Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

An SIUE student is being held in Madison County Jail on a $1 million bond after being charged with attempting to make a terrorist threat, SIUE spokesman Greg Conroy said.

Olatosin Oduwole, an SIUE student, was arrested Friday after police impounded his car, which was abandoned for more than two days on the side of North University Drive at SIUE, Conroy said.

A note requesting $50,000 to be placed in a PayPal account was found in the back seat of Oduwole's car Friday. The note stated that if the transaction didn't take place within seven days, a murderous rampage similar to the VT shooting will occur at another highly populated university.

The note was referring to the shootings at Virginia Tech, which killed 32 people in April.

Oduwole was arrested shortly after police found the note.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said SIUE has issued an interim separation with Oduwole in light of the charges.

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City conflicted on tax increase

Joe Crawford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The City’s proposal to help pay for Saluki Way with city money has been greeted with praise as well as a considerable amount of criticism since it was first suggested last week.

Mayor Brad Cole and City Manager Jeff Doherty proposed a half-percent increase in the city’s home rule sales tax at last week’s City Council meeting. The proceeds from the tax, which is estimated at $2.3 million a year, would help pay for several community projects as well as Saluki Way, a massive overhaul of the east side of the SIUC campus.

Some university leaders, including SIU President Glenn Poshard, have praised the proposal as the financial boost almost assures all Saluki Way’s needed funds.

Others, however, have expressed concern about the tax increase and its implications for students and community members.

The proposal makes way for the city to contribute $20 million over 20 years to the first phase of Saluki Way, which includes the construction of a new football stadium and renovations to the SIU Arena.

The cost of the first phase is projected at $80 million with an estimated $38 million set to come from student fees. The University has already pay a significant portion of the city’s sales tax — the proposed increase would only put a larger burden on the student population.

“It’s an excuse to make students pay for more of Saluki Way,” said Shalda, a senior from Chicago studying English. She said a property tax increase would be a fairer way to garner money and would keep must students from paying for the project twice.

Councilman Joel Fritzler said he also felt the increase would be unfair to students and said the summer is not the right time to decide the issue. The Council is set to vote on the increase at its next meeting Aug. 21, one day after SIUC begins its fall semester.

“For an important issue like this I think it should be done while the majority of the population is here in town,” he said.

Cole said the increase was not solely a student issue and he thought the date for the vote was appropriate.

“It’s not like we’re doing it in the dark of night,” he said. “If we didn’t do anything except when every student was on campus, then we wouldn’t get anything done.”

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‘Taste of Jackson County’ benefits local health clinic

Brian Feldt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Whoever said greasy pizza doesn’t exactly promote a healthy lifestyle might want to check the menu again.

Several Carbondale food and drink establishments, including DiMaggio’s Pizza, will be on hand to support “A Taste of Jackson County” fundraiser Aug. 10 which benefits the Abundant Health Clinic located in the northwest end of Carbondale.

The Abundant Health Clinic specializes in treatment of patients that do not have the luxury of health insurance.

Karissa Howell, the executive director of the Abundant Health Clinic, paints a fake surfboard to fit the under sea theme of “A Taste of Jackson County.” The event, which will be held on Aug. 10 at the Carbondale Civic Center, will raise money for the Abundant Health Clinic.

DiMaggio’s Pizza, Harbough’s Café among others to partake in “fun” event

Brian Feldt
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This is a way where the community could get involved where people who don’t have the medical skills or work full time can come in and help the clinic out in different ways.

— Karissa Howell
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**POLICE REPORTS**

There are no items to report.

**CORRECTIONS**

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**News Briefs**

**Cigarette taxes to increase by 75 cents**

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — An Illinois Senate committee has voted to raise the cigarette tax by 75 cents, an amount that would bring the total tax to $1.73 a pack. The measure, which passed 6-3 Wednesday in the Revenue Committee, would generate about $336 million a year for the state. Supporters want to use the money to pay for new roads, schools and other construction projects. The backers also argue it would encourage thousands of people to quit smoking. But opponents say it would increase the excise tax. The Senate would have to approve the measure before it could go to the governor.

**Proponent wins death penalty in deputy’s death**

CHAMPAIGN (AP) — The prosecutor in the case of two Chicago men charged in the shooting death of a central Illinois sheriff’s deputy said he plans to seek the death penalty.

William J. Thompson, 26, and Yusef D. Saipel, 27, are charged with murder and other crimes, but the truck and drove away in the chase. And police said a police officer, “Douglas Carroll, considered him a friend and an after his death, the Macon County Sheriff’s Office released the hostages over seven days.

