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SIU baseball coach Dan Callahan dies

SIU baseball coach Dan Callahan, 52, died Monday at his home in Carterville. Callahan had been fighting a rare form of skin cancer called neurotropic melanoma.

In a press release sent by SIU athletics, Athletic Director Mario Moccia said Callahan's death is a tragedy for SIU and the entire community.

"This is a tremendous loss and a very

sad day not only for the baseball program, its alumni, athletic department, but the entire community," Moccia said. "He was loved and respected by so many people. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Stacy, his girls, family and friends."

Callahan is one of five coaches in Missouri Valley Conference history to win more than 200 league games, as he built a 595-605-2 record in 22 seasons.

He is survived by his wife Stacy, daughters Altra, 19, and Carly, 14, and parents Ann and Gene.

The press release stated funeral arrangements are pending and the university will announce its plans to pay tribute to Callahan's life at a later date.

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Dean of college resigns

Engineering dean cites issues with administrators

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Ramanarayanan Viswanathan, interim dean of the College of Engineering, has resigned from his position due to decisions made by those in SIUC's higher administration, he said.

Viswanathan, who took over as interim dean in January 2008, sent his letter of resignation to Interim Provost Don Rice's office Friday. Julie Richmond, administrative aide for Rice, said Rice received and accepted the letter. Richmond said Rice would not comment further.

A message left at Viswanathan's office Monday was not returned as of press time. His secretary said she did not know when Viswanathan's resignation goes into effect.

Viswanathan said in his letter that decisions made during the past five months had damaged the academic mission of the university and his college.

"The situation has reached such an impasse that it is no longer possible to effectively advocate the concerns of the chairs and directors, faculty and staff," he said.

Viswanathan said he was "appalled" by the lack of shared governance between the administration and the colleges. A lack of communication also factored into his decision, he said.

"Even after several requests for a meeting with the chancellor to discuss serious college matters, not a single meeting happened in the last five months, the meeting last week being an exception," Viswanathan said.

He said the college's original budget cuts were rejected by the provost's office at the direction of chancellor Rita Cheng.

"Lack of support for the college's budget proposal and the directives from the chancellor through (the provost's) office have put the college in extremely difficult situation, leading to potential long-lasting devastating effects on the quality of education of our students," Viswanathan said.

Cheng said Monday she had no comment.

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NATIONS UNDER GOD Hwewon Yang, of Carbondale, selects a volunteer Saturday to ask a trivia question about Taiwan at Vine Community Church. Alisa Bernardi, a Discipleship Community pastor at the Vine, said the International Culture Show was held for members of the church to share parts of their culture with one

another. More than 15 countries were represented, and each one had booths with food and games from their home countries. "This is really more for Americans to see what different countries are represented in the area," Bernardi said. He said more nations than those present are represented at the church, and even more at SIU.

Haynes becomes fifth to announce candidacy

Election filing period extended to Nov. 22

CHRISTINA SPAKOUSKY
Daily Egyptian

After months of deliberation, Steven Haynes says he is ready to throw himself into the election race by running for mayor of Carbondale.

"After several months of personal introspection, consultation with family, friends

and close advisers, I'm throwing myself into the fray," Haynes said.

Haynes makes the fifth person to announce intentions of running for mayor. Councilman Joel Fritzlér, former SIUC Chancellor Sam Goldman and former hospital administrator George Maroney have filed nominating petitions. If Haynes and business manager Brent Ritzel file petitions by Nov. 22 — the end of the filing period — a primary election will be held to narrow the field to four candidates.

Three seats on the city council will also

be filled, but only five candidates have filed. Jane Adams, Lee Fronabarger, John Holt, Don Monty and Hugh Williams all filed nominating petitions.

If 13 or more candidates file for the three council positions and/or five or more candidates file for the position of mayor by 5 p.m. Nov. 22, a primary election will be held Feb. 22.

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SIUC sees increase in spring grad school applicants

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Graduate school applications for the spring semester are on the rise, though John Koropchak said it was still too early to know numbers for next fall.

Koropchak, vice chancellor for research and graduate dean, said it's too early to get a clear idea of whether there will be an increase in applications for next fall, as many students don't apply until Thanksgiving and Christmas break. However, he said a significant increase in applications for the spring semester has been seen.

"We have received a lot more applications than we have noticed in the past for spring," Koropchak

"During tough economic times, graduate school becomes a more viable option for students. Students can get away from the stresses of the workplace for a little bit and make themselves a more viable candidate when they get out of school."

