Road construction enters final phase

Pleasant Hill road work expected to finish by September

Justin Lange
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kenton Newton waits for the day he can drive to his house on a newly paved road.

Until then, Newton, a junior from Anna studying information systems technologies, will have to live with loud excavation vehicles, commuters turning around in his driveway and a thick cloud of dust.

Construction on Pleasant Hill Road between Wall Street and Giant City Road is moving at a steady pace. The project remains on schedule for a September completion date and should fall within its $3 million budget, said David Eddings, the engineer overseeing the project.

The project, which began Aug. 20, was designed to resurface and widen the road, creating better drainage ditches and a safer intersection with Giant City Road, Eddings said. "All through here it's a real choppy grade," Eddings said. "Cars are unable to see and there are a lot of accidents."

Jackson County engineer Grant Guthman said the resurfacing would make the road safer for commuters by creating a more visible roadway and a wider path for vehicles to navigate.

Eighty percent of the nearly $3 million project comes from federal grants, Guthman said. Because it is funded by federal money, the project falls under jurisdiction of the Jackson County Department of Highways instead of the Carbondale Township even though the road is on township property, he said.

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Unions protest local housing project

Local union workers gathered in front of a Creek Development, Inc., construction project Wednesday on East Park Street to protest the ‘subpar’ wages they say the company has offered.

Demonstrators say wages are ‘subpar’

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Local union workers lined East Park Street in Carbondale Wednesday morning to protest a construction company they say offers subpar wages and in turn takes money from the local economy.

The demonstrations were union laborers, pipe fitters, concrete finishers and other craftsmen. Their signs carried a public notice stating that the company, Creek Development, Inc., in charge of construction, “is paying its employees wages and fringe benefits below those established by Operating Engineers Local 318 in the area,”

Marc Davis, superintendent of the housing project, The Point of SIU, said those who work at his sites receive anywhere from $10 to $22 an hour. He said he has hired both union and non-union workers to do the job. Some of the workers are from other places and have been with him on previous jobs, he said.

Those protesting are from unions in the area and typically make more — about $25 to $32 an hour, Davis said.

David Perko of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 638 union said its officials had been trying to contact the company for several weeks.

“They wouldn’t return our calls or talk to us,” Perko said. “We’re trying to get their attention.”

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Pleasant Hill 

The Department of Highways took bids from private companies and hired E.E. Simmons Construction Co., which employs union laborers, Eddings said.

The recently completed first phase was to repair and widen the area between Giant City and Warren roads and to improve the intersection with Giant City Road. The section now recently opened to commuters.

Workers are quickly moving through the second phase, refacing the west end between Warren Road and Mill Street, Eddings said.

Newton, who has lived on Pleasant Hill Road for two years, said he has become frustrated with some problems he attributes to the construction.

He said he is kept out by the detour he has to take to get to Giant City Road and, though workers are always cooperative, is tired of asking the crew to move their equipment when he needs to pull out of his driveway, he said.

The worst problem he’s faced, he said, is with detoured commuters driving through his driveway. Newton said, “I’d say get at least one or two (people) on it.”

Newton said the construction laborers have been courteous and hard working, but he said there is no construction during the night so noise is not an issue and he has not experienced problems with his utilities.

Eddings said it is a standard project and he expects it to be completed on time and without any problems.

“It’s kind of inconvenient for the locals, but they’ve been pretty cooperative with us,” he said.

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Union

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David Jones of the Ironworkers Local 782 union said the company hurts the area’s economy when it does not employ local union workers.

When people who do not live in the area buy local products, he said, their wages go back into the businesses in their hometowns — not Carbondale.

Though the company might save money by paying its workers less, Jones said, it also has problems that charge students as much rent as if it paid local union men and women to do the job.

Davis said the demonstrators did not create a real problem for the project, which he said would be completed in the next year. He said he has no problems with unions and works with many union members in Champaign-Urbana.

“The goal is to get as much work and to employ people in the area,” Davis said. “Everybody in Illinois has the right to work.”

The company, he said, and Jones said more than 100 demonstrators lined the street at 6:30 a.m., though less than 10 remained at 11 a.m.

They said the group would be back tomorrow morning.

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Puppets needed for July 8 play

Practice: 6:00 a.m. - noon July 7 at Carbondale Public Library

• 4th grade or older may sign up at the circulation desk.

