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Keg parties on rise; entry age direct cause

By Jeremy Griggs
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Despite the new liquor laws passed over the summer, Carbondale officials and business owners said last weekend was no different than any other, however students beg to differ.

Crowds of party goers were seen roaming the streets in the student housing area of Carbondale that some individuals refer to as an anarchy zone. If one wished to find a party all they had to do was walk the streets of West College, Ash, Cherry and Mill.

"It was just amazing to see masses of people everywhere," David Kennedy, a senior in philosophy from Park Ridge, said.

Kennedy said he went out to break­fast at 3 a.m. on Saturday and when he came back "there were still incredible amounts of people out."

Dawn Wright, a senior in education from Lake in the Hills, said she walked out of her front door at 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, went around the corner to Cherry Street and found two parties with empty kegs.

Wright said she believes one effect of the new bar entry age and keg restrictions might be that people are going to wander the streets more in hopes of finding other places to party, because "the beer goes fast."

As a result of recommendations from a city and University task force the bar entry age in Carbondale is now 20.

"With ten or twelve people coming up to you every ten minutes and buying a cup for $3 a piece, you're going to make a lot of money in a hurry," Kennedy said.

Christine Brinkmann, a senior in art and recreation from Champaign, said the lack of beer Friday night pushed her to drink hard liquor on Saturday.

Carbondale Police Chief Don Strom said it is not uncommon to have people out walking around during the first weekend of the semester. Senior said there were a few citations see WEEKEND, page 8

Sausage patties: Brian Myer, a resident of Cutter, prepares Wild Thing (left) and Ball in a contest at the Du Quoin State Fair Sunday.

Graduate school cuts deny students opportunity

By Jeremy Griggs
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Top administrators at SIUC's Graduate School said their efforts to provide a culturally diverse program, representing diversity in the real world, are being frustrated by cuts in federal funding for students. Graduate School Dean John Yopp said he is concerned that the elimination of funding programs may deny students an opportunity they rightfully have.

"Everyone should have access to a graduate education," Yopp said.

"How do we show senators how much students are dependent on federal aid? This is the hot issue of the year."

According to Yopp, increasing cultural diversity is a primary objective for the Graduate School administration.

"It's our objective to have a very diverse group of students in the grad school," he said. "If women account see FUNDING, page 8

White House today or tomorrow.
A spokesperson for White House affairs, Laura Schwartz, said she could not confirm the location of the visit until later this week.

The president has a history of visits to SIUC and the Carbondale area, said political science lecturer Barbara Brown, who is also active in the democratic party.

"The President has a soft spot for SIUC," Brown said.

As the governor of Arkansas, Clinton worked on the Mississippi Delta Committee, which highlighted economic stresses of the Mississippi delta area. Brown said. Through his experiences on the committee, he was at SIUC several times and became familiar with the campus, Brown said.

In September 1991, Clinton see CLINTON, page 8
Committee works with IBHE to meet student needs

By Donita Polly
Daily Egyptian Reporter

The Illinois Board of Higher Education Studies said Advisory Committee failed to vote on any issues facing colleges due to a lack of attendance at its monthly meeting. The committee is composed of students from private, public and community colleges from across Illinois who make recommendations to IBHE regarding state policy on universities. The committee decided to postpone discussion on topics including intercollegiate athletics, a work force preparation action plan and a public university baccalaureate follow-up survey until next month’s meeting.

Blood shortage creates demand; three drives scheduled this week

By Lori D. Clark
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Due to a blood shortage prior to the Labor Day holiday, two on-campus blood drives will take place this week, Red Cross official said.

Vivian Ugent, Southern Illinois Coordinator for the American Red Cross said traditionally this blood drive is held after Labor Day, but the shortage has caused concern — especially going into a holiday weekend.

“We’re having to start the blood drive three days prior to the holiday, (Sept. 4),” she said.

Ugent said throughout the summer the blood supply has been in the danger zone with six of the eight blood types having less than a one day supply of blood.

The goal for the blood drives Ugent said is 640 pints. The region uses 1,000 pints a day, and currently has a shortage of 2,000 pints.

College credit will be given to those students who volunteer as the drive workers or those who give blood.

The first of the blood drives will be held 3:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Delta Chi house at 105 Greek Row, the second will be held at the Pi Kappa Alpha house at 408 W. Mill St. from 3:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday and the third will be Sunday, Sept. 3 at the SIU Rec Center from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The two of the blood drives will be held after Labor Day.