One of the defendants in the current trial, Paul D. Bower, 70, was sent to prison after pleading guilty to being a member of a racketeering operation that included illegal gambling, loan-sharking extortion, the death penalty. They argue it would encourage thousands of people to quit smoking. But opponents say it would increase the excise tax. The Senate would have to approve the measure before it could go to the governor.

This version is supposed to cost $1.2 billion, compared to roughly $3 billion for the original plan offered by Democratic Governor Rod Blagojevich.

Democratic Senator Carol Corbin Runen says much of the savings would come from cutting back on a program aimed at poor people that is paid for by everyone.

The money would come from a tax on businesses that don’t spend at least 4 percent of their payroll on insurance for employees.

**Mobster retorts cops were on the payroll**

CHICAGO (AP) — The你知道 any witness protection program, mobster Robert G. Siegel, once commented Wednesday at the trial of five alleged underworld figures and to its so-called organized crime unit charged with the shooting death of a Chicago police officer, “Douglas Carroll, considered him a friend and an after his death, the Macon County Sheriff’s Office released the hostages over seven days. (The AP)

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**FORECAST**

**7-Day Forecast for Carbondale**

**Today**

High 92°

Low 71°

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**Tomorrow**

High 91°

Low 67°

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Summer camps could improve enrollment

Sarah Lohman

College students trying to study may be the only ones who wish the swarms of high school students could be exterminated from the Student Center.

However, Interim Provost Don Rice said the students’ time on campus could have them to become future SIUE students.

High school students attending summer camps at SIUC — ranging from cheerleading to architecture camps — flock to campus to gain knowledge but also get to know the campus in the process.

The process could help promote SIUC applicants and boost enrollment numbers.

Interim Provost Don Rice said the camps can serve as recruiting tools, but the university administration is just taking advantage of the students brought to campus by the individual departments.

“This year we have been much more proactive about ensuring that they have more info about the university,” Rice said.

Architecture professor Jon Davey has been running the school of architecture’s summer camps for 19 years now.

Students are recruited both at this university and at others,” Davey said.

However, recruitment isn’t the purpose of the camp, he said.

“The goal is to expose young people,” Davey said.

Rice said the university doesn’t provide any funds for the camps, but Davey said they aren’t really needed.

Davey said while 20 students have been recruited to SIUC through the architecture camp program, attracting new Salukis isn’t the only benefit.

He said the camps draw profit, which he uses to pay for classroom equipment and trips to present his architecture papers.

SIUC Athletics Director Mario Mossia said high school camps help supplement the coaches’ budgets as well.

“The coaches use these camps as a revenue generator for their programs,” Mossia said. “SIU athletics doesn’t benefit.”

He said the money helps supplement coaches and assistant coaches incomes. He said the purpose of the camps is not recruitment, but schedules are handed out in an attempt to attract the students to SIUC athletic events.

The thousands of campers are spread throughout the University, with camps ranging in activities from music to sports to architecture, but the Student Center caters to them all.

Davey said the campers each receive a prepaid meal card — valid only at the Student Center — for each day of camp.

Student Center Director Lori Stetler said the Student Center keeps an summer staff similar in size to the fall and spring semesters to accommodate the younger crowd.

“The influx of summer campers during Christ in Youth and the other summer camps offsets the lower number of SIUC students on campus during the summer,” Stetler said. “Therefore our revenues are fairly consistent year round at the Student Center dining venues.”

Source: SIU Athletics

Conroy said SIU police, Student Police, campus police, and the SIUC police put up a M-16 machine gun for online auction, selling the weapon to a man in Kirkville, Mo.

Conroy said on June 28.

A $1,000 check from the Kirkville man is delivered to SIUC and is deposited into his checking account a half — hour later under the name “Jeff Robinson.”

On July 3.

The Kirkville man is found dead, having never received the gun from Oduwole.

On July 19.

Madison County prosecutors charge Oduwole with felony theft by deception and computer fraud.

On July 24.

Madison County police attempt to arrest Oduwole.

On July 20.

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Oduwole’s recent activity

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TAX

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Fitzler said he doubted the increase, which would make the city sales tax 7.75 percent, would have a huge economic impact but he questioned the reasoning for having the city fund a university project.

“I don’t think that a municipali- ty should be paying off a state project,” he said.

The city would benefit from increased enrollment at SIUC, Fitzler said, but a new football stadium and a renovated arena wouldn’t necessarily bring that increase.

He said many uni- versity sports, such as the bas- ketball teams, have done well recently but enrollment has still dropped.

Councilman Chris Wasmann said overall the proj- ect was a good idea but he planned to suggest the city con- sider funding something other than Saluki Way, which he referred to as “not my favorite SIU project.” He said he would prefer the city to help renovate the library or build the possible electricity generating windmill.

