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College costs on the rise

Allison Petty

Students could face a cost increase of more than $100 per semester if proposed fee increases take effect next year.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz and athletic director Mario Moccia presented increased operating costs totaling $102.60 per semester to the Undergraduate Student Government on Nov. 7. That figure does not include proposed increases to housing fees, which are only paid by students who live in those facilities.

The Intercollegiate Athletic Fee presents the largest monetary increase. Following the proposal, students would add $54 per semester to the $221 they pay now.

Moccia said $10 of the fee would cover operating costs, including travel expenses for teams. The remaining $44 of the increase would be designated for Sukali Way.

This is the third year $44 has been attached to proposed fee increases for the athletic department, meaning the Intercollegiate Athletic Fee will have raised $132 in the past three years.

Moccia said a fourth increase of the same amount would probably be proposed next year but the $44 increases would stop after that.

Increased fees on campus

These figures represent the proposed increase in per semester student fees. If approved by the Board of Trustees, the increases will take effect in fall 2008.

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Athletics is the best public relations vehicle for the university, Moccia said. He said the athletic department actively pursues donations and tries to increase ticket sales, but needs more money for better facilities and rising operating costs.

Undergraduate Student Government President Dominick White said he objects to these fee increases because they make college costs a bigger challenge for students. "This has nothing to do with academics at all, and I have a problem with restricting education on grounds other than academics," White said. "You're telling people that they can't come to college because they can't afford these extraordinary increases."

Chili draws a crowd

Charline Martinez, left, a sophomore from Chicago studying marketing and Stephanie Dankenbring, right, a junior from Collinsville studying public relations, experience a particularly spicy chili during the annual Inter Fraternity Council chili cook-off Wednesday night. Over 100 people showed up to sample the various recipes and vote for their favorite chili.

Inter Fraternity Council holds cook-off

Madeleine Leroux

Laura Stock took one bite and demanded to know whose mother taught them to make chili.

Stock, a senior from Effingham studying architecture, was one of three judges for the Inter Fraternity Council's chili cook-off Wednesday night. More than 120 people went to the Alpha Gamma Rho house to taste chili from eight different chapters of IFC.

Stock said the chilies had a variety of flavors, from too spicy to no spice at all.

Harrison Sanders, a junior from Allen, Texas studying mechanical engineering and judge for the competition, said one chili was basically just hamburger meat and sauce, with little or no spice.

"My description of this one is 'Mamaw,'" Stock said of the same chili.

Ryan Meyer said his chili, number seven, was definitely the best. Though it was his first time cooking in the competition, he said he was confident that his representation Alpha Tau Omega, would be well received.

"Ours is always too hot, so this year we decided to take it down a bit," Meyer said.

Salukis start the job search early

Allison Petty

In 28 years at the university, James Scales has seen thousands of students pursue one thing — one thing he could give them.

An edge.

Scales is the director of SIUC Career Services, which offers free career assessment, interview coaching and resume critiques. The office also coordinates two job fairs each year, one in the fall and one in the spring.

This week marks the first Career Development Week on campus. Career Services personnel perform on-the-spot resume critiques in the Student Center, and several guest speakers are scheduled to speak and answer questions about employment prospects.

Tony Moody, who is the applicant coordinator for the Springfield Regional Office of the FBI, spoke to students about career opportunities Wednesday.

He said students who want to work for the FBI need to obtain at least a bachelor's degree. They should also maintain good behavior, he said, because potential FBI employees undergo extensive background checks.

"The most important thing right now is to understand that with the FBI or any federal job, you really have to be careful when you're growing up," Moody said. "We go out and talk to people. We talk to references. We talk to friends. We talk to neighbors."

In other words, Moody said, students should start thinking about their long-term goals early and act accordingly.

Career Services employs 22 staff members, including five graduate student assistants and five undergraduate "peer helpers." Scales said more than 6,000 students utilize the office's services each year.

However, students are not the only people who can benefit from the office, which is located on the second floor of Woody Hall.

Michelle Garrett, a specialist in Career Services, said the office also
Illinois plans $72.5 million supercomputer home, but promised site help uncertain

CHAMPAIGN (AP) — University of Illinois trustees voted Monday to spend $72.5 million for a building to house a new supercomputer, but most of the money is tied up in a state capital-spending plan stalled in Springfield.