Jarid Brown, Delta Chi member said, "The Greek system puts a lot in the blood drive because the community has given so much to us— it’s a way to give back, because of such a need for blood."

Committee chairman, Tony Tangora, said not enough members were present to vote on anything at this month’s meeting.

SIU representative for IBHE Troy Arnoldi said the purpose of the meeting is to represent students from each university can come together and make recommendations to IBHE.

“We are one of the tools students have to reach IBHE. We have quite a bit of impact,” Arnoldi said. "This is a good organization because it brings issues together from other universities and is the best way for SIU and other universities to get what they want."

Representing SIUC were its Undergraduate Student Government President Danny Shertman and Vice President Kim Clemens.

Committee members from SIU, U.S.I. University of Illinois Champaign/Urbana and Springfield, College of DuPage and others attended the meeting. The committee had its meeting with Illinois Board of Higher Education representatives at the Student Center Saturday.
Reynolds should submit resignation

AFTER BEING CONVICTED LAST TUESDAY ON aggravated criminal sexual assault, child pornography and obstruction of justiciation, Rep. Rob Reynolds is contemplating his choice of either submitting his case to a House Ethics Committee investigation or resigning. The DE urges Reynolds to save face for his party affiliates, his family and friends by simply resigning from his elected position.

Reynolds announced last Friday that he made a decision concerning continuing the $131,000 a year job, but would not make his final decision until Sunday. The husband and father of three young children should go about the two-step resignation process now though. First, he should submit a letter of resignation to House Speaker New Gingrich, then an additional one to Gov. Jim Edgar so Edgar can declare the district's seat vacant. We, as a nation in moral decline, should not tolerate behavior such as Reynolds whether the criminal is a U.S. representative or a common citizen.

GRANTED, CHICAGO HAS A LONG HISTORY of later publicized under the table business doings and corruption by its political players. But it is certainly not one of its majority of its constituents. As alderman Robert Shaw said in a recent interview, "I've seen elected officials come and go for a variety of things, but sex with a child is not one of them."

"Twelve times this year, the U.S. House condemned then-U.S. Rep. Dan Crane for having sex with a 17-year-old female congressional page, forcing the Danville Republican to resign. Senior House Democrats have followed Sen. Carol Mosely-Braun, D-Ill., initiative in urging Reynolds to resign from his seat. Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., wrote Reynolds stating, "I urge you to resign, your conviction is a disgrace to the House of Representatives and of later publicized under the table business doings and endorsed by a majority of its constituents. As alderman Bob Shaw said.

In the past 25 years, none except Reynolds has been anything but wrong even if one is a political 'know-nothing.'

I am responding to Mr. Gary Swagerty's letter in this Daily Egyptian, August 24 DE regarding tow trucks in Carbondale. I can not agree more with Mr. Smith. In the three years I have been here at SIU, I have noticed a total disregard by this community for its students. Several groups, including many fastfood, military companies, etc., have the "legal right" to "rip off" the students that support this community. Top on the list is the tow truck companies. They are as Mr. Smith describes them. They feed on vehicles that are parked out of place for a moment rather than towing vehicles that are truly causing a menace or a parking problem.

The sad part about this is the disregard the city government has for our campus and students. If the city council honestly cared about students, they would not allow tow trucks to operate as they do. They would look after the needs of this city. They rob students as the are presently able to do.

Enforcement is on a decrease at this university. There are several reasons for this. I would state that statewide enrollment is down. However, they are being ripped off in Carbondale. I taught high school a year ago near Bloomington, Ill. Several students who had never been to Carbondale had heard stories of landlards and tow trucks having the legal right to extort money from students. If the city council really wants to do something to improve the image of this campus, they should pay less attention to keg parties and the minority of students who cause problems, and start placing regulations on tow trucks' right to go out looking for a car to tow without being called to remove it.

I would like to remind the city government that Carbondale would be a hamlet one would miss by blinking when driving through it, if it were not for the University. Do something for the students. Show you care and stop allowing tow companies to strong arm students. Your city council is the city council for the city government, the police, and the community in general.