• Required practice: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays July 8

• Two performances: July 8

• Pizza party after performance

• Last day to register: June 30

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Governor’s cuts would hit all over

Ryan Keith

Rachel McWilliams

Springfield — College students, Amtrak passen- gers and Medicare patients would be among the Illinoisans to feel the impact of $1.5 billion in budget cuts made Wednesday by Gov. Rod Blagojevich says might be necessary.

The cuts would hit all facets of state government and two of the lives many Illinois residents unless the governor and legislators find another solution.

From gutting Amtrak train subsidies to defunding health care provider payments, Blagojevich’s planned cuts would go deep in some areas to repair a budget for the year starting July 1 he says is $2 billion out of whack.

The administration already is working with some advocates and interest groups who want to avoid the chopping block.

“Goal is not to make anyone miserable,” said Howard Ziff, lobbyist for the Illinois Hospital Association. “Our goal is to do what we can to encourage the Legislature and governor to work toward a solution.”

Blagojevich had the dooms- day of cuts Tuesday to pressure the House to send him revenue-generating ideas already approved by the Senate that would fill much of the budget hole.

The governor is giving them until July 9 to do so. House leaders say they aren’t inclined to come back right away and try to pass budget ideas that have significant problems.

Health care providers would see some of the biggest cuts under the governor’s plan.

He wants to slash $600 million in planned cuts, including $850 million geared toward ensuring providers get paid for serving Medicaid clients within a average of 70 days. That will climb to 90 days or more with the cut, and Peters predicts it could cause a financial emergency that cuts patient access at risk in some areas.

That is why the association is working with Blagojevich officials to urge legis- lators to step in.

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University Mall has hole to fill
Goody’s closes amid company restructuring

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The University Mall has another space to fill as Goody’s Family Clothing prepares to move out.
The Carbondale store, which has been in the mall since 2005, is one of 69 under-performing Goody’s locations across the country to be shut down as part of an organizational restructure, according to a company release.

One of several stores to leave the mall in the past year, Goody’s closure is just another result of a downturn in retail that is affecting businesses nationwide, said Assistant City Manager Kevin Baity.

“The Goody’s offer the same type of line, price-point of clothing (as Kohl’s). I think the competition for the style, quality price-point of clothing in Carbondale was a little more than they could stand,” he said.

Goody’s, which currently has 355 stores in the South and Midwest, filed a petition to restructure its operations under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code earlier this month, according to a release from CEO Paul White.

Corporate representatives would not comment on the store’s official closing date or the number of employees that will lose their jobs.

University Mall general manager Debra Tindall did not return multiple phone messages for comment and Goody’s employees referred all questions to the corporate office.

Goody’s moved to the mall after occupying the current Petco location in the strip mall across the street for years.

One customer, who shopped at the store before and after the move, said she is upset she will no longer be able to shop at Goody’s.

“I was kind of hoping they would stay around for a while,” said Debbie Wheetly, 47, of Makanda. “They’ve really been friendly.”

Amber Jarvis, a senior from Herrin studying administration of justice, said she is disappointed the store is closing, but there will not be much change in her shopping habits.

“I’ll still go to the mall,” she said. “I’ll probably just go to other stores in the mall.”

Jarvis said she is more concerned the area is losing another business.

“There’s far too many businesses in the area closing. It’s surprising to see (Goody’s) close, especially because it has been here for a few years,” she said.

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Debbie Wheetley of Makanda shops with her son Austin and daughter Ashley at Goody’s in Carbondale on Monday afternoon. Wheetley has shopped at Goody’s for years and is disappointed the chain is going out of business.

LUKE MCCANN DAILY EGYPTIAN
Harare, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe’s opposition leader briefly left the embassy in mid-week, and called for African leaders to guide talks to end Zimbabwe’s crisis, saying a presidential poll this week was no solution.

Some of Mugabe’s supporters sought refuge at South Africa’s embassy in Zimbabwe. Robin Cohen, a spokesman for the South African Foreign Ministry, says the ambassador had talked with the group and the situation is under control.

Opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai said talks could not begin until there was an end to the lowest rate of health insurance coverage in the country, with 30 percent of non-elderly adults and 18 percent of children under 18 years old, according to a new government study.