— John Koropchak
vice chancellor for research and graduate dean

said. "I would say we have received several hundred more applications than we did around this time last year."

A survey of the top 108 graduate schools in the nation conducted by the Kaplan Test Prep group and released Tuesday, found 78 percent of the schools predicted an even larger increase in applications in the coming year. Global registration for the graduate record examination, which is required by most schools to attend graduate

school, increased by 675,000, more than 9 percent the number of registrations during the same time frame in 2009, according to the release.

Liza Weale, executive director of pre-business and pre-graduate programs for Kaplan Test Prep, said in the release the difficulties of finding a job in the workplace has made graduate school a viable option.

"The past couple of years have been hard for college graduates

trying to enter the workforce for the first time, as well as for working professionals looking to change careers or bounce back after layoffs, which has made graduate school an appealing destination for both groups," she said.

Koropchak said the state of the economy also plays a major role in the decision to apply.

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"During tough economic times, graduate school becomes a more viable option for students," he said. "Students can get away from the stresses of the workplace for a little bit and make themselves a more viable candidate when they get out of school."

David Wilson, associate dean and director of the graduate school program, said many students see graduate school as a "different way at the same problem."

"People want to better prepare themselves for the job market, or sometimes they just can't find anything on the market and need to better prepare themselves," he said.

The SIUC graduate schools saw a slight decline in applications this year, which Wilson said was the result of a lack of international student applications. He said

domestic applications increased by about 2.7 percent.

Koropchak said many students wait to apply until Thanksgiving and Christmas break because it is the first time they have a break from school and can focus on applications.

Because of this, Wilson said the department does not focus on the number of applications for the fall semester until January.

"We track it every week starting around January," he said. "We have records of applications from the past around the same time so we can compare."

For this fall, 4,422 applications for admittance for both masters and doctoral level programs were received, Koropchak said. Out of those applicants, 1,462 were accepted and 896 students enrolled.

He said the difference between the number of applications and those accepted was a necessary

measure to ensure the quality of the programs at SIUC, but he said he would welcome more applications.

"If you increase the amount of applicants, you're likely to increase the pool of quality candidates," Koropchak said.

He said most of the graduate school applications are handled by the individual departments under which the programs are in, while his department makes sure applicants meet the "minimum requirements" to attend the university.

Koropchak said while applications are still coming in, he hopes the numbers will increase, even if it would require more work to process the applications.

"If we admit 10 percent more quality students, we will gladly take the extra workload," he said.

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In lieu of flowers, the Callahan family requests memorials be made to the Coach Kill Cancer Fund and/or to the Dan Callahan Memorial Fund that will soon be set up through the SIU Foundation to benefit the Saluki Baseball program, Associate

This is a tremendous loss and a very sad day not only for the baseball program, its alumni, athletic department, but the entire community.

— Mario Moccia
Athletic Director

Sports Information Director Jason Clay said in a separate release.

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Mathematics department aims to challenge gender roles

LEAH STOVER
Daily Egyptian

From Legos to Barbie dolls, Mary Wright said young boys are socialized to construct, whereas girls are taught the importance of personal appearance.

Wright, professor of mathematics, helped host the Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science Conference on Saturday.

"Research suggests that girls do as well as boys in math, but they are somehow taught that they shouldn't outshine the boys by the time they get to their teenage years," Wright said.

Kathleen Pericak-Spector, professor of mathematics, co-hosted the event for the 20th year, and said girls in grades fifth through ninth experienced fun within those fields and were encouraged to continue exploring them. She said the primary goal of the workshops was to help change what gender roles girls learn.

Spector said she relates the cultural and social view of women to the way girls act in the workshops. She said it's rare for a girl to come into the workshops alone, and they usually bring at least one friend. Past participants have acknowledged the conference for allowing them to understand what career opportunities were available, she said.

Spector said the male-to-female ratio is extremely unbalanced in the math classes she teaches. In a

past class of 40 students, she said only six of them were women, which inspired her to create the workshop-based program.

Derek Martin, assistant professor of sociology, said the way girls are raised reinforces stereotypical gender roles. Girls are handled delicately and dressed in pink, and boys are taught to be tough through the toys they are given and the way they are handled, he said.

Martin said girls in high school tend to lose confidence in their intelligence and focus more on their appearance. Because women aren't rewarded by their peers for being smart, he said it can set them back in college.