David McGraw Graduate student, higher education

Letters to the Editor

City council should focus on tow trucks rather than kegs

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Dutchels Campbell's letter. I have read it in its entirety. Like Ms. Campbell, I wholly concur with her. Lastly, if you read her letter to the editor, I would like to remind the city government that Carbondale would be a hamlet one would miss by blinking when driving through it, if it were not for the University. Do something for the students. Show you care and stop allowing tow companies to strong arm students. Your city council is the city council for the city government, the police, and the community in general.

Kevin Elemtary

Men allowed on night safety; babies can not ride with mom

I am writing in response to Carin E. Muskat's response to Ms. Dutchels Campbell's letter. I do not believe that same-sex couples should be given the same right as is reserved to most Americans. Man is the most unflattering word that I have found to use quickly as possible before political opponents can begin using mudslinging tactics in the election of '96.

Perhaps Reynolds may reform himself into a man fit to represent people of the U.S., but as of now he needs to resign his position. The sooner he resigns, the quicker this nation will be able to bring the world back to a moral place.

OF THE 44 PRESENT OR FORMER OFFICE holders in Chicago and Cook County who have been jailed in the past 25 years, none except Reynolds has been convicted of a sex crime. It needs to take as quick as possible before political opponents can begin using mudslinging tactics in the election of '96.

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Settlement should not hurt coverage

The Washington Post

The news that ABC TV had settled the $10 million libel lawsuit brought against it by Philip Morris was greeted with dismay by some journalists and press-watchers. That Philip Morris had won the case in court and had reconstituted its "smokin'" word mark in the wake of the lawsuit was not so much a victory for ABC as a loss for Philip Morris, whose tactics in settling the case are seen as an example of the company's business practices.

"Viewed in strictly journalistic terms, the amount of ground given up in the settlement and apology is not so troubling"

The Washington Post

"The settlement should not hurt coverage. The financial question is troubling; especially to smaller publications that can't afford to settle, or fight libel lawsuits at such stratospheric costs. However, though the team that chose to settle, which did not include the reporter or press-watchers, was acting in the interest of the public, saw the financial cost of fighting the case as ever larger. We regret their decision.

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One of the nation's most venerable nonprofit political organizations, the League of Women Voters, has reached the ripe old age of 75 with membership sliding, in part because more women now have jobs outside the home and less time to volunteer. Nonetheless, the league's quiet, independent voice sometimes seems drowned out by the din of candidates and media who substitute for policy debate these days.

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Police Blotter

Carbondale Police

- Kristen E. Kundiff of South Herrin was arrested Aug. 23 for no proof of insurance and for driving the wrong way down a one way street. Kundiff posted her drivers license and was released.

- The Student Center McDonald’s reported a nine-year-old child unattended Aug. 24, while the child’s parents attended classes. The SIU police and children and family services were notified.

- A student reported Aug. 24 that a car at Southern Hills was damaged when someone tried to enter it through the sunroof. Damage is estimated at $200.

- A student reported a car broken into at parking lot 25 between 7 p.m. Aug. 23 and 7 a.m. Aug. 24. A stereo, portable compact disc player, and portable cellular phone were taken. Estimated loss is unknown.

- A warrant was issued for Jean L. Immen, 59, arraigned at 21XX S. Grand Ave. Aug. 25 at 3:52 p.m. for failure to appear in court. Immen posted bail and was released.
Follow the money."

"I can honestly tell you I don't know how many members of Congress who would vote to enter a war-world government," he said.

Hall, a self-described Christian fundamentalist, linked the rise of the U.N. as a one-world government to biblical signs of the end of the world. He said the book of revelations warns that a one-world government will come to power on the eve of the apocalypse.

All SIPL members disagreed with Poshard's support for the Clinton Come hill, which included an assault weapons ban.

Poshard said he voted for the bill despite his disagreement with the ban because he liked other provisions in the bill, such as the increase in the number of police officers on the street.

"It's not about guns, it's about freedom and that piece of paper (the constitution)," Glad Hall, SIPL President.

Hall said, many of the views shared by SIPL members are similar to those of anti-government militia groups, but added that the SIPL is not anti-government. He said the SIPL is a political action organization, not a militia, but members are encouraged to arm themselves.

"It's not about guns, it's about freedom and that piece of paper the Constitution," Hall said.

Poshard said there is growing public sentiment across the nation for many of the SIPL's views, which is the result of insecurity in a rapidly changing world, and a suspect political system that is associated with large sums of money.

Hall said his opposition to federal abuses of power has resulted in FBI interrogations of SIPL members and the tapping of his phone.

