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Summer enrollment down by 186

Fall registration, housing contracts up compared to last year

Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The number of students enrolled in the summer semester is down from last year, but fall enrollment may be looking up.

Enrollment figures, released Monday, show summer enrollment at 9,460, which includes both on-campus and off-campus students. That number is down 186 students from 2006’s total summer enrollment of 9,646.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said the University’s focus has been on fall enrollment, and University spokesman Rod Siervers said compared to this point last year, fall enrollment has risen.

Siervers said the number of registered freshman students is up 3.9 percent compared to this time last year, while registered transfer students are up nine percent. New housing contracts are also up 6.4 percent.

Interim associate vice chancellor for enrollment management Carmen Suarez said she is satisfied with the summer’s drop because it is less than the University’s overall decline in enrollment.

“To me, that’s being the same as last year,” Suarez said.

Suarez said she is cautiously optimistic, but these numbers are merely indicators of what fall enrollment could be.

“That’s extremely positive, but at the same time we can’t count our chickens before they hatch,” Suarez said. “It means nothing if they don’t show up on the campus; living in the residence halls and taking the classes.”

Off-campus enrollment is down 156 from last summer, a decline Siervers said is because of some students being deployed to Iraq.

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Radio to the rescue

Residents’ hobby could prove indispensable during emergencies

Joe Crawford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Technology from the 1920s era could be the saving grace for southern Illinois residents in the event of a devastating earthquake or tornado, one local emergency coordinator said.

The value of amateur or “ham” radio in emergency situations is often underestimated, said Richard Niemeyer, assistant emergency coordinator for the Jackson County Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

Niemeyer was one of several local amateur radio operators who gathered in a field southwest of the SIU Arena Saturday to test emergency radio equipment, from 20-foot antennas to handheld receivers, as a part of Field Day 2007. The event was part of an international campaign in which operators across North America practiced their skills in preparation for emergency situations.

Niemeyer, a 49-year-old senior from Carbondale studying management information systems, said ham radio operators have been instrumental in saving lives in numerous disaster situations since the advent of the technology in the early 20th century.

Often, other communication systems are knocked out or are overwhelmed during emergencies, so ham radio becomes the only way to make contact with authorities or family, he said. Because the radios can be run off batteries for long periods of time, they can be extremely effective when no electricity is available, he said.

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Lentz worker dies

Brandy Oxford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When students return to the Lentz dining hall this fall, a familiar face for many will be absent.

Darla Elaine Cotton, a 57-year-old dining room supervisor at Lentz Hall, died Friday at St. John’s Hospital in Springfield.

Cotton’s daughter Arantza Brexter said Cotton had ongoing medical conditions for several years, but her death was the unexpected result of new health conditions.

“I worked with her in the early ’80s until 2000 when she got sick,” Ellen Lemmon, food service assistant manager for university housing, said. “I felt horrible because she was such a nice, sweet person and she was sick for so long.”

Cotton began working at SIUC in 1986 and fit in wonderfully, making quick friends with her peers and student employees under her supervision, Lemmon said.

“She was out for a while, but she always said she’d be back,” Peggy Coles, associate director of residence hall dining, said. “She was always positive.”

In addition to her daughter, Cotton left behind two sisters, three brothers, three nieces and two nephews.

Brexter thanked everyone for their support and prayers. She said her mother would be missed dearly.

Funeral services will be held by First Presbyterian Church at Munyfusho. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday.

Ham radio enthusiasts Andy Thomburg of Carbondale, left and Tom Marsh of Tamarac adjust their antennae during Field Day 2007 Saturday. The 24-hour event brought local ham radio operators together to test their equipment in case of an emergency situation.

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**News reports:**

- **ST. CHARLES, Mo.** (AP) — A suburban Chicago man accused of killing his wife and three children was ordered held without bond Monday, nearly three weeks after his wife prepared his case to have him returned to face murder charges.

- **Springfield, Ill.** (AP) — A bus carrying people home from a wedding hit a semitrailer and burst into flames Tuesday evening on the Illinois-Indiana state line, killing his family.

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**Forecasters: Downpours won’t be common in summer 2007**

**Brandon Weisenberger**

Two days of downpours brought this summer’s most significant rain-fall yet, but southern Illinois residents shouldn’t get used to wet conditions if forecasters are correct.