New research shows the rate of uninsured persons less than half that of people than other parts of the country.

"What is important is that both parties realize the country is in a crisis. It is now time to sit down and find a way out of it," Tsvangirai told reporters at the Embassy.

The CDC study's results are based on a national probability household survey of more than 100,000 persons conducted from 2004 through 2006. The research focused on institutionalized people under the age of 65, the Medicare insurance for the elderly kids.

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"It’s the first time we can see the comparison between regions in the country," said the expert, Ken Thorpe of Atlanta’s Emory University.

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The study looks at the first time the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention compared different regions of the country by health insurance status, said Robin Cohen, the lead researcher.

The United States has a public health policy researcher at the CDC that could be referred to as the "first of its kind," Thorpe said.

The study marks the third time the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been targeting different parts of the country.

The CDC declined to be quoted on what the new figures mean.

"We think that the government and the opposition party, and the United Nation's, the South African Embassy, have discussed the report, and we have rooms to fill," said Anthony Ha, general manager of the Beijing Northeast Tourism Bureau.

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New committee examines enrollment problem

Campus-wide effort begins to implement solutions

Jeff Engelhardt

Victoria Valle is determined to reverse the enrollment crisis. She is not the only one. Valley assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management, formed a strategic enrollment management committee comprised of representatives from across campus including housing, admissions, colleges and student groups to find solutions.

Past committees focused on developing theories and writing reports, Valle said, but this committee is actively solving problems and taking action.

Enrollment peaked in 1991 at 24,869 students. By fall 2007, that number had fallen to 20,993.

Instead of being a group that talks about what’s possible, we are going to look at data and find solutions,” Valle said. “There is no report that is going to come out of this. This is a done deal. We need to focus our students to live together, creating a living-learning environment.

The college has added more programs, such as the biomedical engineering program, to attract more students and has secured $1.5 million in grant money to find ways to keep students.

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Valle said there is no scheduled end date for the committee and it will meet as long as necessary. She said the committee is going to take its time and do things the right way.

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Local toy store owners find niche

Independently owned store thrives in mall

Jenn Lofton

Listening to the hallways versions of Metallica songs at work has become commonplace for Kit Peacock.

Peacock, who has worked in the My Favorite Toys store in the University Mall for more than a year, said the independent and unique shop provides a haven from classes and other school-related stresses. He said the job also keeps him up to date on the children’s songs he sings along with while he works.

“I don’t think you’ll have to work than at a toy store because it’s a stress reliever for me,” said Peacock, a senior from Carbondale studying aviation management.

“My Favorite Toys, owned by Sam and Suzanne Cox, has opera tion for more than two years in the mall, providing a place not only for children to let loose, but a relaxing environment for parents and anyone hoping to reminisce about his or her childhood.

From a vast amount of Thomas the Tank Engine toys to old-school Gumby and Pokey bendable figurines, customers from every generation are likely to find something familiar. But the store’s supply of games and toys for children with learning disabilities sets it apart from the mainstream, Suzanne Cox said.

Before opening the store, Suzanne Cox worked several years with children diagnosed with dyslexia and autism. She decided it would be a good idea to bring these items to the store because it is hard to find them anywhere else in Carbondale, she said a better option for children with various disabilities.

Mike Schifferl (right) from South Bend, Ind., picks out a chocolate milk mixer for his daughter from My Favorite Toys in the University Mall Tuesday. Owner Samuel Cox (left) and wife Suzanne Cox opened the store to provide unique and educational toys geared toward all ages.

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Ah, the magic of the silhouette. This outlined shadow could be anyone and such illusions add a certain mystique to southern Murphysboro. Whether at Cavefest, a Sunset Concert or a barbecue, we consume days or chunks of weeks. At such events, there usually too much going on for a still camera to succeed in uncovering more than a portion of the action. It is why video journalism is becoming more and more successful.

This ominous outline is the embodiment of a music lover. It's a human thing. Every outline is the embodiment of an individual. It's certain not worth all this hoopla, but alas, exercising a gay authority never hurt anyone.

It’s worth praise more than grief.

— just at different times.

**Heinz covers its homophobic heinie**

They share a kiss; Heinz pulls the first advertisement the firm AMV BBDO has produced for the condiment giant since it won a $10 million-plus contract with the condiment maker earlier this year.