Despite the differences in opinion, Poshard said the meeting was productive.

"That's the type of exchange that has to take place for the system to work," he said. "It's much more encouraging when I walk away from a town meeting where five or ten people showed up for."
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and areas in the bars for fake ID’s and for selling alcohol from keg

ites. Jason Richner, supervisor at ARC Liquors, said last saturdays at ARC were about the same as any other weekend. “We were sold out (between) 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., which made it very busy, but everybody seemed to be happy,” Richner said.

Pick’s Liquors manager Todd Lewis said Pick’s did dig sales over the weekend. “There’s no doubt about it,” Lewis said.

Doug Diggle, manager of Old Town Liquors, said the store’s sales were not unusual for this time of year. “Very soon, it (the party season) will finish and it will go back to what it’s always been,” Diggle said.

Joe Malecki, a junior in account maintenance from Algonquin, said he had a great time over the weekend because there were no party restrictions. “I was hoping for all this. Malecki said, “That’s why I came down here to Southern.”

“I think it (the changed Carbondale party scene) is going to help to improve the community,” Jason Richner said.

**Party**

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said, “As soon as I can get enough people interested and advertise their parties, I’ll start advertising the phone number party-goers call to find out where to go,” Casey said. Hopefully the party time will start on thursday.

“The reason I’m starting Party Central is to kick start the party scene which has been in decline the past few years,” said the student in honor of a famous African American woman.

Some SIUC students said they are concerned about the police finding out about the parties through the phone line. “I’d avoid the parties on the party line,” Cloud Parker, a senior in art from Joliet, said.

“Bill Shinn, a critic in political science from Seattle, said it sounded like a plot from the stars.

“Everyone will know you’re having a party,” Shinn said. “That’s ridiculous—you’ll run out of beer at 6:30.”

“-age” from Joliet. said, “You don’t know who they are to find out where the party is?” Bancks said. “You don’t know who they are to find out what’s going on.”

**Clinton**

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spoke to local democrats gathered in Carbondale on Saturday. The Clinton fund raiser held at SIUC, where Brown said he gained important support for the presidential campaign.

Brown said after leaving Carbondale, Clinton decided to run for president.

“I heard him be turned to one of his aids and say, ‘We’re doing this,’ she said. “He really saw SIU as an important spot along the way.”

Brown said in addition, several campaign fund raisers will be held at SIUC before the 1992 election, and the lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visited SIUC during her husband’s campaign for president.

“Hey, we attracted five students and now the money is not all going to the West,” Daniels said.

Ronald Capley, a management student from Wilmington, said these eliminations will affect the enrollment of students in the grade school.

“The problem is we can’t afford to leave the work force and sit in the house and pursue grade-level degrees, get on the school bus and go to school. We can’t afford that,” Daniels said.

Another immediate setback was the announcement of the Matthew R. Burman Scholarship, named in honor of a famous African American woman.

The president agreed to it, and the House agreed,” Daniels said. “The amazing thing is, that is not to be lost in the new college.”

Two state programs— Illinois Minority Graduate Incentive Program and Illinois Covenant for

**Funding**

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for 56 percent of the population, we want 50 percent of the students in the grade school. This would account for 15 percent of the population for 50 percent of the minority students in the grade school. We want the graduate school to resemble the world.”

The decision has been affected by the elimination of certain programs stemming from the passage of the Education Act of 1964, associate dean N. Harry Daniel said. While the funding is required for students in underrepresented groups, the decision to cut back on certain programs has had a rather significant impact on campus.

Daniels said that reduction of five years in the state’s Concurrent Enrollment for Minority Professional Students (PROMPT) group was an immediate setback to the school’s PROMPT is a graduate association aiming to increase the number of

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Women's conference generating early controversy

Neosho—Before it opens, the World Conference on Women has generated political problems, many of them unexpected. The conference is expected to dominate the largest-ever U.N. conference when it convenes in Beijing next week.

One hurdle was removed with China's release of imprisoned Chinese-American human-rights activist Harry Wu last week, clearing the way for first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to attend the conference as honorary co-chairwoman of the U.S. delegation. Some human-rights groups had demanded that she boycott the conference to protest China's incarceration on espionage charges.

In other stages, Beijing faced criticism when it moved some of the conference's meetings 35 miles outside the capital in an attempt to avoid protests. It also has denied or held up visas for some of the delegates.

