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University struggles to make payroll

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The university is struggling to make payroll as the state of Illinois is behind in its appropriation payments.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said the state owes SIU more than \$115 million in state appropriation payments for the fiscal year. While the university would be

able to make payroll in November, Poshard said without some kind of payment from the state, December could see additional cuts.

"We're going to do everything we can to prevent missing a payroll here," Poshard said. "We have taken every step up to this point that we can. Now we have to continue to try to get the state to see us as a priority."

Poshard said he is confident the state will make some sort of

payment in December, which would enable the university to make payroll that month. If the money does not come through, Poshard said the next step would be to look at the possibility of layoffs and furloughs.

"That's a step that we have said from the very beginning we do not want to take," Poshard said. "That would be a last resort and that would only happen if we're unable to get enough money from

the state to help us make payroll for December."

Comptroller Dan Hynes' office has reported a \$3.9 billion backlog of state bills, which does not include \$2.25 billion in short-term loans taken out in May and August that must be paid back beginning in March and completely paid back by early June.

According to the Wall Street Journal, Gov. Pat Quinn has said he wants to borrow \$900 million to

pay late bills and fund tuition grants for low-income college students.

Poshard said the possibility of the state borrowing additional funds would certainly help the immediate cash flow problem, but would create more difficulties in funding higher education in the next fiscal year.

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H1N1 vaccines arrive at Student Health Center

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The Student Health Center has received its first shipment of H1N1 vaccines and vaccinations begin today for students who fall into the high-risk categories.

According to a press release, the health center is anticipating regular shipments of the vaccine in the next few weeks and future clinics are in the process of being established. The first clinic today is only for students in the high-risk categories, including those under 24 years of age and those who are pregnant, but as more shipments arrive, the clinics will be opened to all students.

The outreach clinics will be free to students with SIUC identification and a driver's license.



Julia Hefferman, 11 months old, of Carbondale, is held by her mother, Sarah Hefferman, while she receives the swine flu vaccination at the Lakeland Baptist Church on Giant City Road Saturday. "I just wanted to be sure we had her shot before she goes to day care," Hefferman said. Vaccinations for H1N1 are available for students under 24 years of age starting today in the Student Health Center.

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Community hopes workshop results in more minority tradesmen

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The city of Carbondale, the NAACP and local trade unions will host a workshop on apprenticeship programs Nov. 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Eurnia C. Hayes Center to help more minorities and women gain access to employment in the trades, said Marilyn James, the city's Community Relations Officer.

The workshop was developed to bring minorities and women interested in the trades in contact with

respected tradesman and representatives from trade unions, said the Rev. Sidney Logwood, president of the NAACP's Carbondale branch.

Attendees will be able to apply for apprenticeships with at least seven confirmed unions at the workshop, James said.

"We are very hopeful that we'll see a lot of youngsters make some decent choices," Logwood said. "I'm convinced not everybody you see on the street is out there because that's what they want to do."

James said the workshop is also an opportunity to build camaraderie

between organizations such as the NAACP and the labor unions.

Tony Holsey, a six-year union carpenter and owner of Do-it-All Construction, said though there are not many minorities in the trades, there is still opportunity.

"If you're not in the trades, unless you're in business yourself, you're not going to have much opportunity out here," Holsey said.

Logwood said minorities in the trades routinely face discrimination. SIUC is required to have a certain number of minority trade workers on its Saluki Way project, but

contractors deny there are qualified minorities available, even though regulations allow for on-the-job training and apprenticeship, he said.

Logwood also said area contractors sometimes bring in minority union workers from another project to comply with affirmative action laws to hide the fact that no new minorities have been hired.

"This is a very real problem that we don't like to talk about in the open, but discrimination is very real and happens more often than we would like to admit," Logwood

said. "Nobody seems to be serious about making a real difference."

Unless that happens, somebody's going to play games somewhere."

Holsey said it's important to focus on the training of minorities, as well as all Americans, in the trades because that is where the jobs are and will be.

Logwood said at least 45 people have registered for the workshop, which will also feature representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation and SIUC Construction Management Services.

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Three finalists remain for diversity position

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The associate chancellor for institutional diversity position will soon be filled as three finalists have been named.

