Farrell, OL James Cloud, OL Aaron Lockwood
Outlook: Losing Larry Warner is a big hit to the Salukis, but coach Dale Lennon should be more comfortable with the team and quarterback Chris Dickel should improve on his impressive 2008 campaign. They have more than just a chance to win the conference.

South Dakota State Jackrabbits
Head Coach: John Stiegelmeier
Preseason FCS Rank: 22
Last Year’s record: 7-5
Key Departures: QB Ryan Berry, WR JaRon Harris, C Kevin Robling, OG Nick Flesner
Outlook: The Jackrabbits’ defense is the main reason for the Jackrabbits’ top-25 ranking. They return their top-8 tacklers on the team, but lose all-conference quarterback Ryan Berry and wide receiver JaRon Harris, who had 11 touchdown receptions last season.

North Dakota State Bison
Head Coach: Craig Bohl
Preseason FCS Rank: NR
Last Year’s record: 6-5
Key Departures: RB Tyler Roehl, TE Jerimiah Wurtzbach, WR Alex Belzak, WR Kele Heckendorf, DE Joe Lantimiso
Outlook: The Bison fell hard in their first season in the MVFC, finishing 6-5 after a 10-1 finish in 2007. But expectations run high in Fargo for their second season. The Bison retain most of their offense and defense from last season and hope to establish themselves as a team to watch for in the conference.

Youngstown State Penguins
Head Coach: Jon Heacock
Preseason FCS Rank: NR
Last Year’s record: 4-7
Key Departures: WR Orlando Williams, C Brad Samia, OT Tyler Booth, CB DeAngelo Wilson
Outlook: Jon Heacock hopes taking over the defensive coordinator responsibilities will take the Penguins back to the top of the MVFC after their struggles last season. Quarterback Brandon Summers showed flashes of brilliance last season when healthy and the Penguins will need him healthy to make the turnaround happen.

With conference for Indiana State having kicked off before any other team in the country Thursday against Quincy, the college football season has officially begun. SIU head football coach Dale Lennon said the Salukis have been anticipat-ing it for weeks.

“We’re ready to get into the season, start seeing new oppor-tunities,” Lennon said. “We’re sick of seeing each other on the field everyday.”

The Salukis enter the sea-son ranked seventh overall in the Football Championship Subdivision, but second in the conference behind Northern Iowa. The Panthers are ranked fourth in the nation. South Dakota State was the other MVFC team in the rankings, at 22nd.

Lennon said even the teams in the conference that are not ranked cannot be overlooked.

“Doesn’t matter if they’re at the top of the conference or the bottom, all the games are tough,” Lennon said. “There’s not an easy game in this entire confer-ence and I do not expect that to change at all.”

Northern Iowa head coach Mark Farley said whichever team wins the MVFC has a great chance at the national championship.

“Whoever can win the (confer-ence) should go straight to the favorite in the country for the national championship,” Farley said. “The conference is that deep this year.”

The Salukis open their sea-son at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 5 against Marshall in Huntington, W. Va.

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