The building on the Champaign-Urbana campus will house the computer known as Blue Waters, which will be the fastest computer in the world when it is finished in 2011. The university, which says it doesn’t have the existing space to house the new computer, plans to fund the construction in part as a $208 million National Science Foundation grant.

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The sight of police sitting nonchalantly in the Trueblood Dining Hall among students was a bit surreal for some, but it was actually an attempt to generate conversation between police and students.

Officers from the Carbondale Police and SIUC Police departments sat in Trueblood hall for an hour and a half Wednesday, hoping to field questions and comments from students as part of their efforts to reach out to the student community.

Though they posted flyers in residence halls throughout campus advertising the event, there was little response from the student body.

Students were encouraged to come up and talk to the police officers about any subject they felt needed to be addressed, or if they had any questions for the officers.

"If someone has a question about something we did or why we did it, they're open to come discuss it here," said Deputy Chief Calvin Stearns of the Carbondale Police.

Stearns was one of four officers in attendance. He and Sgt. Gerald Edwards represented the Carbondale Police force, while Cpl. Maudie Hamilton and Lt. Harold Tucker represented the SIUC Police.

Alfred Jackson, assistant director for housing, retention and outreach was also in attendance, acting as a bridge between students and police.

"Right now, we're just getting people used to us and get over the phobia of police," Jackson said. "It's informal, but they have to get used to us first."

The meetings first came about as a result of the "Continue the Dialogue," meetings held last year at various locations, including Longbranch Coffee House and the SIUC Student Centre.

The meetings were similar to the Trueblood open-dialogue meetings but were more formal and more advertised, Stearns said.

Stearns said many students at the discussion had complaints about the police department as a whole based on previous experiences with the Cook County Police and other organizations.

"One thing we heard was that people see police officers as one big organization," Stearns said. "We have a different police department down here with a different culture than in big cities; you have to take us at face value."

Several students throughout the dining hall gave suspicious looks to the group as they walked by, and some even expressed feelings of intimidation with police present.

"No one ever gives police officers respect down here, everyone's got a bad attitude about the cops down here," said Anthony Fontana, a sophomore from North Riverside studying psychology. "I guarantee 90 percent of people in this room have a problem with them being here."

Though Fontana said he had no ill will toward police in Carbondale, he said he would have rather seen them wearing civilian clothes while in the cafeteria.

Calebb Fisher, a junior from Washington D.C. studying microbiology, said he felt the police presence in the cafeteria was a bad idea and did little to further talks between students and police.

"Having the cops here is like me having a problem with the federal government and talking to a park ranger about it, it’s not going to get anything done."

Anyone with suggestions, comments or concerns is encouraged to attend the monthly meetings or contact Deputy Chief Stearns at 457-3200.

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Iraqi refugees trickle in to U.S.

Intisar Hassan of Baghdad, Iraq, arrived in Chicago in September 2007, as part of a recent increase in the number of Iraqi refugees accepted into the United States. She appears here in her small apartment on Oct. 1.

Karoun Demirjian
MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — Before the U.S. invaded Iraq in 2003, Intisar Hassan was a lawyer who worked as a low-level accountant for the Iraqi government, had been targeted by Baathist police. She said they beat her in 1997, on suspicion she was not loyal enough to Saddam Hussein.

After the government toppled, militias who were suspicious that she had been too loyal to the gov- ernment began to threats her.

She tried to flee back to Iraq. For two years, she moved from house to house, keeping her where-abouts secret from family and neighbors.

Finally, in 2005, Hassan made a break for it, taking a bus to Jordan, and, she hoped, safety.

This summer, she became one of just 100 or so Iraqi refugees who have made it to Chicago since the war began.

According to U.N. estimates, more than 4 million Iraqis have been displaced since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003. Refugee advocates call it the fastest-growing humanita- rian crisis on the planet, deteriorating more quickly than Myanmar (also known as Burma) or Darfur. More than 2 million people have fled the country, with most finding temporary protection in Jordan.

By mid-February, the U.S. is expecting to have permanent status in nations such as the U.S. that are asylum countries for refugees who have fled Iraq. But while people are flooding out of Iraq, arrivals in the U.S. are more of a trickle.