The heavy rainfall that greeted Memorial Day Monday was a much different scene compared to the last few weeks of spring and first days of summer, which have been marked by high temperatures and little or no precipitation.

Cardoza said about three-fourths inches of precipitation Monday and a little more than an inch on Sunday, the most the area has seen this warm season, according to the National Weather Service in Paducah, Ky.

Thunderstorms and a 30- to 40-percent chance of thunderstorms are an “unwelcome” forecast until 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Despite recent and predicted rain-fall, dryness could be a common scene in southern Illinois this summer.

Mary Lantz, a hydrologist with the National Weather Service, said a drought in the southeast part of the country — where counties from lower Tennessee to Georgia are in “extreme drought” conditions — is expected to shift toward the Midwest throughout the summer.

“Drought conditions will per-vade west Kentucky, southeast Illinois and southwest Missouri, and worse over the rest of southern Illinois and portion of southeast Missouri closest to the Mississippi River,” she said.

Cardoza and the surrounding area are suffering “abnormally dry” conditions under National Weather Service guidelines.

Worse off are several counties in the southeast part of the state and much of Indiana, which are in a “moderate drought” state.

Some parts of Illinois near Indiana saw rainfall on Thursday and Friday that amountted to about a half inch.

“Key amount of precipitation is a good thing, but more is needed,” said Stan Mullinax, manager of the Wabash Valley Service Co. in Willow Hill.

“We’re not exactly in a crisis mode right now, but we’re in the point where we know there could be some trouble if things don’t change in the next month,” said Mullinax, whose compa-ny provides services such as pesticide application and irrigation to farmers in southeast Illinois.

The agricultural impact in the state has so far been minimal, according to National Weather Service statistics. 12 percent of both the soybean and corn crops in Illinois are reported to be in poor condition.

That’s compared to more than 20 percent of both crops being in poor condition in Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri.

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**University to stop using Social Security numbers**

**Brenda Oxford**

Rashedah Brown learned the consequences of identity theft when she received a collection notice from Sprint for a phone she never had.

Brown, a junior studying business management, cleared her name quickly, but said she was glad to hear SIUC Interfaith Living is working to implement a new system, Banner, that could protect students against identity theft by using randomly selected student ID numbers instead of social secu-rity numbers.

“Our current Student Information System, which is based on mainframe technology, is a dinosaur and will be de-sup-ported by the vendor in 2009,” executive director of finance Kevin Bame said. “The new system, provided by SunGard, is based on client-server technology and will be more seamless for faculty, staff and students than ever before. Basically, it will be like SakaiNet on steroids.”

Bame will give students a sin-gle sign-on access to a personalized portal, called Lumins, through which they may access their bursar bill, financial aid, Blackboard and other student information.

“The student identifier within the new system, students will be issued randomly selected student ID numbers and will choose pass-words similar to those required on SIUC’s current Webmail service. “It will definitely be easier for students to only have one pass-word,” Steven Falconer, a senior majoring in sociology and eco-nomics, said. “And I really like not having my social security number as my ID. It’s just not good to have that out in the open.”

Bame said the new ID numbers may safely be put on student ID cards because they are not social security numbers. He said students will still be protected by their per-sonalized password, even if someone-one else gets their ID card. Banner also offers the option of masking sensitive student data.

“We are learning how the product functions,” SIUC director of records and registration Tina Collins said. “SunGard is training us on the card’s and (cannot’s) of the system and we are learning how to best utilize it.”

One of the most advantageous ‘can’s’ is the system will be available 24/7 instead of limiting students to business hours if they need to add or drop a class or pay a bill online.

“We are hoping to eliminate the Woody shuffle,” SIU president Glenn Poshard said. “We’re rolling out admissions in the new system this fall, financial aid and records and registration in spring of 2008 and bursar in July of 2008. This is a very student-friendly imple-mentation. I think students will be amazed with how easy it is to access.”

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Officer appears in court in death of girlfriend, fetus

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — A police officer accused of killing his pregnant girlfriend and her nearly full-term fetus made his first court appearance Tuesday and was ordered held on $5 million bond.