Anita Fleming-Rife, Linda McCabe Smith and Sylvanus Wosu are the three finalists for the position.

McCabe Smith, who is the interim associate chancellor for institutional diversity at SIUC, has held the position since November 2008 when she was named to the post following the retirement of Seymour Bryson. She will give her official

campus presentations Dec. 7-8.

Fleming-Rife is a visiting full professor in the departments of African Studies and Journalism Mass Communications at the University of Northern Colorado and will make her official campus presentations Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

Wosu is the associate dean for Diversity Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering and will give her official presentations Dec. 1-2.

Harold Barbo, director and associate professor of the Medical Education Preparatory Program in the School of Medicine, said in a press release he is

happy with the finalists.

"We had a very viable pool of candidates," Barbo said. "The ones we got are very good."

The three finalists were selected from a group of 10 candidates the search committee interviewed. Barbo said he expects the committee to make its final recommendation to Chancellor Sam Goldman by mid-December.

After receiving the recommendation, Goldman will make his recommendation to the Board of Trustees, who will make the final decision. Barbo said the committee has a target date of January 2010 to hire the new associate chancellor.


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Arrests made; sexual assault attempt reported

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Carbondale police have arrested two suspects in connection with one burglary on Nov. 10 and are investigating two others, according to a police department release Thursday.

Residents Jeremiah Hintz, 27, and William Johnston, 30, were arrested near the 500 block of North Allyn Street where a burglary was

reported to be in progress.

Two other burglaries were reported the same day, one at the 300 block of S. Illinois Avenue and another at the 800 block of E. Grand Street. No suspects have been arrested.

In an unrelated incident, the victim of an attempted sexual assault was reportedly grabbed but not injured by a suspect between 3 and 4:30 a.m. Wednesday near the 800

block of W. Walnut Street. The suspect was described as a white male in his 40s, 5 feet 6 inches tall with short dark hair, wearing a camouflage coat and jeans.

The Carbondale Police Department encourages anyone with information about the incidences to contact them at 457-3200 or Crime Stoppers at 549-COPS (2677). Anonymous tips may be submitted.

PAYROLL

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"Even if they do borrow (\$900 million), that just increases the debt from the \$12.4 billion that (the state) presently has to over \$13 billion," Poshard said. "Any increase in the debt by borrowing is going to make it less likely that we get help in our budget for the following year."

In order to help ensure the university is able to make payroll in the next two months, Poshard said he has put

a system-wide freeze on all non-salary expenditures. Poshard sent a notification to university faculty and staff Tuesday instructing a halt to most expenditures not related to salaries.

He said he is advising members of the campus community to delay payment of local bills and purchasing for as long as possible, while still meeting any contractual obligations.

"We're asking for a slow down in the purchases, as well as a slow down in the payment for the purchases," Poshard said. "That helps us with

the cash flow."

Poshard said the only way the fiscal situation of the university and the state can improve is through the addition of new revenue streams, which doesn't seem likely to happen until spring.

"We're hopeful and willing to help in that regard because unless that happens, I don't know how the state resolves its budgetary problems," Poshard said. "This is not a situation that is indigenous to SIU; every university in the state is facing this."

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VACCINE

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The Jackson County Health Department begins its H1N1 vaccination clinic Oct. 30, but Ted Grace, director of the Student Health Center, said that was because health

departments and hospitals were first priority for shipments. Universities and community colleges are part of the second priority, Grace said.

According to CNN, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported nearly 3,900 people believed to have died from the H1N1 flu in

the first six months of the epidemic. An estimated 22 million people in the United States have contracted the H1N1 strain, resulting in about 98,000 hospitalizations through Oct. 17.

According to CNN, 41.6 million doses of the H1N1 vaccine were available nationwide as of Thursday.

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Famous cinematographer returns to SIUC

Filmmaker for "The Box" talks to students

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Cinema and photography students will have an opportunity to meet the former president of the American Society of Cinematographers.

Steven Poster, a former SIUC student, has served as the cinematographer in several movies, including "Rocky V," "Donnie Darko," "Stuart Little 2" and "The Box," which opened in theaters last week.

Poster is visiting SIUC this weekend, starting with a photo exhibition from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the University Museum in Faner Hall. From 2 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, he will give a presentation on lighting in movies and from 5:30 to 9 p.m., he will be in Morris Library screening the movie, "Donnie Darko."