Even if the outside controversies fade into the background, plenty of problems continue to plague women's conference. Even the most optimistic of conferences fear there will be acrimony and possible set-backs on the questions of women's health.

Safe sex and family planning are the core concerns of many activists who will attend the conference. "Reproductive health is really the central issue," said Pefce Wu, a member of the U.S. delegation to the conference and director of the Jacob Blaustein Institute for Human Rights in New York City. "A woman's ability to control her fertility is essential for her to exercise her other rights."

But many advocacy groups are frustrated and angered that issues concerning women's reproductive rights will be up for debate again when they were agreed upon by the international community at the U.N. Conference on Population in Cairo last year.

Most advocacy groups said they were up against the Vatican and a handful of countries like Guatemala, Honduras, Botswana, Malta, Ecuador, Argentina, Slovakia and Sudan that are turning back the clock by re-opening the debate.

"Language on abortion, family planning and sexuality, settled by consensus in Cairo, has been reopened for debate by the Vatican and its coterie of allies," the Catholics for a Free Choice said recently.

"The idea that it is going to be rehash is an insult," said Sally Eshelman, spokesman for Population Action International in Washington, D.C.

The Vatican said supporters of contraception and abortion have been denouncing the role that family and motherhood play in the lives of women.

"To ignore or designate that is a false kind of liberation of women," said Helen Alvare, spokeswoman for the Vatican delegation. The Vatican does not seek to make contraceptives illegal, she added, but feels it is not the business of governments to promote the use of anything that encourages immoral behavior.

Reported by Sally Eshelman

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Jet ski dangers surfacing

The Washington Post

KENT ISLAND, Md.—The Chesapeake Bay outing had the makings of a fun time: a half-dozen young, unmarried and three Bondheater Sea Doo watercraft.

The 12- and 13-year-olds, all school friends from Anne Arundel County, crossed the Bay Bridge in the Eastern Shore last week with one girl's older brother for a day in the sun on Jackson Creek, an inlet near Kent Narrows. They spent the afternoon taking turns on the speedy, two-seater watercraft, riding the waves and splashing around.

At 3 p.m., Roxanne Bedell, 13, and another girl fell off the aqualastic speedboat they were riding together. Before one could get out of the water, Roxanne was struck by another Sea Doo. She died at the scene of massive head and chest injuries.

The accident is under investigation, but police said it had all the elements that have made "jet ski-ing" an increasingly dangerous sport. People are riding too fast and too close, are under-experienced and do not wear headgear.

Last year, 56 people across the country died in accidents involving personal watercraft, or PWCs, up from 35 the year before, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

"It does operate like a boat, and it is not a toy," said Bruce Gilmore, director of the Maryland Boating Administration. "People are dying because they're treating them like toys. They are considered easy to maneuver and nearly impossible to capsize, letting relatively inexperienced users attempt a daunting variety of stunts that would be unthinkable in a traditional motorboat—jumping waves, slamming the water, turning on a dime.

In a decade, PWCs—Jet Ski is just the most well-known brand name—have gone from a cutting-edge novelty to a mainstream hobby, favored as much by families and middle-aged couples as by youngsters, sporting enthusiasts of whom crowd the area's waterways on summer weekends.

National sales have increased 35 to 40 percent each year for the last two years and now capture nearly one third of the motorized watercraft market. Rental services also are doing a brisk business.

Maryland police and boating officials, who held a press conference after last week's accident involving the students, blamed operators for treating the machines like "toys." Simple to operate, PWCs foster a false sense of security that lets drivers forget the basic rules of boating safety, they said.

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China's human rights record has been a source of contention and debate for many years. The Chinese government has been accused of suppressing dissent and limiting freedom of expression. Despite this, there have been occasional moments of progress, such as the release of human rights activist Harry Wu. The Women's Conference in Beijing brought together activists from around the world to discuss issues such as reproductive health and family planning. The conference was marked by allegations of interference from the Vatican and some countries opposed to contraceptive methods. This highlights the ongoing struggle for human rights and freedom of choice in China and globally.
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He said the events are getting more and more popular every year. "Sportfest is growing in participation every year," he said. "We have added several new sports, such as flag football which has helped a lot." A football passing test, an obstacle course and a putting contest were also added to this year’s events.

Williams said female participation has also increased a great deal over the last several years.