Bobby Cutts Jr., 30, was represented as a jobless man with a troubled past. He stood behind a window separating him from the gallery, his girlfriend’s family seated a few feet away.

Jesse Davis, 26, was missing for about a week when his remains were found. Police said a cutout in a park. Cutts is the father of her son, and Davis relatives have said he is the father of the baby girl due to deliver July 3 and planned to name Chloe.

Cutts, an Iraq veteran, stood in the front row of the courtroom and sat as he surveyed the audience. “I’m not sitting when I see Bobby,” Cutts said later. “I wanted to make sure he knew I was there.”

Porter stood up when one of Cutts’ former high school classmates appeared in front of the judge.

Myisha Ferrell, 29, is accused of lying to police about where the 26-year-old was last seen. She ordered held on $500,000 bond.

Cutts is accused of killing Davis and the fetus on May 14 at her home in nearby Lake Township.

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Surge of suicide bombings in Iraq kills at least 29 people

BAGHDAD (AP) — Suicide bombers struck several Baghdad locations on Tuesday and four other targets across Iraq on Monday, in a surge of attacks that left at least 29 people dead, authorities reported. The targeted sites were Baghdad, Beiji and Tikrit.

A man wielding a belt of explosives walked into the Tigris River area near a roundabout, approached the evacuation reception desk and detonated his bomb, police reported. The attack left 29 dead and at least 16 others were wounded, they said.

Police said among the dead was Faisal al-Guood, a Ramadi tribal sheik and former governor of Anbar province who was a leader in the former al-Qaida organization. Salvation Council, which has partnered with U.S. and Iraqi troops to fight al-Qaida influence in Anbar.

One of Baghdad’s leading hotels, the high-rise Mabrouka, on the banks of the Tigris River, houses the Chinese Embassy and several news organizations. A number of Iraqi parliament members also stay at the hotel.

The elder Cutts, 68, a worker in the reception area, said all the casualties were Iraqis, most employees in the reception area.

FRANCE

Secretary of State says democracy will come to Middle East

PARIS (AP) — Nearly a year after she was called in for a meeting in Lebanon “the birth pang of a new Middle East,” Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is in Israel and won’t come to the region whatever the setbacks.

Rice declined to discuss the family of Saddam Hussein’s ravaged Darfur region and a meeting with Lebanon’s Western-backed premier, Riad al-Hariri, the new French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

Sarkozy, a politician who advocated the bad news coming from Iraq, Lebanon and the Palestinian territories.

“I know how hard, and I see it as especially hard when there are determined enemies of democracy on the scene,” Rice said when asked about the “birth pang” remark during a news conference with French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner.

Kouchner organized Monday’s conference with 14 other countries to ask for a $400 million emergency fund for Darfur, the vast, and region where an estimated 200,000 have died in fighting between African rebels and militias backed by the Arab-led Sudanese government. The conflict has driven about 2.5 million from their homes.

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California wildfire destroys 220 homes; 1,000 evacuated

A charred home and a vehicle is all that is left after a fire burned though the South Lake Tahoe in California, Monday. Matt Laster showed up at one evacuation center Monday looking for clothes. He said he and his wife, two young children and cat that their rented home Sunday and lost “all the memories,” including his Star Trek collectibles and Schnauzer Dog balls.

“We are doing OK. I think we are going to get resettled pretty quickly,” Laster said.

Steve Yingling, sports editor for the Tahoe Tribune in South Lake Tahoe, lives near where the fire started and had little hope that his home survived. He was leaving for work Sunday afternoon when he heard sirens.

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Courts limit student speech in Bong Hits 4 Jesus case

Mark Shermann

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Monday, ruling against a high school student and his 14-foot-long “Bong Hits 4 Jesus” banner.

Schools may prohibit student expression that is not interpretive and advocating drug use, Chief Justice John Roberts wrote for the court in a 5-4 ruling.

Joseph Frederick unfurled his homemade banner on a winter morning in 2002, as the Olympic torch made its way through Junee, Alaska, en route to the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Frederick said the banner was a nonsensical message that he first saw on a0 signboard. He intended the banner to proclaim his right to say anything at all.