Poster said he attended SIUC for two years before moving to the Los Angeles Arts Center. He said he discovered his love for cinematography while participating in an experimental freshman program at SIUC.

"It was one of the most exciting things educationally I have ever done," Poster said. "I gained a love for education that, all through high school, I hadn't had."

After college, he said two of his earliest experiences were working on the sets of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "Blade Runner."

"Talk about an education, that was like doing a masters degree," Poster said.

Walter Metz, chairman of the cinema and photography department, said Poster can talk to students about being an artist and what type of professional careers are available to cinematographers.

"What universities do well in talk about ideas. What they don't

do well in give students practical and hands-on professional experience," Metz said. "So having him come is really great for the students because they can learn about career paths."

Poster said he hopes he can offer students the advice they need to make it in the entertainment business.

"You have to be willing to really persevere. That's the big deal," Poster said. "It's a tough business and right now, with the economy the way it is, it's really tough."

Dona Bachman, director of the University Museum, said Poster is excited to not only visit campus again, but to connect with students as well.

"He could have been a teacher because he clearly loves to talk about cinematography and photography, and he's just really excited about talking to the students," Bachman said.

Lilly Boruszkowski, a professor in the cinema and photography

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— Steven Poster
cinematographer and former SIUC student

department, said having a prestigious cinematographer visit SIUC shows the university in a good light.

"It's something to be incredibly proud of, that we have alumni who have had such amazing success and achievements in their careers," Boruszkowski said. "It's incredibly impressive."

Bachman said she was the first to be contacted by Poster. She said she became interested in Poster's photography exhibit when she found out he had attended SIUC.

Poster has made a living off cinematography, but he said he still has a passion for photography.

"I am constantly carrying a camera, whether I'm on a movie

or not," Poster said. "My life is photography."

Bachman said the exhibit consists of about 24 large-scale black and white photographs that focus on solitude and the quiet moments in life.

"You can tell he has the mind of a photographer. He observes things that most of us don't observe," Bachman said.

Apart from the photo exhibit and the discussion with students, Poster said he is excited to revisit his former campus.

"I'm really excited to see the campus. I haven't been there in so many years and I want to see how it's grown," Poster said. "It was a golden time in my life."

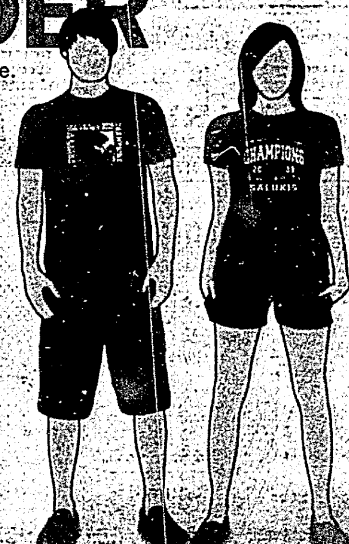
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VOLLEYBALL

Final conference matches ahead for Salukis



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Jennifer Berwanger and her teammates wait on the sidelines and talk with fans at the Nov. 6 3-0 home loss against Wichita State University. The Saluki women's volleyball team will compete in two away matches against Creighton and Missouri State this weekend.

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The season hangs in the balance as the Salukis enter their final three matches.

The SIU volleyball team plays against the fourth and fifth place Missouri Valley Conference teams this weekend. On Friday, it travels to Omaha, Neb., to play against No. 4 Creighton. SIU then heads to Des Moines, Iowa, to play against No. 5 Drake Saturday.

Drake and Creighton are tied with conference records of 7-7.

SIU head coach Brenda Winkler said a strong performance this weekend is crucial.

"These matches are the most important of the season," Winkler said. "Getting wins against the two teams immediately ahead of us would put us in a great position."

SIU is one back in the loss column from both schools with a 7-8 conference record.

Winkler said the Salukis need to play well this weekend to keep ahead of the seventh and eighth place teams in conference. Evansville and Illinois State are both 6-9.

To make it into the MVC tournament, SIU needs to finish in at least sixth place.

SIU will try and avenge its loss against Creighton (10-15, 7-7) earlier in the season. The Blue Jays beat the Salukis 3-1 in Carbondale, which was the fourth loss in a season-long four-match losing streak.