In February, the Bush adminis- tration pledged to resettle 7,000 Iraqi refugees to the U.S. in fiscal 2007. But by its close on Sept. 30, fewer than a quarter — only 1,608 — had been accepted.

Government officials blame set- backs in creating and staffing on- site offices needed to conduct back- ground checks, essential procedures they say have just recently been put into place, allowing them to process more refugees.

“There was nothing set up ... and we didn’t have clearance from governments to bring in the organiza- tions that are needed, to establish office and computer systems, and get those things in order,” said Gina Wells, spokesperson for the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration at the State Department. “It’s kind of like the start-up of a business. It doesn’t happen in an hour.”

But refugee advocates suggest the administration has simply been dragging its feet, perhaps in an effort to derailing the scope of the crisis and the U.S.’s role in creating it.

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But in an interview with The Associated Press, he also rejected U.S. pressure to quickly and end a state of emergency and a demand from opposition leader Benazir Bhutto that he leave the political stage altogether.

Musharraf, wearing a dark business suit rather than his military uniform, said mixing Islamic militiamen would require him to stay in control of the troubled nation but he kept the door open for future cooperation with Bhutto’s 450-member Parliament.

Puerto Rico

Thousands of dogs and cats brutally killed in Puerto Rico

TRUJILLO AUTO, Puerto Rico (AP) — Bush and his hands, perhaps due to this tropical island is littered with the decaying carcasses of dogs and cats. An Associated Press report that possibly thousands of unwanted animals have been tossed off bridges, burned alive and otherwise inhumanely disposed of by taxpayer-financed animal control programs.

Witnesses who spoke with the AP said, that despite pledges to deliver adoptable stray dogs to shelters and humanely euthanize the rest, the island’s leading private animal control companies generally did nothing.

N.Y. governor drops licenses for illegals plan

Devlin Barrett
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Bush administration has been criticized for allowing mass illegal immigration and for a border patrol that has not been a major deterrent to illegal immigration.

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**Engineering dean set to sail**

Brandy Oxford

DAILY EGYPTIAN

The dean of the college of engineering will soon trade paperwork and meetings for a boat trip that will circle the eastern half of the United States.

After two and a half years as dean, William Osborne will retire Jan. 4 to embark on the Great American Loop Cruise, a boat trip he and his wife have planned since his start at the university.

Osborne said he planned to retire and take the trip after five years at the university, but heart problems that began in June 2006 prompted him to ship out early.

"After you have problems with your heart, you stop and think, "If I don’t do this now, maybe I’m not going to get it done," Osborne said.

John Nicklow, associate dean in the college of engineering, said he believed Osborne made the right decision although he was disappointed to see him leave earlier than planned because of his successful tenure as dean.

"When someone that priorities change and he’s got his in the order," Nicklow said. "Sometimes they had extra problems or where they were trying to start something else.

Although his position at SIUC was not ideal for him at the time, the Paducah, Ky., native said moving to the area was a homecoming.

"Osborne said his best and worst moments at the university have been with students, from welcoming incoming engineering students during success week to the death of sophomore Alex Booth in October. He said he was impressed by students’ ability to put together a memorial for their friend at such a dramatic time.

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-- William Osborne

College of Engineering dean

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White said he also objects to the proposed Campus Recreation Fee increase of $25.60 per semester. Willie Elting, director of recreational sports and services, said the increase would last six years under the plan approved by the Recreational Sports and Services advisory committee.

At the end of six years, he said, the campus would stop charging. If the fee was increased every six years, the board could replace some of the university’s tennis courts and six playing fields.

Elting said the new money would pay for land to keep the current level of facilities and add amenities, such as an adaptive fitness course and walking trails that would be more accessible for students with disabilities.

"Any time, $25 is a lot of money. In this environment, it’s an ugly request. My job, however, was to say, "We have an opportunity for land," Elting said. "This land will be gone and allocated for other purposes if we don’t have a master plan for outdoor recreation.

Other fees with proposed increases include student Medical Benefit Primary Care, Student Centre, Student Recreation, Mass Transit and Intracollegiate Athletics. Fees proposed to remain at their current levels include the Student Fee, Beneficial and Extended Care Fee, Student Activity Fee, Student Attorney Fee and Revenue Bond Fee.