But Principal Morse thought the pro-drug message was a threat to students, teachers and the school. Frederick said that was a misunderstanding.

“The message on Frederick’s banner is cryptic,” Roberts said. “But Principal Morse thought the banner would be interpreted by those viewing it as promoting illegal drug use, and that interpretation is plainly a reasonable one.”

Morse suspended the student, prompting a federal civil rights lawsuit. Students in public schools don’t have the same rights as adults, but neither do they leave their constitutional protections at the schoolhouse gate, as the court said in a landmark speech-rights ruling from Vietnam era.

The court has limited what students can do in subsequent cases, saying they may be as disruptive or lewd or interfere with a school’s basic educational mission.

Frederick, now 23, said he had to drop out of college after his father lost his job. The elder Frederick, who worked for the company that manufactures the banner, was fired after his son was suspended.

Frank Frederick $200,000 in a lawsuit filed over his son’s case. Joseph Frederick, who has been teaching and studying in Lebanon, said in his appeal that he was a victim of a mistaken charge of selling marijuana at Nacogdoches, Texas, according to court records.

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‘Evan’ an almighty disaster

Justin Leverett

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“Evan Almighty”

Directed by Tom Shadyac

Starring: Steve Carell, Morgan Freeman

Runtime: 90 minutes

Rated: PG

After carrying “The Forty-Year Old Virgin” on the merits of his everyman charms and adorably blockheaded delivery, it seemed like Steve Carell could do no wrong. Then came “Evan Almighty” — a living testament to good-natured ineffectuality and half-baked comic stereotypes.

This sequel to 2003’s hit Jim Carrey vehicle “Bruce Almighty” falls on nearly every level. Clocking in with a budget of $175 million, “Evan” is the single most expensive comedy ever made. You would think that sort of cash would allow Carell plenty of opportunity for comic mischief. Mostly, this consists of twisting his face into forced surprise and twitching para-sitic tension. Expect to see him fall on his butt at least seven times, get bitten in the crotch at least twice and have animal faces dropped on him more times that one can count.

Dressed in a snazzy white suit, a grinning God (played by Morgan Freeman) finally appears to him; he is more than willing to drop everything and build an ark. Evan recruits his three sons and gets to work, with help from all sorts of animal friends.

Oddly enough, it seems none of the characters realize the morbid implications of the original Biblical source material. Doesn’t the story of Noah tell of full-scale natural disaster, the destruction of millions of sinful people and the vengeance of an angry God? HARDLY the fodder for a mindless summer comedy such as this.

The film skirts this unpleasantness and sails to a close on a tidal wave of computer generated flood water. In place of vengeance and mass destruction, the viewer is given a sweet little message involving Acts of Random Kindness (ARK: Get it?) and environmental responsibility.

Though it means well, “Evan Almighty” ends up breached. The theme is trite, the jokes are forced, the writing is lazy and the special effects are entertaining but inconsequential. It’s not the end of the world, but it’s certainly not a hit, and it’s not worthy of Steve Carell’s rising star.

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Our Word

Keeping students employed

The recent minimum wage boost has the University wondering where it will come up with 1.2 million each year to compensate student workers. And as enrollment continues to drop, so does cash flow. Building maintenance has been sidestepped to compensate for a dwindling budget, and an ambitious plan to revitalize SIU will cost hundreds of millions of dollars.

Even before the first student bloopers for Saluki Way could find their way to benefactors, the University was hit by a painful blow from Illinois legislators: a minimum wage hike. So what can be done? Well, apparently, the easiest way, unfortunately, is to cut student jobs. Or the University could raise tuition rates again. Both of those ideas are counterproductive.

There are plenty of students who need jobs. The extra cash from answering phones or cleaning classrooms goes a long way towards rent and tuition. For student fees, they keep increasing. They can’t be increased much more without violating SIU’s pledge to provide a quality education to economically disadvantaged students.

If departments can survive a year without the extra help, it could give the University the time to recoup from the minimum wage blast. Perhaps SIU should look to Lori Sterf, director of the Student Center for advice. Sterf has redrawn the Student Center budget, allowing cash to different places to keep all students employed.

She said student workers are vital to the Student Center’s operation. Without students, it can not function in the way it was designed.