Creighton is on a slump of its own, as it has lost three of its last four matches.

Senior middle blocker Chandra Roberson said SIU needs to play consistently to defeat Creighton.

"We have been working on getting all the small things done in practice this week," Roberson said. "It will be harder for them to win if we don't beat ourselves."

SIU had 29 errors compared to Creighton's 19 the last time the two teams played.

Roberson said the Salukis should have won the match against Creighton and thinks they will be able to come out on top if they limit their errors.

Saturday's match against Drake is another opportunity for SIU to avenge an early-season loss. The Salukis lost to the Bulldogs 3-1 on Oct. 16.

Drake has lost three of its last four matches and is on a three-match conference-losing streak.

Senior outside hitter Kelsie Laughlin said Drake would be a hard team to beat on the road.

"They are a very good team, and we will have to continue playing the way we have been if we want to win," Laughlin said.

Laughlin said the goal for the team was to win the rest of the way.

"We want to win each of our final three matches," Laughlin said. "We not only want to be in the tournament, but we want to be the fourth seed. If we can win the rest of the way, we can do that, and it would be amazing."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SIU to open season against Saint Louis University

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The SIU women's basketball team is ready to start regular season play Friday against Saint Louis University after finishing its exhibition season 1-1.

Senior guard Kacie Wagner said she was happy the season was finally starting.

"I have been waiting for this since I got here," Wagner said. "I want to go out there and surprise people this season."

SIU is looking to bounce back after losing its second exhibition

game of the season to Division III Washington University (Mo.) 84-74.

Wagner said the team lost because it failed to set a good pace.

"We need to slow down and not get ahead of ourselves," Wagner said. "We won't turn the ball over as much against Saint Louis, so I hope we do better."

The Salukis turned the ball over 26 times against Washington.

Wagner said part of the reason the Salukis struggled in the pre-season is because they are still adjusting to the new up-tempo offense.

Junior forward Katrina Swingler said for the team to move on after the

loss, it would need to work as a team.

Swingler said she wanted to use some of her leadership as a junior player to help the Salukis play cohesively.

"I want to help us play more like a team than we have been," Swingler said. "We were all upset about losing, but we looked at the tape and saw what we need to do. If we work as a team we can win the game."

Swingler said the Salukis need to learn how to trust each other if they want to repeat the success they had last year against Saint Louis.

Last season SIU defeated Saint Louis in the opening game of the season. The Salukis won 85-77 in

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— Katrina Swingler
Junior forward

Carbondale. The Billikens won their lone exhibition game of the season, defeating Division II Southwest Baptist 69-37 in St. Louis.

Junior Ebony Crayton said it was embarrassing to lose to a Division III school, but it was for a reason.

"We should have lost that game, we played horribly, it doesn't matter

who we played against so we should have lost," Crayton said.

Crayton said the team is over the loss and is able to look ahead now.

"The loss was tough, but it was exhibition and it didn't count for anything — our state is clean," Crayton said. "We just need to play hard and try to win this game."

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1 Apply lightly
4 Alice doesn't work there anymore
8 Spring
12 Dit-named time
13 Some trick-or-treaters
15 Annual spring race, for short
16 "Smoking or ___?"
17 Park official who ticks speeding bears?
19 More than upset
21 Dickinson output
22 Smallest allowable bet?
26 Pinnacle
27 It'll grow on you
28 Tennis court play
31 Like some stockings
33 Drop the ball, e.g.
34 Course-ploting "Star Trek" crewman
35 Steals a plumbing supply?

39 Cubist Juan
40 Provide support for
41 Columnist Noonan
42 Tax form ID
43 Parsley relative
44 Field of study
45 San Fernando creator of fake van Goghs!
49 Zeal
52 They help get the lead out
53 Burrowing critter cited for excellence?
57 "Mazel ___"
58 Big picture
59 Pictures on a screen
60 Nile snake
61 "Forget it!"
62 Low islands
63 Some appliances