Beth Dewey, a junior in health care management from Mendota, participated in volleyball and said Sportfest helps students from different dorms meet one another.

"Sportfest is a great way to meet other students," she said. "It’s a great opportunity for students from different dorms to get to know one another and have some fun."

Dewey feels Sportfest should be held more often, especially in the winter as well as the fall. Despite having a good time on Sunday Dewey did fall victim to one rather embarrassing moment — she made a premature victory prediction.

Dave Price, a senior in photography production technology from Memphis, participated in flag football and said Sportfest is becoming a popular event among SIUC students.

"This is a great way to meet people," he said. "There are a lot more students who are trying to get involved in it — it’s going to become a great event."
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a Rose Bowl MVP and everything in between. Nobody walks into my office who I won't understand, Neuheiscl said. "Because I've been there."

Simmings, known at Colorado as one of the No. 1 recruits in the nation, was the recommended choice of McCarrtney. The day after Colorado selected Neuhesel, however, he gathered himself together and pursued other jobs. He gave one. "No, I'm not interested," he said. "I'm at peace. You get to go on with your life. When one door closes, another door opens."

When McCarrtney resigned, Kansas head coach Glen Mason already had decided to change his defensive staff. He had known it for four weeks, since the day after the Jayhawks blew a 17-3 fourth-quarter lead against Oklahoma and lost 20-17. "I was driving home from Columbia (Mo.) in a terrible rainstorm," Mason said. "Somebody called and said, 'Did you hear the news? He told me McCarrtney resigned. I called Hawksworth right away.' Right away? 'I tried to find the car,' Mason said.

If any coach is watched more closely than Neuhesel, it will be Schnellenberger. "Through he won a national championship in Miami in 1983, Schnellenberger has never been head coach at a 'have,' a school with the rich tradition of Oklahoma. Combining that with the lesser American presence in his state, Schnellenberger has taken to calling his fans the 'Sooner Nation.' I'm trying to follow, "What did George Allen say?" Schnellenberger said. "The future is now. I don't think he was 61 and a half when he said that. He traded for every old salt he could find. I can't do that but he mentally can sure go in that direction. Praise the Lord, they brought in some very good football players here."

If Schnellenberger finds a quarterback, the Sooners may challenge Nebraska, Colorado is talented, although young. It's clear the Big 12 isn't needed for suspension. There will be plenty in the last season of the Big Eight.
Backs, receivers to provide strong base

By Doug Durso
Daily Egyptian Sports Editor

When the Saluki football team opens its season this Thursday against 20th-ranked Southern Missouri State, the Dawgs will need to put points on the board. Wide receiver coach Bill Tucker leading the offense the running backs and wide receivers will have added pressure to get inside the end zone. Both positions are lead by veteran players.

The backfield position will be led by senior William Tolen, who led the Dawgs in rushing last year with 555 yards. SIUC head coach Shawn Watson is pleased with the way Tolen has looked in training camp this year.

"He came into camp with a great attitude and he is ready to go," he said.

"He has a lot of good competition behind him which has made him work even harder. We're looking for him to have an excellent year for us."

For the Salukis to be successful, the running backs have to be able to do more than just run the ball. Gibson, who was one of the top group of young runners headed by Coe Bonner, a senior transfer from Georgia, Larson Carpenter, a freshman from Dunbar High School in Chicago and Kevin Hannel, a freshman from Cariss High School.

Watson is excited with the talent behind Tolen and said all the backs could see valuable playing time.

"When you look at the depth chart we really have Tolen in the one position then it's Coe 2b, 2c," Watson said.

"We should be very good at that position and all of the backs could have an impact. At the fullback position the starting nod goes to senior Andy Tucker."

"We have a very exciting competition going on at that position, which will be very healthy," Watson said.

"Overall, the running backs should have a better season because our offensive line is solid," Watson said. "Watson said the receiving corps this year should be improved from a year ago."

"We'll be a lot better and much deeper at that position. We also added a lot of more speed this year," he said.

The starters going into the season will be Aaron Baker and Jerome Gray.

Baker, a junior from Indianapolis, caught 18 passes for 150 yards a year ago. Gray, a junior from Cambrida, caught seven passes in a reserve role last year.

Gray gained his starting role with an impressive training camp. "He has looked real good during our two-a-days and earned the start against SEMO," Watson said.

The receiver position has been competitive as the Salukis return their leading receiver of a year ago in Reggie Fowler.