One way she freed up some positions for a professional position and leave the job unfilled, in turn delegating those responsibilities to other positions. The SIU job postings Web site lists 37 vacancies for faculty and staff positions across campus. The offers with salaries noted—nine of them—add up to $434,260 per year, if all positions were filled and paid at the midpoint range of offered salaries.

If the remaining unfilled positions, mostly assistant professor and visiting professor slots, were all left vacant, it might free up a lot more cash to pay student workers.

Granted, some positions need to be filled. Without faculty there would be no students. But not all need to be filled. At least not right now.

Front page photo of broken equipment misleading

Dear Editor:

I find the context for your usage of the picture of the “out of order” sign on the instructor’s station misleading. I’ve worked for the Computer Learning Center for more than two years now and have dealt with maintaining their computers. Those projectors receive a lot of use and are not “improper.” Prior to this one breaking, they had already planned on replacing them when the new fiscal year starts. This projector just happened to die sooner than expected; however all of this has nothing to do with the price increase for student workers.

Since they had budgeted this in a long time ago, then at the most the price increase would affect the number of hours our student workers will be able to work on the “campus maintenance work” on the projectors.

It is one foremost importance to the CLCs to have adequate teaching facilities. They are still working on a temporary solution for this projector being broken and will always update the teaching equipment when the most financially used general access equipment.

Overall, I simply find your using this picture (on the front cover no less) in poor taste. And note these are only my opinions and do not represent those of any department on campus, including IT.

Cynthia Spieß

GCI Graduate Assistant (formerly CIC Lab Intern)

Finding balance between work and play crucial

SIU Counseling Center

Setting in class or studying while you see a gorgeous summer day outside can be especially difficult. Is this what it takes to be a “good” student—constantly giving up on enjoying your summer by studying all the time?

No. In fact, your long-term physical and mental health depends on finding time for socializing, being physically active, and relaxing—in addition to studying.

What is crucial is finding balance in your life. If you don’t make time for your studies, obviously you will fail or perform well below your potential. However, if you study for long periods without a break, your concentration will falter and you won’t be as effective. In addition, you will grow restless, irritable and unhappy.

It is very important to break up your study sessions with short rest periods. Also, after you have completed a long study session, it is crucial to give yourself something to look forward to afterward. This might be talking to friends, going out, engaging in some physical activity you enjoy or listening to music. Exactly what you do is less important than doing something you enjoy. It is also very important in other ways to work less well or feel well if you are not rested, so intense mental or physical activity must be balanced with sleep and quiet down time.

Be careful about shortening yourself on sleep by drinking a lot of coffee or other caffeine drinks instead. At times, this might be a temporary solution that allows you to get to some needed studying. But, if one’s health can be at risk because people do not have as well on a test when they are exhausted from staying up all night cramming.

Lazily, if you do not eat balanced meals or if you frequently skip meals, you are likely to find yourself experiencing poor concentration, headaches and sluggishness. You may also find yourself eating in a mindless way while you study instead of taking a break. This might allow you to take in needed calories, but you are missing a real opportunity to enjoy a meal. Eating can also be a nice social occasion, an opportunity for you to share meal with your friends.

As a student, you may also spend a lot of time in front of your computer, reading textbooks and notes at home or studying and researching at the library. While necessary to do well in school, these are very sedentary activities. Your body needs to move. If you can’t give yourself the chance for some regular physical activity, you will grow restless and irritable in the short run. In the long run, your health will suffer and you will become more susceptible to illness. So pick some physical activities you enjoy and schedule them into your day along with your studies.

After working hard during your studies during the early part of the day, you might give yourself time to look forward to afterward by going to a Sunset Concert, McLeod’s Summer Playhouse series or the Rec Center’s Base Camp for camping and canoeing equipment.

Finally, if you find yourself having difficulty with time management or using a lot of avoidance strategies and not getting your work done, then look for those topics in the next two Counseling Center columns. As always, if you need help in finding balance, give the Counseling Center a call at 453-5371.

If a position has been vacant for some time, it means others are already picking up the slack from an open position or someone is preparing to leave. If departments can survive for a year without the extra help, it could give the University time to recoup from the minimum wage blast.