The commercial, promoting New York Deli Mayo, first aired in Britain last week. Instead of making its five-week run, however, it was pulled Tuesday after The British Advertising Standards Authority said it received 202 complaints concerning its appropriateness, according to the Associated Press.

Here’s some Jeopardy fodder for you. London boasts a population of more than seven million. In other words, 0.00001 percent of the city’s residents claimed the commercial was offensive and unsuitable for children and the homophobic powers that be rolled over.

Search “Heinz” on YouTube and make your own judgment, but if you’re trusting mine, the advertisement is worthy of a chuckle and nothing more.

Instead of sticking with a tired recipes.

**POSIBLES apart from the whole**

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It’s morning. A bespangled man with a thick New York accent in short-order chef apparel stands in a tidy residential kitchen. A small British boy wearing a backpack chatters in and asks, “Ham and cheese sandwich, Mum?”

The chef pauses.

“You got it, kid.”

The play on stereotypes — housewife vs. tough guy — continues until the scene climaxes with a punch line that shatters both gender faux pas. A frazzled, working dad-esque man blows through the room on his way out only for the hefty cook to indignantly inquire, “Hey, ain’t you forgettin’ somethin’?”

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

“Americans tip better.”

— Alejandro Jurado

A gas station attendant in Mexico, as more and more Americans cross the border to fill up their tank for about $2.66 a gallon.
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

...MARRIAGE ON A DATE DAY...
...WHAT IS THERE A "BEST MAN" BUT A "MAID OF HONOR"? WHY ISN'T IT "BEST WOMAN"?
...WHY DO BASEBALL MANAGERS WEAR UNIFORMS? SHOULD THE LEAST ATHLETIC OF ALL COACHES HAVE TO DRESS LIKE PLAYERS?
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BOY, MY MATERIAL

SHE DONT WORK.

WHEN THE AUDIENCE

IS SOBER

The Duplex

NOW! THAT'S THE WORST JUNIOR EVER!

by Glenn McCoy

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Roberts Williams

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Sudoku By The Mephman Group

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Thursday, June 26, 2008

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday 06-26-88

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — Unfortunately, when you try to make life go your way, a few unexpected things will arise. Don't let this opportunity get away from you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — You can't see what's happening, but you'll be able to see the forest without the trees. It's good for detective work.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 2 — Over a period of time, your goal will be achieved. It's just a matter of timing.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 2 — You have to make a choice, but it won't be easy. You'll have to know what you're looking for and get there before the others. You can do it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — It's difficult to get away, but don't abandon your goal. You'll have to dodge all sorts of bankers that pop up in your way. The good news is that you can, and a big victory is within your grasp.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — You're ultimately going to defeat your challenge, but don't be disheartened. Just because friends haven't been able to do it, doesn't mean you can't. You have different talents.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — With a little outside coaching from a person with experience, you can put it in the correction and eventually succeed. Set aside your pride and ask for help.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — The workload is intense, but you can handle it. Do that and you'll replenish your depleted reserves. Don't let this opportunity get away from you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — A brilliant idea helps you past a difficult situation. You have the advantage now, briefly, so make the most of it. If necessary, run as if pursued by banshees.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 8 — It's time for one of those conversations that really clears the air. You won't have to do much, actually, but let somebody else spout off. Be a good listener.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — Difficulties at work are only temporary. Something you try doesn't pan out as well as you expected. Don't give up; consult a friend who's already been there and done that.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Keep pushing and you can increase your earnings on this gig. On the work well and quickly and you could come away with a leg, let bonus.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, each to form three ordinary words.

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TODAY'S RATING: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most difficult.

Our星级评级：10是最容易的一天，0是最困难的一天。

Riddle me this: A: 7-8-2-1 B: 8-4-7-3

Li was 7-8-2-1. 7 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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6 7 9 8 4

Joe was 6-7-9-8.

Sudoku By The Mepman Group

Answer:

Filling the gas tank these days can leave you “BURNING”
Luke McCormick
Luke McCormick

Editor’s Note: This is the first of an ongoing series that will cover music and movies released at least 10 years ago that deserve a closer look.

For those whose only Beach Boys experience is being forced to listen to a greatest hits collection in the car with their parents, you are missing some great musical moments.