"In a (college) class of 50 students, where 45 are men, women are the minority, and therefore might feel as if they don't belong," Martin said.

Women earn between 71 to 74 cents for every dollar men earn, according to a study by the National Science Foundation. In higher-paid fields nationally, including math and science, women were highly outnumbered by men. Within the field of specialty engineering, each of the electrical and electronics engineering fields consisted of 12 percent females and 21 percent males, and mechanical engineering consisted of 10 percent females and 17 percent males, the study said.

Wright, teacher of an educational math course, said she works with women in her classes but it's rare



Morgan Woolberton, 12, of Carbondale, and Emily English, 13, of Carbondale, use K'Nex to construct models of molecules Saturday as part of a math and science workshop at the Student Center. The conference, held for girls in fifth through ninth grades, gave a preview of classes they may experience in high school and college. STEVE BERZYSKI DAILY EGYPTIAN

that their major is outside of the education realm. Throughout their lives, she said female role models tend to be teachers, and thus many girls follow that same path. Even in high school, she said popular female roles include cheerleading and other positions that are focused on supporting a man.

Even at the college level, Spector said the stereotype is apparent in the lack of women's participation in class discussions. Male students tend to speak up in class regardless of if they are certain they have the right answer, she said.

As children, Spector said girls are reliant on their social network because it's comforting to them. She said that same idea is visible within the classroom, and it can be very intimidating for women to participate

to their fullest potential, especially if their fellow classmates are male.

"Girls prefer to work in a cooperative environment where they work with each other, and boys prefer an environment that is competitive," Wright said.

The more confident girls feel, the less they care about how they are perceived when they speak in class, Spector said. If they are uncertain and do give the wrong answer, they tend to shut down, she said.

Martin said the fact that men tend to be more outgoing might contribute to women feeling uncomfortable in the classroom. He said teaching young women to be more confident in their math and science skills will challenge and change gender inequality in society. Throughout the past 20 years,

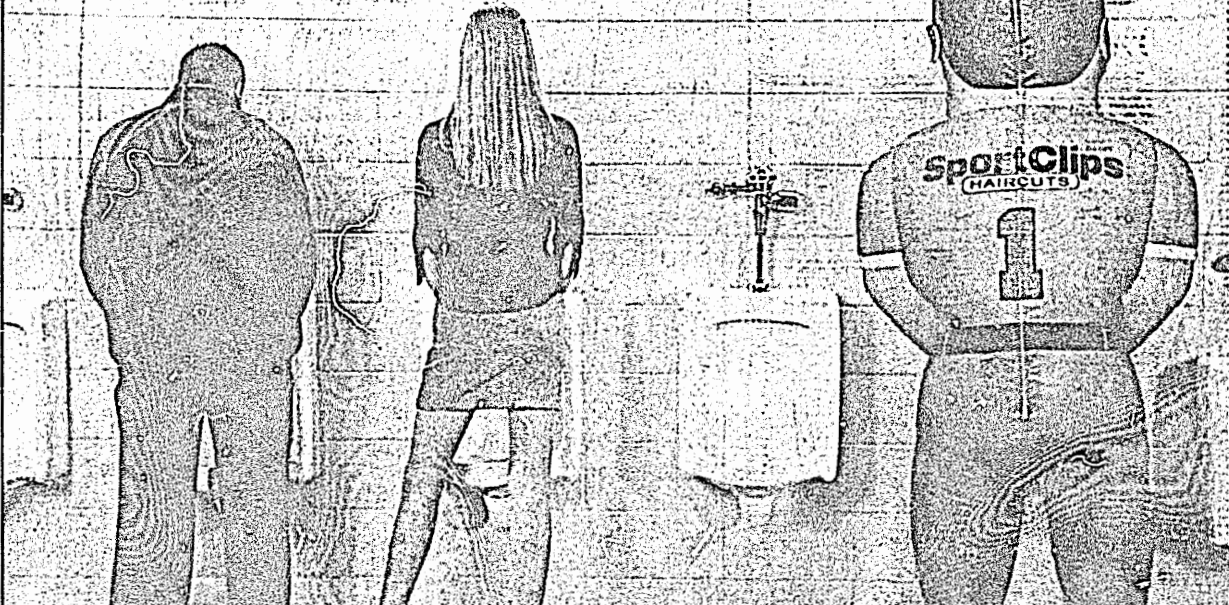
Spector said the conference has been a success and the turnout continues to increase. In southern states, she said the role of women in society isn't as profound, and it's important for girls to understand the importance of reaching their potential.