Down
1 Casual fabric
2 Commercial suffix suggesting pasta

3 Stereotypical pratfall cause
4 Web surfing tool
5 Pablo's "hat"
6 USPS delivery
7 Turkmenistan, once: Abkh.
8 Eyelid application
9 Certain Caltech grad: Abkh.
10 Citrus drinks
11 Combustible heap
13 They're scheduled to be awarded at the Staples Center on 1/23/2010
14 International Court of Justice site, with "The
18 Declare as fact
20 Wealth
23 Sweet-talk
24 Seniors' D.C. lobby
25 Miss
28 Identifier seen on a carousel
29 Jackie's designer

Thursday's answers

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30 Hide, dog-style
31 PDA entries
32 Tm all
34 Derivative looks
36 Suspect's concern
37 Sledging spot
38 Hullabaloo
43 Scurry
44 "Parties must ever exist in country": Edmund Burke

45 Spokesperson
46 Hoods with safe jobs?
47 Irregularly notched
48 Much of a bride-to-be's mail, for short
49 Right on
50 Seized wheels
51 Crashing bore
54 Pen name
55 Doc bloc
56 Word with care or dream

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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Thursday's answers

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

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday—Throughout the year, you tend to lose focus when you communicate before you have all the facts you need. Create your plans, but wait at least 24 hours before implementing them. Patience results in greater income.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Use your energy for healing. Other people respond to emotional stimuli. Optimism grows.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Healing energy flows through your veins. Use it to help others. You feel better as well.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — Take time today to evaluate your diet. Boost your energy while reducing fat intake.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — You perk up after eating a healthy meal. Walking or yoga helps focus your thoughts. Take time for yourself.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Help someone else treat a small injury. You have a healing touch. Love cures all wounds.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Healing needs to occur. Take time to rest sore muscles. The work will still be there tomorrow.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Optimism grows today as you sort through new information. You have everything you need to accomplish your goal.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Expand your thinking in an area where a perceived limitation has held you back. Make optimism your best friend.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Try not to run your legs off today as you check off agenda items. Leave something for tomorrow.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Soothe your bruised ego with comfort food. Be sure you have enough to go around, because others will want some, too.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Take a half-day off to go to the spa. The steam room relaxes your body. A focused workout relaxes your mind.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Check as many things off your list as you possibly can. Focus on your own work and leave others to theirs. You're jamming!

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Arglion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Thursday's answers | Jumbles: RIVET TRYST VOYAGE EYEFUL
Answer: What a ringing alarm clock can do — GIVE YOU A "START!"

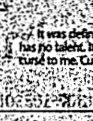
Saluki Insider

The New Orleans Hornets fired head coach Byron Scott Thursday following a 124-104 loss to Phoenix Suns that sent the Hornets to 3-6 on the season. Was it too early to fire Scott?



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It was fair, everybody knows the first nine games of the season is an indicator of how the team will do for the rest of the year. And why couldn't Scott coach at the non-existent talent front office has given him? He made his bosses look bad so he had to go. Scott will bounce back though he did coach the Hornets to a 36-26 early two season ago.



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It was definitely premature. You can't blame the coach because New Orleans has no talent. It is ironic how their abbreviation is HQ. Hmm, smells like another Curse to me. Curse them. Byron Scott curse them.



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No talent? Anyone ever hear of Chris Paul? David West? Emeka Okafor? The team has talent, but it was still too early to fire Scott. The Hornets are underachieving, but unless they planned on bringing in a good coach, such as Jeff Van Gundy, then the release was foolish. Anytime a general manager becomes a coach, it's a dangerous situation. At least it's a way if a player is underperforming. Jeff Bower can just "forget" to sign on a deck.

FOOTBALL

Players ready move past Mac

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After 73 years of hosting games, McAndrew Stadium is about to get its final farewell.

No. 1 SIU (8-1, 7-0 Missouri Valley Football Conference) will attempt to give McAndrew Stadium a proper farewell Saturday as it hosts the final regular-season game at the stadium against Missouri State. The Salukis move into their new stadium next season.

Senior running back Deji Karim said he never realized how historic the stadium was.

"It's going to be special," Karim said. "I guess I never realized how long this stadium has been up for, all the tradition and history in the stadium that I never knew. This thing has been here longer than I have been alive."

McAndrew Stadium was built as part of the Works Progress Administration during the Great Depression. Despite some games being played in 1937, the stadium was not officially open to the public until 1938.