One thing SIU should do is not cut student jobs. Student workers are absolutely vital to the survival of this university. They clean our floors, answer our telephones, cut our grass and serve us food. They keep the parking division, Recreation Center, Student Health Center, Public Policy Institute and every dean’s office on campus running efficiently.

There are a thousand other jobs necessary for the operation of the university, including, but not limited to, those that are included in the minimum wage category, including one that is probably the most important to any student worker: the distribution of paychecks. And most of those paychecks get paid by the University in the form of tuition, food and books.

Cutting student jobs in response to the minimum wage hike is an ill-advised move. Without those jobs, some students will not be able to afford SIU. A loss of even more students will cost this university much, probably more than the $1.2 million it will take to keep them employed.

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**Sudoku**

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

**Solution to Thursday’s puzzle**

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**Horoscopes**

*By Linda C. Black*

**Today’s Birthday**

Make plans for a future you’ll love to live into this year, or hold on plans you have. You can’t afford to complete this dream now, but if you start now, you can later.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 7 — Be cautious, careful and frugal. Don’t try to look like a big shot. Don’t gamble and don’t go walking around flashing big rolls of bills. Pretend you have less, not more.

**Taurus (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 6 — You go along with the way things are most of the time. You don’t have to do that when your toes get stepped on. Demand respect.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is an 8 — A little encouragement from a person you care a lot about makes a world of difference to you. You’re resolute.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 21)** — Today is a 5 — You’re being severely tested. Are you up for the challenge? Of course you are. Don’t even try to be clever, just stubborn.

**Vergas, Aug. 23-Sept. 22** — Today is a 7 — Fratiation does not have to be your excuse for turning around and quitting. It’s a normal part of life. Take it in stride.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is an 8 — When you’ve got a few coins in your pocket, you remember all the things you’ve always wanted to have. You want to buy gifts for friends. Don’t go shopping yet.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is an 8 — In a confrontational situation, maintain your cool. Don’t get angry; stand up for what’s right. You can change their opinions.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 6 — It’s not a good day to travel, so don’t can away from your work. Do the top priority item; it should be obvious.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 5 — You’re a far good day to start a new business, stay away from the market. Listen and you can learn from your friends’ mistakes.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 7 — Advice you get from a partner isn’t going to work this time. You probably ought to do what the boss suggests instead.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is an 8 — Your care and compassion are very important to somebody close to home. Make time in your busy schedule to listen.
News

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Andy Thornburg of Carbondale makes contact with a fellow ham radio operator in Redhook, N.Y., during Field Day 2007 Saturday.

“‘Rag chewers’,” Stewart said. "I get on a frequency with somebody and I’ll talk to them all night."

Dialing in a frequency to find a random person with which to speak can be a much-needed break from a society of selective communication dominated by cell phones, he said. "One night I talked to (someone from) New Zealand while driving in my car in Kentucky," he said.

Mike Hamilton, a Carbondale resident, uses computer software to operate his radio, making it possible for him to communicate text messages via airwaves. While Hamilton said the mode was similar to that of other Internet messaging systems, he said this communication is capable of weathering most disasters. "You don’t have to have a hard wire or a satellite," he said.

Patricia Niemeyer, a recent graduate of SIUC, said she believes students should carefully consider what they might do in emergency situations. Contacting family who live in other areas might be especially difficult for students, she said. "We need to stop pretending that it’s not going to happen here," she said.

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**HAM CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

Most worn-out keyboard keys in Carbondale.