Directors of fee-funded areas propose increases each year. Advisory committees composed of faculty, administrators and students are the first to hear the proposals. Advisory committee reviews the proposals and send them to Dietz and Moccia for review USG and Graduate and Professional Student Council appoint student members to the committees.

After committees approve the fee proposals, they are presented before the undergraduate and graduate student governments.

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"He loves his boat and I love the ocean, so when we’d get tense, we’d say it’s time to go to the boat or time to go to the ocean."

-- William Osborne

College of Engineering dean

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Terry Moody, the applicant coordinator for the Springfield region office of the FBI, gives a presentation to students interested in careers with the FBI Wednesday at the Student Center. The presentation was part of Career Development sponsored by Career Services.

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It’s time to lend a hand

By COLLEEN LINDSAY

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If you happen to wander into a Veteran Affairs hospital you will probably hear stories about long days of combat and long nights without sleep. You will hear about the battles in the Gulf, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. However, those stories about Iwo Jima are not all there is to the many problems veterans face a new set of challenges. Volunteerism involves many different areas of life other than flying veterans in a plane. I recently talked to a lady who is helping the city of Cairo maintain one of its historic buildings. As many SIU students know, it is a city with lots of history. This history is bound up in the memories of the citizens of Cairo as well as in the historic buildings. Many of these buildings date back to the 1800s when Cairo was a famous river town.

One man, Earl Morse, who was also a veteran, decided to lend a hand. He worked with WWII veterans in a clinic and saw their disappointment when they realized that they would not be able to make the trip to Washington, D.C. In response, he founded Honor Flight, a program that uses volunteer pilots and donations to fly the veterans. The program flies about four days every month.

The program plans to finish flying WWII veterans. Then it plans to move on to veterans from the Korean War and Vietnam War. Morse decided to use his ability as a pilot for more than making money. He is using it to help others. Volunteerism involves many different areas of life other than flying veterans in a plane. There are many ways that you can help out. You can start by looking at what you do best, and then volunteering to help others with your talents. You may be surprised what opportunities emerge if you keep your eyes and ears open.

One of the most famous WWII buildings still alive could not make the trip. Even though they are still with us, most of them are in their 90s, which presents a number of obvious problems with flying cross-country, and many cannot afford the trip, even if they feel able.

Citizens of Cairo, as well as SIU students and others from around this area have congregated in Cairo to help it maintain its history and help preserve it for future generations. This work in Cairo is mainly done on a volunteer basis. Students go down to Cairo and photograph or interview the citizens. Work that is being done to preserve historic sites is often done on a volunteer basis as well.

Cairo is just one of many places around southern Illinois that are utilizing volunteers. There are other organizations, such as community theatre groups, not-for-profit organizations, libraries and kids organizations that are looking for people to put in a little extra time, and use their abilities to help others.

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Lindsay is a senior studying journalism.

Join Team Freedom

By ANDREW O’CONNOR

When asked who makes up his supporters, Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul said they were a mixture of Republicans, Independents, Democrats and “even a few anarchists.”

It was like he was directly talking to me. This January, I plan to vote in the (gap) Republican primary for Ron Paul. I encourage anyone else who is concerned about this nation’s departure from its core principle of liberty to do the same thing and join Team Freedom.

The struggle of America is an ongoing one: From Robber-Barons to Enron, McCarthy to O’Reilly and Vietnam to Iraq. Today we face a new set of challenges. But as always, we can look to the past for inspiration. Ron Paul is the only candidate with a chance who espouses the core American principles. The Patriot Act, the suspension of habeus corpus, “free-trade” agreements and generally poor economic and foreign policy are just a few ways this nation has gone astray from its original principles.

Especially after Sept. 11, we have been told we have to sacrifice liberty for security. In truth, these departures from our original principles have undermined our personal, political and national sovereignty, and as Benjamin Franklin said, “Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.”

It is often difficult to define yourself in an increasingly complex world. We hear a lot about the traditional American idea of freedom. This is a nation where freedom originally only applied to white male property holders. The Constitution, however bigoted its authors, still serves as a beacon for the idea of limited government and personal liberty. The racist and sexist group of men penned a document that has served as an inspiration for a race-less and sex-less struggle that humanity has continued on ever since.

Are we a perfect country? No. Have we made mistakes? Oh yeah – yes sir, we have. But at the end of the day, America has still stood. Progress is slow, but the American process has stood strong in the face of threats on the strength of the liberty it defines.