"I guess I never realized how long this stadium has been up for, all the tradition and history in the stadium that I never knew. This thing has been here longer than I have been alive."

—Deji Karim
senior running back

Senior linebacker Brandin Jordan said he would always remember the conditioning that former coaches Jerry Kill and Eric Klein had the team do.

"The one thing that will always stick out was the winter condition we had to do with coach Kill and Klein at 6:30 a.m. — there was a lot of pain left here on this field," Jordan said.

Head coach DeLe Lannon said he did not want to put too much focus on the final regular-season game at the home field, because of his personal experience. While the coach at North Dakota, Lannon's squad lost the final home game at then-home Memorial Stadium.

Although it will be the last regular-season game at McAndrew

Stadium, it may not be the last football game there.

Depending on where the Salukis get seeded in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs, there could be as many as one to three more games at the stadium. But because of NCAA rules, the field would have to remain neutral, so there could be no festivities to honor the stadium.

Quarterback Paul McIntosh said the goal of the team right now is to make sure Saturday isn't the last game seen at McAndrew.

"Well, we've kinda been hoping that if we keep winning, then this won't be the last home game here," McIntosh said. "That's one of our goals right now, and hopefully we can accomplish that."

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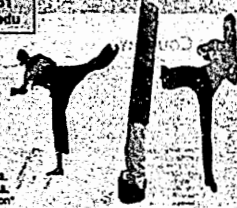
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FOOTBALL

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Along with saying goodbye to the stadium, the Salukis will also be saying goodbye to the seniors, as it will also be their last regular-season home game.

Senior linebacker Brandin Jordan said the seniors will remember all the wins at McAndrew, and all the times conditioning at the stadium with former head coach Jerry Kill and Lannon.

Come Saturday, the team needs to keep everything in perspective against Missouri State, he said.

"This is the biggest game of the season to date," Jordan said. "We're going to take this game like any other, but it does have the significance in that we need to win this game to keep the No. 1 seed, get the automatic conference bid into the playoffs and just win the conference outright."

BASKETBALL

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Senior guard Tony Freeman said having Fay back would only help the team on the offensive side.

"Not having a guy like Fay hurt us during the exhibitions," Freeman said. "He's a good shooter, and a legitimate threat down low."

Fay gives the Salukis another big man to go along with Evans, Gene Teague and Anthony Booker, which Lowery said would help with the team's depth.

Tennessee-Martin, out of the Ohio Valley Conference, return only one starter from last year's 22-10 squad that lost in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament. Among those gone is current Boston Celtic Lester Hudson. Hudson, who scored the only quadruple-double in NCAA

"He's a good shooter and a legitimate threat down low."

—Tony Freeman
senior guard

history, averaged 27.5 points and 4.2 rebounds per game.

Its top returning scorer is junior forward Benzo Simmons, who averaged 6.5 points and 3.6 rebounds per game. No other returning "Slyhawk" averaged more than 5.7 points.

Sophomore Justin Bocot said the team is confident heading into the season.

"We had a pretty good exhibition season, and we got to play against some really talented teams," Bocot said. "I think we're ready to head out there and start the season off the right way."

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CROSS COUNTRY



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Mohamed Mohamed, a senior from Carol Stream, runs down the path on campus at cross country practice Tuesday. Mohamed came in third during the Missouri Valley Conference Championships with a time of 26 minutes, 9 seconds. The Saluki cross country team will travel to Springfield, Mo., to compete in the NCAA Regional meet Saturday.

Salukis run for revenge at NCAA Regionals

Men ranked sixth, women 15th

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The Salukis are seeking redemption this weekend.

The SIU men's and women's cross country teams travel to Springfield, Mo., to compete in the NCAA Midwest Regionals beginning at noon Saturday.

The competition kicks off with the men's 10K race followed by the women's 6K race.

The men are coming into the meet ranked sixth while the women are ranked 15th out of 33 teams from

10 conferences around the Midwest including schools from the Big 10 and the Big 12.

SIU cross country coach Matt Sparks said the team was disappointed in its performance at the Missouri Valley Conference Championship, but its approach and mood has changed heading into regionals.

"Our performance at the MVC Championship was an example of how being too comfortable can be a bad thing, but the mood has changed in the past four or five days," Sparks said. "After the conference championship everybody was disappointed and in shock of what happened, but now everybody is refocused."