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The tournament was similar to 11 almost equivalent to college baseball. The speed of the game is underway. Riley qualifies in track and field on July 23. The Pan Am Games are the second largest event next to the Olympic Games, Smith said. "I wanted to take on some new opportunities," Athletic Director Mario Moccia said. "Basketball is my favorite sport," Travis said. "I could play till midnight," Moccia said. "When I get home I want to take a nap or something, and I am always hungry after the camp is over." Travis said he has been playing basketball on his team at Our Lady of Mount Carmel for about five years now. "Basketball is my favorite sport, I could play till midnight," he said. Travis holds all the campers in the five-on-five tournament got the luxury of choosing as an MVC team as their mascot. "I think Patrick can change the franchise. LeBron James changed the Cavaliers franchise, so Kane can do it too. I predict they will make it to the Stanley Cup finals and get swept." The ratings just show videos of the old Nintendo video games Blades of Steel. "It doesn't matter anymore, because hockey is almost a dead sport. They should just show videos of the old Nintendo video game Blades of Steel. The ratings would explode like a beached whale." "The only way the Blackhawks will ever stand a chance at winning or coming anywhere near the playoffs is to get Chris Chelios and Jeremy Roenick back." "It's just hard to keep a lot of times you make a lot of money. Lebron James can do it too. I think Patrick can change the franchise. LeBron James changed the Cavaliers franchise, so Kane can do it too. I predict they will make it to the Stanley Cup finals and get swept." The ratings just show videos of the old Nintendo video games Blades of Steel. "It doesn't matter anymore, because hockey is almost a dead sport. They should just show videos of the old Nintendo video game Blades of Steel. The ratings would explode like a beached whale." "The only way the Blackhawks will ever stand a chance at winning or coming anywhere near the playoffs is to get Chris Chelios and Jeremy Roenick back." "It's just hard to keep a lot of times you make a lot of money. Lebron James can do it too. I think Patrick can change the franchise. LeBron James changed the Cavaliers franchise, so Kane can do it too. I predict they will make it to the Stanley Cup finals and get swept." The ratings just show videos of the old Nintendo video games Blades of Steel. "It doesn't matter anymore, because hockey is almost a dead sport. They should just show videos of the old Nintendo video game Blades of Steel. The ratings would explode like a beached whale." "The only way the Blackhawks will ever stand a chance at winning or coming anywhere near the playoffs is to get Chris Chelios and Jeremy Roenick back." "It's just hard to keep a lot of times you make a lot of money. Lebron James can do it too. I think Patrick can change the franchise. LeBron James changed the Cavaliers franchise, so Kane can do it too. I predict they will make it to the Stanley Cup finals and get swept." The ratings just show videos of the old Nintendo video games Blades of Steel. "It doesn't matter anymore, because hockey is almost a dead sport. They should just show videos of the old Nintendo video game Blades of Steel. The ratings would explode like a beached whale." "The only way the Blackhawks will ever stand a chance at winning or coming anywhere near the playoffs is to get Chris Chelios and Jeremy Roenick back." "It's just hard to keep a lot of times you make a lot of money. Lebron James can do it too. I think Patrick can change the franchise. LeBron James changed the Cavaliers franchise, so Kane can do it too. I predict they will make it to the Stanley Cup finals and get swept." The ratings just show videos of the old Nintendo video games Blades of Steel. "It doesn't matter anymore, because hockey is almost a dead sport. They should just show videos of the old Nintendo video game Blades of Steel. The ratings would explode like a beached whale." "The only way the Blackhawks will ever stand a chance at winning or coming anywhere near the playoffs is to get Chris Chelios and Jeremy Roenick back."
Men's Basketball

Eugene Clark

Eight-year-old JustinCisco got a first-hand taste of what it is like to compete in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament.

Justin, from Carbondale, was one of about 100 campers who got to pick an MVC school to represent their team during four-on-four competitions Thursday at the SIU arena.

From June 18-21, The Saluki basketball program held one of its annual summer camps for kids.

The full-day camp is structured for boys in third through eighth grade and is one of five camps held by the basketball program this summer.

Justin said as a member of the Wichita Shadows, his team almost went to the championships, but lost to Evansville in the final round.

The communication just wasn’t there.

“The need to work on teamwork and sportsmanship and not calling each other names like stupid,” Cisco said.

Assistant coach Brad Korn said with the exception of one-hour lunch break, the campers devoted seven hours a day for four days straight to developing basketball skills.

“The camp gives kids the chance to learn fundamental basketball skills such as station work, passing, shooting, dribbling,” Korn said.

Korn said the camps try to give a personal touch by having all the coaches involved, including head coach ChrisLowery.

The camp drew about 100 campers and the overall costs were about $150 for the whole camp.

Korn said the final day of camp showcased a three-on-three and five on-five tournament.

The campers were divided into teams and played games up to three baskets.