I do not agree with Ron Paul on many issues. I am not a complete libertarian, and I do believe when it comes to education, healthcare and the environment, as the line goes, “some jobs are too big that the only thing that can do them is government.”

I also find his stance on abortion to be completely flawed. An Amnesty International report concluded making abortion illegal does not decrease the number of abortions; it only increases the health dangers.

While I believe that a woman’s reproductive rights are an essential part of her personal liberty, I am very practical when it comes to this issue and I cannot be a one-issue voter.

Pregnation is the ultimate reason I have endorsed Ron Paul. As the Band Against Me once wrote, “Baby, I’m an anarchist, you’re a spineless liberal.”

In truth, I do like Mike Gravel and Dennis Kucinich, but they don’t have a chance. Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and John Edwards all said they could not pull all the troops out of Iraq within their first term, and none of them has been willing to take the threat of military strikes on Iran off the table.

Ron Paul has declared that as Commander and Chief he would immediately bring the troops home. Perhaps that is why he is receiving the most donations from members of the military.

His campaigns has and will continue to show its strength and prove it has the ability to actually win. His record breaking fundraising days, coupled with his incredible success in straw polls demonstrate that he has a strong support base. In America, a very small percentage of the electorate actually votes in the primaries. Rand Paul, Ron Paul: people will be there in force.

If you are for ending the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and the next one in Iran, vote Ron Paul 2008. If you are for a sound economic policy, and the abolition of the IRS, vote Ron Paul 2008. If you think this government needs transparency and an end to the years of constitutional abuses, vote Ron Paul 2008.


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GUEST COLUMN

Diamonds no longer militants’ best friend

Oleg Mityaev

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MOSCOW — The Kimberley Process, an international initiative opposed to the trade in “blood diamonds” — uncut diamonds used to fund conflicts in Africa — met its 10th anniversary in November. It has been squeezed out of the market, sharply in (or at least profitable) for legitimate diamond mines has been unable to keep pace with supply of legally sourced diamonds, exported from African conflict zones and used to fund conflicts in Africa – met with great enthusiasm.

The Kimberley Process was launched in 2000, with the support and sanction of the United Nations, by a number of countries, to try to deal with the problem of so-called conflict or blood diamonds. The diamonds are mined in African conflict zones and used to support various armed groups.

In the seven years since the initiative was founded, 47 countries and the European Union have joined. They represent the main centers of diamond production, finishing and sales.

Russia, too, is a KP member, while its leading diamond producing company, Alrosa (which accounts for 97 percent of diamonds mined in Russia and 25 percent of the world diamond market), subscribes to KP principles.

Since its existence, the initiative has made good progress. The share of conflict diamonds in world diamond output, which only 10 years ago was as high as 10 percent, is now less than 1 percent.

The successes of the Kimberley Process are largely due to the ending of the civil war that raged across Africa in the 1990s in places such as Angola (where, incidentally, Alrosa mines diamonds), Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Cote d’Ivoire.

Most of these conflicts are now over. The only country on the KP blacklist today is Cote d’Ivoire, which could also be struck off following the signing of an armistice between the government and rebels in March.

But this does not mean that the members of the Kimberley Process sat idly by waiting for the conflicts to end. In compliance with a U.N. requirement they introduced tight controls over all the diamonds produced in the world. Now every legally sold diamond must have a certificate saying it is not from a conflict zone.

Boosted by their success, a few KP members at the Brussels meeting suggested broadening the initiative’s scope.

Until now the Kimberley Process has focused on production. It is now proposed that it also control the trading and cutting of diamonds, including by means of sampling tests and inspections. It has also been suggested that the KP apply its experience with blood diamonds to all forms of illegal trade in gemstones, such as smuggling.

However, implementation of these proposals will largely depend on the will and desire of one country. That is India, which is the world’s main diamond cutting center and has succeeded the EU to the KP one-year chairmanship.

For the first time in many years, the market is experiencing a shortage of diamonds, meaning that those who trade in legal diamonds on the world market can look forward to fabulous profits.

The reason behind the diamond shortage is the same that is pushing up prices for all kinds of raw materials, from grain to oil. The rapid development of China and India.