Fowler caught 33 passes in the 1994 campaign. The Salukis also have speedleaders Stephen Geradis, a senior, and freshman Johnny Thomas in backup roles.

Watson said the receiving depth will be a plus with a style of defense the Salukis will play and many receivers need to work.

"We'll play a lot of one-back, three receiver sets so our added needs to work on," Watson said. "We should be able to stretch the defense."

Freshman Brian Samuels, from Lakota, Ohio, will be the H-back for the Salukis in certain sets.

Sportsfest acquaints students through game participation

By Michael DeFord
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Under normal circumstances, SIUC students flock to the playing fields near Grand Avenue to flip a Frisbee, back in the sun or enjoy an occasional game of soccer. However, on Sunday afternoon they came to participate in a much broader range of sporting events.

In cooperation with University Housing, SIUC's office of Intramural-Recreational Sports hosted the 1995 Sportsfest on the Grand Avenue playing fields Sunday. Students were offered the opportunity to participate in events such as sand volleyball, bag football, a home-run derby and a tug-of-war contest.

The purpose of Sportsfest is to get students acquainted with one another through sporting events, according to Herman Williams, assistant director of SIUC's intramural sports.

"Every year the office of intramural sports, along with University Housing, sponsors Sportsfest," Williams said. "It's mainly geared toward freshman so they can get to know each other by participating in sports." Williams said many incoming students do not know a lot of people and the atmosphere Sportsfest provides them get to know a lot of people.

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Big 8 to end 88-year tradition

By Ivan Maisel
Daily Egyptian

Newspaper
KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The Southwest Conference is dying—but no one has noticed the imminent passing of the Big Eight Conference.

While it is true that four Texas universities are merging with the Big Eight, the league will not be the Big Eight-Plus. The identity of the once mighty Big Eight as we know it will be irrevocably lost.

That may make the altered landscape of the Big Eight's final season easier to stomach. Make no mistake, it is altered. Yes, it is altered.

Tom Osborne and Nebraska are the prohibitive favorite to win the conference. But the fifth consecutive season of bad football has led former red-shirt quarterback Bill McCarty—unexpectedly removed from the starting lineup. In the end, only five Big Eight teams had new

backups, receivers to provide strong base

1995 Saluki Football Preview
— Running backs/wide receivers —

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looks.

Two changes had nothing to do with Colorado, except for the fact that the teams couldn't beat the Buffaloes. The Buffaloes hired Howard Schnellenberger away from Louisiana to replace Gary Gibbs, who went 2-15-1 against Nebraska, Colorado and Texas.

Iowa State, which couldn't beat anybody (0-10-1) a year ago, fired Jim Waldo in favor of Dan McCarthy, who coached on staffs that rebuilt Iowa and Wisconsin into Rose Bowl teams.

The others, however, flowed forth from the Rockies. When Mike Horbowy resigned, four assistants applied to replace him. The youngest, darkest horse, quarterbacks and receivers coach Rick Neubie, went over the search committee with relative ease. Longtime assistant Bob Sihlman, who became a coach earlier as black coach who failed to win a coaching position, subsequently won the top job at Oklahoma State. Defensive coordinator Mike Harkwitz, who had been at Colorado for a decade, took the same position at Kansas.

Neubis, 34, won over the administrators by telling them he would be the right coach at UCLA he had been a faithful string-walk on.

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NCAA football coaches divided on recent poll

By Ivan Maisel

In June, Newsday sent a two-page survey to the 108 NCAA Division I-A bowl football coaches. We hoped for candid responses. We hoped for funny responses. Most of all, we just hoped for responses.

Here they are. More than half (57) of the coaches filled out the form. The responses, unscientific though they may be, are fascinating. On the subject of "Who are the best programs in the country?" Penn State finally beat Nebraska in a poll. Joe Paterno received 24 votes. Tom Osborne 19.

Steve Spurrier of Florida, who collected 29 votes as the best offensive strategist. Alabama defensive coordinator Bill Oliver won the vote on the other side of the ball. His response: "They've gone completely crazy." In truth, Alabama has led the Southeastern Conference in scoring defense in four of Oregon's five seasons. Just to emphasize the point, Crimson Tide head coach Gene Stallings finished second. If you could call up Tom and see if he'll play us now," he said, then stopped laughing. "I'm not sure it's right."