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SAILING

Bad weather dampens fun

Eugene Clark

Poor weather conditions and lack of advertising can turn even a free event into a sparsely attended one.

The SIU sailing club hosted free lessons at the Playport Marina on Crab Orchard Lake Saturday and Sunday with only 10 people taking advantage of the opportunity.

“Usually in the summer we have a better turnout,” said KathieChwalisz, the faculty adviser for the SIU sailing club. “I was anticipating around 30 people for both days.”

Chwalisz said lack of advertising was a big factor for the low turnout.

For most free lessons the club will chalk campus sidewalks. However, the sailing club did not take that approach this year.

Joshua Smart, a senior from Brookfield studying aviation technology and member of the sailing club, said the weather conditions early on also were a factor for the small turnout.

“If it looks nasty in the morning, no one shows up,” Smart said. “We always hope for good weather.”

Smart said the small turnout isn’t any sort of reflection on the club’s ability to recruit people. The club expects to get more members at the Roller Rink in the fall.

Becky Reed, of Carbondale, said she had a lot of fun sailing after hearing about the lessons from a friend.

“I have seen ads in the past, but I didn’t see any ads for this event,” Reed said. “I wouldn’t have heard of it if not for my friend.”

Despite the low turnout, some of the people who took advantage of the free lessons had a lot of fun learning how to sail.

Reed said even though she didn’t catch on to the intricacies of sailing right away, she had a good time.

“It’s difficult, it’s not easy, at least not sailing solo,” Reed said. “I got a number of snootfulls of water.”

Emily Baden, a graduate student from Waterloo studying zoology said she had sailed before, but this was her first time sailing in Carbondale.

Bade said her first sailing lesson took place on the catamaran.

“It was a lot of fun,” Bade said. “You get to really see how the sails work.”

The SIU sailing club started in 1966. Membership is open to anyone interested and the cost is $25 a semester or $65 a year, Chwalisz said.

Once members receive a skipper’s license, they can take the club’s boats out sailing whenever they want and also can teach new members techniques on sailing, Chwalisz said.

The club features 17 boats which range from 12 feet to 25 feet. Most members first learn sailing techniques on the “flying junior” and eventually move on to bigger boats like the catamaran.

Members generally learn on the “flying junior” because it is easier to gauge the wind and what is happening with the boat because you can actually feel it, Chwalisz said.

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Former Saluki signs with Miners

Alejandro Gonzalez

For SIU baseball players who don’t get drafted to the Major Leagues, another option is only twenty minutes away.

Former SIU baseball player Kevin Koski ended his baseball career with the Salukis in May. Like most college athletes, an MLB team didn’t draft Koski and his options for a future in baseball became limited.

Therefore, he chose another route and joined the Southern Illinois Miners.

Koski signed with the Miners in May and is going to play with them this weekend.

“Koski is a guy who was hitting well,” said Becky Reed, of Carbondale, who has been one of Koski’s biggest fans.

“Koski’s a kid who is definitely going to be successful here,” Reed said.

Koski, 22, from Schaumburg, Ill., hit .296 with 45 runs, nine doubles, a triple, 13 RBIs and 11 stolen bases in 51 starts last season.

“I’m just going to go out and play,” Koski said. “I’m just excited to play.”

Koski plans to study business and hopes to get drafted to an MLB team, ” he added.

Koski, from the independent Frontier League, said he might not get drafted this time.

“I felt badly for him after the draft,” said Reed. “From my perspective, it would be nice to see him rewarded for his efforts. But that’s not how pro ball is, necessarily.”

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Area campers get a taste of competing in an NCAA tournament

Eugene Clark

Ross Owens, 8, from Woodlawn, Ill., drives to the basket Thursday during the Jr. Saluki II basketball camp tournament.

The camp introduced and reinforced basketball fundamentals to second- and third-graders.

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BASKETBALL

SALUKI INSIDER, page 11: Can first-round draft pick Patrick Kane turn the Blackhawks into winners?

Former Saluki outfielder Kevin Koski works out at Lingle Hall before his first game with the Southern Illinois Miners.

THE REAL DEAL

Former Saluki signs with Miners

You're only going to be young enough to play once, so you might as well find all the avenues to play while you still have the leg.

— Mario Moconca

Athletic director