Not to knock the group’s upbeat odes to young love and hitting the waves, but Brian Wilson and his younger brother Dennis were in a different universe when they began concocting their own visions of pop music in the late 1960s through the 1970s.

After a string of unpopular songs with the band and an unfinished album of his own, Brian Wilson shut himself away and began a diet consisting mainly of cocaine and overeating. Dennis Wilson maintained a similar regime but went on to create his first solo venture a worthwhile listen, “Pacific Ocean Blue,” a 1977 rock album, mired in a druggy haze of pianos and synthesizers. Wilson’s songwriting skills are what make the album sound as fresh today as it surely did upon its initial release in 1977.

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Earlier this month when it was released by Sony Legacy.

The album is a hazy, piano-driven affair taking more cues from the blues and Dennis Wilson’s cocaine use than surfboards and T-birds. Most of the songs take on an epic tone with striking piano chords and string arrangements.

“River Song” is the record’s highlight, beginning with a piano interlude that wouldn’t have sounded out of place coming from the fingers of Sir Elton John and cascading into pounding drums and pitch-perfect vocal harmonies offset against Wilson’s alcohol-fueled rasp.

“Fridays Night” crawls along with a lazy blues guitar, deep synth.There is no other Wilson album that more completely overwhelmed my expectations. I was expecting to be convinced he was an actor again, maybe he was a musician.”

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Earlier this week Quentin Tarantino announced he had finished the script for his upcoming WWII film “Inglorious Bastards” and is moving into pre-production. With the director’s penchant for reviving careers, whose you like to see him time to get his busy, push broom tickler back on the silver screen.

Luke McCormick
Luke McCormick
I want to see Tom Selleck in the film. It’s time to get his busy, push broom tickler back on the silver screen.

Amber Fijolek
Amber Fijolek
Love John Legardazmo. Hate what he did in The Happening. He’s a great actor and has the potential to pull it off. He doesn’t really need a whole lot of extra help gaining his respect in my book, but a Tarantino role could epitomize him.
The NBA draft is tonight and the Chicago Bulls surprisingly won the first pick in the draft lottery in April. Most of the pre-draft discussion has been about what the Bulls will do with the first pick. But what do you think is the biggest storyline here?

I’ll admit that I’m a fair-weather NBA fan, and by fair-weather, I mean I enjoy pro basketball when the Bulls are doing well. I could care less about everyone else, so the biggest story is who the Bulls will pick, of course. I would actually like to see them pull a trade and get some proven talent instead of gambling on another one and done freshman. But if they do use their pick, they ought to take Derrick Rose so they have an excuse to clean out the point guard spot.

Like every year’s draft, it’s going to be about who the first pick is. Last year the number one and two picks could go either way with either Blake or Rose. In my opinion the NBA is not ready to give up on Eric Gordon so drafting Rose would just give them a crowded backcourt. Blakey, on the other hand, is a stud who’d easily get rookie of the year no matter who he goes.

Would a Rose by another team name play as sweet? Probably not. The undisputed leader of the Memphis meltdowns desperately wants to come to the team he grew up watching not only because of homesickness, but because the Bulls have the pieces to make him an epic point guard. With a more or two and some coaching help for Vinny Q, Chicago could be the best-performing team to pick at No. 1 since the Spurs picked Tim Duncan.
Jared Nessland takes over with new football coach

Ian Preston

New SIU strength coach Jared Nessland has some big shoes to fill as he enters his first year at the university.

Nessland has been called upon to maintain an athletes’ weight training program his predecessor Eric Klein had in place since the best at the mid-major level.

Nessland, a graduate of Montana State University, has spent the last four years at LW Community College in Lewiston as the head strength coach for the Fighting Sioux.

Prior to taking over at SIU, Nessland spent three seasons as the strength coach for Olympic sports at the University of Montana from 2006 to 2009.

“NIU had a problem and wanted to see how people are doing better and getting better on the field,” Nessland said. “A lot of strength coaches coach numbers and their record board are unrealistic, just to impress people and he’s not like that. If our guys are getting better he’ll see that on the field.”

Nessland’s background with Lennon has made the transition smooth. Both Lennon and Nessland agree they are on the same page as far as what they want out of the football players within the program.