The newly rich of these countries have both increased their wealth and raised their expectations. In China, which has a population of 1.32 billion, 40 percent of marrying women want to have a diamond ring, and their numbers are growing every year.

Industry experts believe that demand for diamonds on the world market will grow by 5 percent a year for the next 10 years.

They also predict that it will be impossible to raise output before 2015. Currently exploited deposits are heavily depleted, and it will take time to establish industrial production at new ones – especially as most of them are in former conflict zones.

Therefore the gap between demand and supply will widen in the near future.

The market has only one way of tackling such an anomaly – raising prices.

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**The Knights of Carbondale**

*Story and photos by Brandon Chapple*

In the tranquil fields of Pleasant Ridge Park, less than the minute away from the SIUC campus, the Middle Ages come alive.

“Dagorhir is a safe haven from everyday stress and a way to constructively release aggression from the everyday stresses of life,” said Will Shatterhaze, a dagorhir veteran who has fought for more than five years.

The rules are simple. Kill your opponent.

Dagorhir fighters battle with everything from swords and axes, which sometimes measure twice as tall as the fighter, to javelins and arrows. Although the weapons are made of foam, all are yet through safety tests each month. If a weapon hits too hard or has any sharp points, it will not be used. Weapons are made of foam, all are yet through safety tests each month. It is best to wear eye protection, save one knee, and always wear shoes.

“A person has the opportunity to learn how to sew, make armor, make weapons, cook in the medieval style, and make numerous arts and crafts,” said Simon McNelly, who recently started his own Carbondale-based group, Bloodrock.

Yet, despite the weapons and food, the group contends that the friendships make the whole thing worthwhile. “Simon’s” and “Tobirda” on the battleground. “Tobirda” is a way of life.

**Ultimately, Dagorhir is about having fun.**

“Coming out here and participating with us is very easy” said Simon. “You have to be 18 to participate, someone who has recently started his own Carbondale-based group, Bloodrock. “There’s a lot of camaraderie that goes along with it,” Jones said, especially when you go to national events.”

**Ragnarok: the definitive event**

After hosting its annual gathering in 1999, the 2006 Ragnarok held June 20-24 next to the battlefield at one. “After being or being in the middle of 300 people and being in the arms of 300 other people you will never watch Braveheart the same way again,” said McNelly, who attended his first Ragnarok June 2006. “Just the thunder of thousands of people.”

**ABOVE LEFT: Steve Nelson hammers together pieces of pauldrons, shoulder armor. Although the weapons are made out of foam and duct tape for safety, armor can be made out of entirely authentic material and can be as intricate as full body chain mail.**

**ABOVE RIGHT: Charles Peabody walks away from battle with his weapon on his head, one of the ways to let others know that a fighter is dead.**

**ABOVE: Bill McNeilly, left, takes a swing at Steve Nelson during battle.**

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“Ragnarok, 50-year-old girls do this and so do 10-year-olds too,” McNelly said. “Everyone fights together. Everyone also watches.”

“Like the hundreds of people who play video games, golf on the weekends or just get lost in a book, Dagorhir is another way to constructively release aggression from the everyday stresses of life. “I wouldn’t be the man I am today if I didn’t have my friends with foam sticks,” said Will “King Shattufolin” Mason. “It’s a great stress relief.”

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Your questions will be answered soon. Meanwhile, keep doing your job. Be patient, there's not much time for a lengthy discussion.

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — Make sure your family knows every-thing they need. Make it all look nice, too, you'll be wanting to entertain soon. This is not just for fun, it's also to advance your career.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Don't worry about a domestic issue, even if it's baffling. You may be the one who brings clarity to the situation. Make a decision, and work from there.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Recycling can save you a lot if you go about it wisely. For example, don't forget to steal the stuff you can. That goes for coupons, too.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Soon you'll be able to get down to work and start looking to the money. Time turns your plans and then get busy with the blanketing first of all.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — You're gaining status not from what you say, though that's impressive. No, people are more interested in see-what you do. You don't have to say a thing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — You, who believe you'd turn out to be the spokesperson for the whole group? Your shyness disappears and you wrap up the controversy in a phrase. You're hot.
Fashionably Late

‘Project Runway’ finally back on TV

JAKINA HILL

Finally, the moment we’ve all been waiting for has arrived. No, not Buddha coming back to “I Love New York 2,” not even seeing Katie Holmes in heels only five hours after running a marathon (because of course heels can only be worn on days you don’t run), but it’s the return of “Project Runway” that has every fan of fashion planning their evening around the hour.