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**The Associated Press**

JERUSALEM — In a historic first, an Arab League delegation came to Jerusalem on Wednesday to present a formal peace initiative, saying it offers the country “security, recognition and acceptance” by its Middle East neighbors.

Such a visit — and the offers it carries — would not have been unimaginable, but was greeted now with little public fanfare, pushed down on the evening TV news before a public sector strike and a now involving Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.

Leaving foreign ministers of Egypt and Jordan, the Arab delegation was taken deep into Israeli populated parts. The delegation is the prime minister and the president and visited parliament, bringing a proposal for full recognition of Israel by the Arab and Islamic world in return for Israel’s withdrawal from all lands captured in the 1967 Middle East War.

While the Israel and Arab officials spoke to each other with smiles and what looked like genuine warmth, both sides acknowledged that the Arab League proposal was a sensitive direct talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

“We’re not starting a new round of peace talks, but we’re looking for points of agreement between the two sides,” the premier, said Wednesday night.

“I think it would be a mistake today ... to start arguing about every clause of the plan,” he said, pointing out that central theme, forming an independent Palestinian state living in peace next to Israel, was shared by the Israeli government and moderate Arab states.

“Israel is not being asked to negotiate on behalf of the Palestinians,” Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit said. “We will be helping both the Palestinians and the Israelis find a common path.”

He cautioned against any expectation of a quick resolution to the dispute.

“I don’t expect that we shall see a Palestinian state established tomorrow,” he said.

During the parliamentary visit, the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, where they appeared as main hawks.

“I am happy to say that after hearing our criticism they said (the plan) would be put in a row involving Israeli Prime Minister Olmert.

The talks between Ariel Sharon and Olmert, according to the government, are part of a broader effort by House Democrats to block the citation from prosecution because Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the House effort was important nonetheless.

Pelosi, D-Calif., said people should not sever their ties with Palestinians, who are obese. The disease is associated with alcohol use.

Researchers find the large, deadly fire in Greece, Italy on Monday, killing the pilot and the aircraft. The number of people killed in the incident was not immediately available.

The heat killed an 81-year-old woman, in the area where the incendiary device was found, it is suspected.

During the parliamentary visit, some 2,000 firefighters battled raging in Greece, Italy. The fire started in the area where the incident was found, it is suspected.

The day’s high of 113 degrees outside Athens approached the 114.8 degrees recorded in the region’s first major heat wave of the late summer last month. High pollution, humidity and stagnant air conditions contributed to the heat, including 33 in Romania.

The country’s worst fire seasons have required troop withdrawals to begin in November and finish by April 1. Under his latest plan, Murtha said he envisions troop withdrawals to start in November and take about a year to complete. A draft of his proposal did not include a firm end date.

The bill will still face the anti-war measure, Murtha said he also wants to propose next week amendments that would require troops to meet certain standards before being deployed and cut in half the $225 million budget for the Guantánamo Bay military prison.

The prospects of Murtha’s troop withdrawal measure pass next week Senate committee, Republicans have said they will hold off until September and the House. Democrats have questioned whether it goes far enough.

“If they are not listening to reports from our general on the ground, how does anyone believe they will make the right decision in September?” asked Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, his party’s leader. “Our national security is not a political football, and Republicans aren’t going to treat it as such.”
Farewell to another summer

Grades for the summer will be posted, and some GPAs will rise while others struggle just to maintain the 2.0 average requirement. I blame beautiful weather and dollar nights at the bars, music festivals and southern Illinois’ irresistible wineries. There are too many distractions that make summer in Carbondale what it is – more about having fun and kicking back. And the world has changed too. The G8 summit has come and gone with hollow promises of helping Mother Nature by putting a secure and fence cap on emissions in an effort to make living on Earth less dangerous for many places and people. What should be the easiest issue that the global community ever comes together on is sadly still debated in many key offices of the world.

Also, presidential candidates for the 2008 election have already emerged, some setting themselves far apart from the rest in what has to be one of the earliest campaigns in history. I first saw news of it in February and had to wonder for a second if I had missed year and the election was actually this fall.

I see this as a great time for new beginnings for our government, our health, myself in my first real house (complete with a big, fenced-in backyard and porch swing – sweet!), new jobs, new friends, harder classes and more challenges. I say bring it on, sweating southern Illinois weather. I’ll crave and sweat on moving day, but I’m ready for a clean slate. Raising the old GPA is on the list of things to do. Strengthening my skills and sense of judgment at the Voices editor this fall is near the top. TIing to stick to a budget and balance a social life will surely have some interesting results. And continuing the dream of being able to travel still lives powerfully in the back of my mind.