“I really don’t feel that the strength coach is one person that is overlooked in the success of the team,” Lennon said. “They’re dealing with the players on a daily basis and probably will make contact with the players more than the coaches and you need to have a quality person at that position.”

While Nessland will work with the mostly basketball team as well — a position that is a far cry from his high school background, the past four years because of his successful work.

“Coach Lennon was one of the reasons I came down here, and the basketball team was the other one,” Nessland said. “That’s what our coaching profession that we get to develop young athletes and everything. It’s really nice to work with a program that is grounded with a base of hard work.”

Assistant strength coach Rebecca Kimball said despite the popularity of coach Klein, the transition with Nessland has been smooth.

“He has that work hard and get it done ‘philosophy,’” Kimball said. “It’s not rocket science. The way he does his thing and the way I do mine, we click.”

Nessland said he has a core philosophy of keeping it simple in the weight room by working hard, developing athletes and keeping the players healthy. He said he doesn’t stick to one system, but rather adjusts to the athletes.

Football coaches normally pick strength coaches at division one schools. Nessland oversees all the sports weight-training regimens, but with his focus primarily on basketball and football, coaches such as Kimball and graduate assistants become even more vital.

Kimball oversees the women’s sport, such as softball and volleyball, while graduate assistants generally oversee the Olympic sports.

“It’s kind of a fun part of our profession that we get to develop relationships with student athletes,” Nessland said. “It’s been exciting.”

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15 Minutes With... Matt Guinn

The SIU football team will have many new faces on the offensive side of the ball this season. The Daily Egyptian has decided to get to know some of these new faces we will be seeing at McAndrew Stadium this fall. We sat down with sophomore wide receiver Matt Guinn — who is currently competing for one of the starting wide receiver spots — for 15 minutes.

DAVE MURPHY: So, you’re from Miami, Florida. What’s going on up here in Carbondale?

MATT GUINN: Well, I did get a full ride, but really, I do like the place.

DM: Now there are the big three football powerhouses here — Miami, Florida State and Florida. Which one is your favorite?

MG: Florida, I’m a Big UM fan.

DM: So, you’re a Terrell Owens fan?

MG: Nah, not really, this is the number they gave me so I’m going to stick with it. I did wear 81 in an all-star game, so I’ll just stay with it.

DM: What do you miss most about home?

MG: Probably my family the most, but also the weather and the women.

DM: So, you play any other sports?

MG: Not really. I just play basketball. I can play other sports. I mean I did just bowl a 197 in my bowling class.

DM: So, if this football thing doesn’t work out?

MG: Yeah, I might as well bowl.

DM: When you were recruited to SIU, you had to have seen McAndrew Stadium. That could not possibly have been a good recruiting tool. Did they at least show you the design for the new field and tell you that is where you’ll be playing?

MG: Actually, I wasn’t too picky when I came up here. I just wanted to play. I’m not really caught up in all that stuff, but it will be nice to play there someday.

DM: Are you the type of receiver that will go across the middle?

MG: I can have it to, but I’d rather not.

DM: When you get some playing time last year, was that your first big hit? Have you gotten your bell run yet?

MG: I had one catch last year against Indiana State and I actually just ran out of bounds.

DM: So, you haven’t been hit yet?

MG: I took some big ones in practice but I figure I got one coming for me.

DM: What’s your favorite TV show?

MG: Well I just got Miseducation so I’d have to say Showtime and HBO.

DM: There’s some good series about to start up on Showtime! You like any of those?

MG: No, not really. My favorite shows would have to be “Friends” and “Seinfeld”.

DM: “Friends?” You’re on the football team. What gives?

MG: I also like “Grey’s Anatomy.”

DM: What?

MG: I’m not going to lie.

DM: Do you guys on the team know about this?

MG: Uh... I think they do.

DM: Well, they will now. So be prepared for that. That’s cool, though, I’d watch it if my girlfriend made me.

MG: Well, that’s how I got started on it. I just sort of got attached.

DM: Any soap operas?

MG: No, but seriously, I really did get into “Grey’s Anatomy.” I’m not going to lie.

Strength coach Jared Nessland works with senior running back Larry Warner and the Saluki football team Wednesday at McAndrew Stadium.

Nessland came to Southern Illinois from the University of Montana where he was the head strength coach. STEPHEN RICKE/Daily Egyptian

Imus irks again

Brandon Augsburg

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