This is the hour in which we get to meet the people we are going to love to hate, cheer for or vote off amongst ourselves.

Not since “The Real World” first aired has reality TV been so captivating.

“Project Runway” is more than draping, cutting and sewing. It’s challenging. And the hardships and triumphs are of course what make the show entertaining. Watching people buckle under pressure or go crazy is what brings the entertainment factor, but the inspiring creativity is what keeps you coming back for more.

Just a glimpse at what it’s really like to be in the world of a fashion designer is always sure to include the weirdos who stay until the last five or six because they know a woman’s body, the diva who puts everyone off and a foreigner with bigger American dreams than his American penis.

It’s going to be pretty interesting as the cast of what starts as 15 people who seemingly have a lot to offer is whittled down to one. We’ll see in a few short months just who made it work the best.

Remember, style mavens follow the rules, but break them accordingly.

WHAT’S GOING ON

11/15

Hangar 9: Billyu
Mugsy’s: Karaoke
Longbranch: Community Floss improv comedy
Tres Hombres: Isa John Blues Band
Glassy Junction: Blues and Jazz night

11/16

Hangar 9: Secondary Modern & Kentucky Nightmares
Mugu’s: Under the Radar
Mugsy’s: Metal at Mugu’s w/ Hope for the Dying, Ankhvarata the Heso, Vengence the Ghost and Adah Dominer; Cynthia at the piano in the pub
PK’s: The Natives
Longbranch: Traci Newton
Keywest: Isa John Blues Band
Tres Hombres: The Skinny Dips
Booby’s: Poor King

11/17

Glassy Junction: Hip Hop and R&B night
Hangar 9: Woodbox Gang
Longbranch: Salsa Dancing
Keywest: By Request DJ and Karaoke
Tres Hombres: DJ Red T
Booby’s: Moon Buggy Kids

11/18

Hangar 9: Death by Karaoke with DJ Punk Soul
Keywest: Isa John Blues Band

11/19

Hangar 9: Open Mic

11/20

Hangar 9: Dollar nite with Punk Soul
Keywest: Isa John Blues Band
Tres Hombres: County Line

11/21

Hangar 9: Closed

Actors Matt Damon is definitely sexy. The sexiest man alive? I don’t think so, but definitely sexy.

Jakina Hill

Actor Matt Damon was recently crowned People magazine’s Sexiest Man Alive 2007. Do you think he’s worthy of this title?

Alicia Wade

After picking myself up from a fit of laughter I have to say — not Matt Damon! Come on! Hells, Russell Crowe is still a hunks-a-hunk-a-bummin’ love. And, you hit one guy in the head with a phone and People magazine forgets all about you.

Audra Ord

What? Not George Clooney? While I don’t think Damon is the hottest guy out there, I definitely think he deserves the title, especially after seeing him in the latest Bourne installment — I’d let him hold me hostage!
LAKE FOREST — Rex Grossman has his job back at the Chicago Bears’ starting quarterback spot. At least for one week.

Bears coach Lovie Smith announced Wednesday Grossman will replace an injured Brian Griese in Sunday’s game against the Oakland Raiders.

"Everything is based on one basic thing: Who gives us the best chance to win this week? You take injuries, you take performance, you take everything into play," Smith said.

"That's what we did coming to this conclusion," Grossman relieved after Griese went down with a sprained left shoulder Sunday and threw a first-quarter, 59-yard TD pass to Bernard Berrian to lead the Bears to a 17-6 victory.

Smith said he hopes to be No. 1 for the remainder of the season.

"Rex is starting this one," Smith said. "We'll have to make sure we're working on its preparation."

"Rex is 3-3 in games he has started. He's 3-0 in the NFL that a starter doesn't go down with an injury on Sunday," Smith said. "The Bears are in a different situation than they were when he first bench Grossman in favor of Griese. They're 4-5 and have no room for error or erratic play with their chances for making the postseason so slim.

"Rex is starting this weekend. And I can't look into the future any more than that and I'm not going to, time on him," Claeys said. "So that'll probably be the challenge when they spread the field and put in four wides.""}

Claey said the Pirates will be one of the fastest and most athletic teams SUU has faced this season.