Yes, when it comes to times like these, I try to embrace them. I couldn’t have said it better than the great Mark Twain on life’s philosophy: “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

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A host, a hitter, some singers and a wizard

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A four-page memo from the national intelligence director’s office says the White House briefing with the eight lawmakers on March 10, 2004, was about the terror surveillance pro-
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The memo, dated May 17, 2006, and addressed to then-House Speaker Dennis Hastert, details “the classi-
fication of the dates, locations, and names of members of Congress who attended briefings on the Terrorist Surveillance Program,” wrote then-
Director of National Intelligence John Negroponte.

It shows that the briefing to March
2004 was attended by the Republican and Democratic House and Senate leaders and leading members of both chambers’ intelligence committees, as Gonzales testified.

Schori said the memo e-
vidence that Gonzales was not truthful in his testimony.

“He seemed clear to just about every-
one on the committee that the attor-
cy general was deceiving us when he said the dissent was about other intelligence activities and this memo is even more evidence that helps confirm our suspicions,” Schori said.

Bush acknowledged the existence of the classified surveillance program in December 2005 after it was revealed by The New York Times. In January,

it was put under the authority of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court for judicial review before any wiretaps were to be approved.

The disagreement over whether to prosecute the lawyer for a dramatic, and highly controversial, confrontation between Gonzales and then-Attorney


After briefing the congressional leaders, Gonzales testified that he and then-White House chief of staff Andy Card headed to a Washington hos-
pital room, where a sedated Ashcroft was recovering from surgery. Ashcroft had already turned over his powers as attorney general to Conomy was in the hospital room as well, and recounting to senators

Schori said the May day that “I thought I just witnessed an effort to take advantage of a very sick man, who did not have the powers of the attorney general because they had been transferred to me.”

Ultimately, Ashcroft sided with Conomy and Gonzales and Card left the hospital after a five- to six-minute conversation.

Gonzales denied that he and Card tried to pressure Ashcroft into approving the program over Conomy’s objec-
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House briefing focused on
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Lara Jakes Jordan
The Associated Press

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A Gonzales spokesman maintained Wednesday that the attorney general stands by his testimony.

At a heated Senate Judiciary Committee hearing Tuesday, Gonzales repeatedly testified that the issue at hand was not about the terrorist surveillance program, which allowed the National Security Agency to eavesdrop on suspects in the United States without receiving court approval.

Instead, Gonzales said, the emergency meetings on March 10, 2004, focused on an intelligence program that he would not describe.

Gonzales, who was then serv-
ing as counsel to Bush, testified that the White House Situation Room briefing sought to inform congressional leaders about the pending expiro-
ration of the unauthorized program and Justice Department objections to renew it. Those objections were led by then-Deputy Attorney General Jim Comey, who questioned the program’s legality.

“The dissent related to other intel-
ligence activities,” Gonzales testified at Tuesday’s hearing. “The dissent was about the terrorist surveillance program.”

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“Everyone should take whatever precautionary measures needed to ensure his or her safety on the field. This means wearing a helmet in the first and third base coaches box to save a life, then yes, they should absolutely be wearing helmets. At the very least, if they can’t react quickly enough to a field a ball, they shouldn’t be on the field.”

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“Baseball players already have to wear cups, and sometimes they can become a nuisance. Making people wear helmets while in the baseball diamond would only detract the players more. I do feel it necessary for baseball players to wear cups.”

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Next season's schedule includes swimming powerhouses such as Purdue University, Vanderbilt University, UCLA and the University of Miami-Ohio.

Head coach Nick Walker said it is one of the hardest schedules the swimming team has ever had.

"It’s not a (easy) schedule," Walker said.

Aside from the brutal competition, the women’s team will look to defend their MVC title with the perennial target on their backs.

Walker said since a majority of the team doesn’t spend their summers in Carbondale, he is counting on them to keep in shape throughout the summer by training on their own.

"Swimming is not like football," Walker said. "There is no off-season training."

Walker said he is also looking forward to his incoming freshmen to keep in shape throughout the summer. The swim team expects eight new members — four on each team.

The swimming program has gained national and international recognition over the years, attracting students from all four corners of the globe.

Assistant coach Gustavo Leal has been an overlooked issue for State University of New York at Buffalo, but now that Vick — one of the league’s biggest stars — is in the news, the NFL could be in major trouble.

Scott Mieszala: Ranking them one to three, from best position to be as worst, I think the list goes Goodell, Selig and Stern — NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and the former NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue are dead last. Stern’s problem compromises the integrity of the NBA, and he’s getting killed for not taking blame for not knowing about Tim Donaghy’s situation sooner. But really, how could he have found out before he did?

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