The Salukis need to finish in the top two spots, or else they will

wait to see if they can earn one of the 13 at-large bids, which the NCAA will announce on Nov. 16.

The men's team missed first place in the conference championship by only one point, but it is hoping to make it up.

Seniors Jeff Schirmer and Mohamed Mohamed plan to set the tone for the Salukis as both have a past in qualifying for nationals. Schirmer placed 24th in national competition last season en route to being named an All-American, while Mohamed finished 77th overall in national competition in 2007.

Mohamed said the team is frustrated, but more motivated than ever. "Losing something we were supposed to win by a lot definitely moti-

vates us to do better at regionals," Mohamed said. "I'm definitely going to give it everything I got so we can go to nationals as a team."

After their sixth-place finish at the MVC Championship, senior runner ASret Dokubo said the women are hoping to prove themselves as well. "We want to show that we aren't the team we were at MVC Championship, and we are better than that," Dokubo said. "We want to prove to people that we can run with the best of them."

Dokubo said she wants to end her SIU cross-country career on a good note.

"I want to walk away from cross country with a good memory from my last year," she said.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

SIU set to open season against Tennessee-Martin

First regular-season game Saturday

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The Salukis are ready to hit the court again, and this time the games count.

The men's basketball team, fresh off its 2-0 exhibition season, will open up the regular season against the University of Tennessee-Martin at 7 p.m. Saturday at SIU Arena.

Head coach Chris Lowery said it has been tough scouting the

Skyhawks' exhibition game last week.

"They played a D-III team and scored a lot of points," Lowery said. "They had a lot of layups and a lot of steals, but hopefully we just learn their personnel and what they can do. Plus, the other team played zone against them the whole game, so it wasn't really a good look at them, but we'll know personnel."

The Salukis look to build off the success they had during the exhibition season. SIU defeated Henderson State 82-55 Oct. 31 and beat Southern Indiana 71-69

Oct. 31. "I think we're ready to head out there and start the season off the right way."

— Justin Bocot, sophomore guard

on a Nick Evan's buzzer-beater. And that was without junior Carlton Fay, who is expected to start at forward Saturday. Fay, who averaged 10.4 points and 4.6 rebounds last season, had been suspended during the exhibition season.

Lowery said having Fay back should help with the offense and defense low.

"He's another weapon offensively," Lowery said. "We're just glad he's back, and the players are glad he's back. Plus, he's the best charge-taker in our league. He's always in the right position to take charges, so that component has been missing, too, in our defense."

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FOOTBALL

Salukis focused on wins

Final regular-season game in McAndrew Stadium for No. 1

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For all of the storylines surrounding the Salukis this weekend, head coach Dale Lennon said there is only one that is important to him.

Winning the football game. No. 1 SIU (8-1, 7-0 Missouri Valley Football Conference) will face off against Missouri State at 2 p.m. Saturday for the final regular-season game at McAndrew Stadium.

With a win Saturday, the Salukis would be the first team in league history to finish 8-0 in conference. It would also give them their first outright conference title since 2004.

SIU also enters the game as the new No. 1 team in the country, according to separate polls conducted by the Sports Network and Any Given Sunday. It is the first time since 2005 that SIU has been the top team in the country.

Running back Desh Karim said the team would not put any focus on the poll.

"We're No. 1? Karim asked with a laugh. "Really, I don't look into all of that. We need to focus on ourselves, and the game that is coming ahead of us against Missouri State."

Quarterback Paul McIntosh said it does not matter where the Salukis are ranked in the polls.

"If you look at it, we were ranked No. 3 last week, so it's not like we moved a lot," McIntosh said. "We just moved up to the No. 1 spot."

But with all the festivities surrounding the game, focusing on Missouri State (6-4, 4-3 MVFC) could be a challenge.

Saturday's game marks the final regular-season game in McAndrew Stadium. The stadium has been the home of the football team since 1937.

Lennon said he knows emotions will be high for the stadium's final game, but he said he knows from experience that putting too much focus on farewells could be dangerous.

"I've been through this setting before, where we closed our stadium that I had actually played in," Lennon said. "I made a big deal out of it and we ended up losing the game. So that was a lesson learned."

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