Claey also said the Pirates’ offense will show a multitude of different looks and SUU will have to work on its preparation.

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"Just go out there and play like it's your first round and just have fun. You never know if you're going to have this opportunity again to play with this team, so I'm excited about that." Grossman's contract expires after this season but that’s not a major consideration for the former first-round draft choice when he takes the field in Seattle. He even joked about it.

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Grossman is 2-1 with the Bears against the Seahawks last season, including one in the playoffs. Chicago is 3-3 in games he has started.

Grossman has completed 52 percent with two TD passes and six interceptions. The Bears are 1-2 with him as a starter this season. Griese's QB rating is 77.1. Grossman is 51.9.

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**Swimming & Diving**

**SIU to swim against five top-25 teams**

Jeff Engelhardt

Competing against one top-25 team can be difficult enough, but the Salukis will try to find a way to compete against five during a weekend invitational.

The Salukis will face five top-25 teams, including Michigan and Florida, at the Missouri Invitational this weekend.

The meet will take place at the Recreation Center on Friday and Saturday.

**Senior Julie Ju practices at the Recreation Center**

Senior Julie Ju practices at the Recreation Center Wednesday for the upcoming Purdue Invitational. Ju won three events last weekend at the Missouri Invitational.

Five to 10 seconds were given between races and there was one heat for each event. The Purdue Invitational will be more intense with swimmers getting enough time between races to recover and multiple heats for each event.

Walker also said Purdue pool's design will help with individual times. The roof is high and the pool area roof is high and the pool area is wide open, which helps swimmers increase speed.

Individual performance is what Walker said the team will work on.

Walker said the focus would be on the teams overall performance.

The Florida native will swim in the mile and the 100, 200, 500 and 1,000-meter freestyle events.

Kleynhans said the Missouri Invitational showed him what to expect at a meet like this and he is not intimidated.

**“I know what I have to do to prepare now and I expect to get a few personal best times,” Kleynhans said. “I’m not intimidated because a lot of those guys are my buddies.”**

If SIU wants to topple the top-25 teams, it will need the best effort from seniors Julie Ju and Antonio Sanz. The two seniors both won three events at the Missouri Invitational and are the reigning swimmers of the year in their respective conferences.

Walker said team victories would be nice, but he would rather see the swimmers achieve their personal best times.

“We do worry about this because it gets the team to swim at a high level all the time,” Walker said. “This is more of an individual thing now. Hopefully they can get some season bests and maybe what they need to do to prepare to achieve that.”

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forward, point guard, shooting guard.
Hampton, of his 2008 season opponent, the Pirates this season.
McLaughlin said he has watched Dillard blossom into one of Illinois’ premiere players and looks for him to be successful in his career as a Saluki. “He’s got the heart of a lion. He’s an incredible competitor and he hates to lose,” McLaughlin said.
Boozer is listed as the No. 29 signing period started Wednesday, and is scheduled to give an announcement today.
Hammond High School senior Kevin Dillard, right, signs a letter of intent to play basketball for SIU Wednesday while posing with his coach James McLaughlin at Homewood-Flossmoor High School. Dillard, a 5-foot-11-inch point guard, averaged 17 points, 5.5 assist and 4.5 rebounds in his junior year and was the first of three members of the 2008 SIU men’s basketball recruiting class to sign a letter.

Men’s Basketball

‘08-’09 recruits sign intent letters

SIU locks up power forward, point guard, shooting guard

The passing attack leads the way for the Salukis, according to SIU defensive coordinator Tracy Claeys said.

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Pirates set out to confuse Salukis

Hampton boasts a variety of threats on offense

It’s been a rocky road for the Hampton Pirates this season.

Hampton, the No. 5 Salukis’ final regular season opponent, began the season in the Top 25 and won its first three games, but after that fell in four of its next five.

But the Pirates (6-4) enter Saturday’s game on a two-game winning streak, and SIU coach Jerry Kill said Hampton is not a team he would like to face to draw the regular season to a close with playoff seeding on the line.

“We know what we’re getting into,” Kill said. “They don’t back off anybody.”

The Pirates boast the MEAC’s leading receiver this year, junior Jeremy Gilchrist. See FOOTBALL, Page 14