By informing them at a young age, Spector said they're hoping to expand the role of women within math and science careers and hopefully minimize stereotypes of gender roles in society.

"I've had girls from all over with poor backgrounds who have come to SIU and become engineers. It's really neat," Spector said.

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BASKETBALL
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Against UTM, Tiber went with a big lineup, but she changed the lineup for today's game by replacing 6-foot-3 Cici Shannon with the 5-foot-7 Sidney Goins, she said. Well, Goins entering the starting lineup, senior forward Katrina Swingle will move to the center position, while junior forward Char-nise Mitchell moves to the four spot. Oliver and freshman guard Brooke Le-Mar will stay in their positions.

Goins suffered a knee injury last season, but is improving and is a player she has high hopes for, Tiber said.

"I feel athletically, and being able to run up and down in a fast break system, she has a lot of upside," Tiber said. "We're going to roll with her for a little bit and see what she can give us."

Tiber said she usually doesn't switch her starting lineup, but sometimes coaches have to make adjustments.

"I'm a coach that gets one starting

lineup and sticks with it, but when you have so many new kids ... no one has really stepped forward and said 'Hey, this is my spot and I'm going to own it,'" Tiber said.

Mitchell said she personally has to step up and score more points because that is why Tiber brought her to SIU. The Salukis started the UTM game slowly so they have to pick up the pace to beat Tennessee State, she said.

"We got to come out from the jump with intensity," Mitchell said.

COLUMN
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Fantasy Forecast: Greg Olsen, tight end — Olsen is a hard worker at the tight end position who never gives up on a play. He's had a touchdown in the last two games and is always looked at in the red zone. The Bears are a fantasy junkyard this season, so until they develop any real offensive consistency, keep Olsen on the injury/bye week replacement watch list.

St. Louis

Last week: 49ers 23, Rams 20

Week 11 score prediction: Falcons 20, Rams 17

It all falls apart for St. Louis on the road. The 49ers didn't convert a single one of their 11 third-down attempts, yet the Rams' defense couldn't keep track of shifty San Francisco quarterback Troy Smith when it counted. To be fair, Smith played in a league of his own in the second half Sunday, but the St. Louis defense could have sealed the game if it stopped the 49ers on fourth-and-18 with the Rams up 17-10 in the fourth quarter. Instead, Smith found running back Frank Gore, who was left inexplicably uncovered, for a 23-

yard gain that set up the tying touchdown pass moments later.

And again, the Rams' offense was nowhere to be found in the second half. It seems offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur calls a great game three out of the four quarters, but whenever the team needs points desperately he can't seem to match the tempo of the opposing defense.

The way the NFL is today, there's no way any offensive coach can afford to let off the gas. Too many games this season were forced onto the shoulders of rookie quarterback Sam Bradford. In a remarkable display of maturity, Bradford led the game-tying drive in the fourth to force overtime, but Shurmur called the three most horrendous offensive plays in a row after winning the toss. The defense, gassed by so many three-and-outs by the offense in the second half, couldn't stop the dam from bursting and the 49ers zoomed down the field for the game-winning field goal.

Youth can be hard to deal with sometimes, but the players obviously buy into what coach Steve Spagnuolo is doing, and the man knows how to assemble a talented roster. This season

is all about confidence for the Rams, and they don't seem to be easily rattled despite their inability to win games outside the Edward Jones Dome.

The Rams head back to the Dome on Sunday, where they play exceptionally well. They'll give Atlanta a fight, but the Falcons are red hot after beating one of the AFC's best teams in the Baltimore Ravens and will most likely come away with the win. The young Rams have established their legitimacy, but this part of the schedule is going to be an absolutely brutal test and St. Louis may not win more than a couple more of its games this year.

Fantasy Forecast: Danny Amendola, wide receiver — Amendola's caught a touchdown in each of the last three games and has had 16 receptions during that span. He's obviously Bradford's go-to guy and the Rams are slinging the ball on offense; Bradford averages 37 pass attempts per game. Amendola still may be on the waiver wire this week in many leagues, so he's a good third option at receiver.

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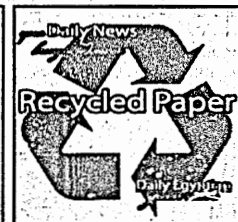
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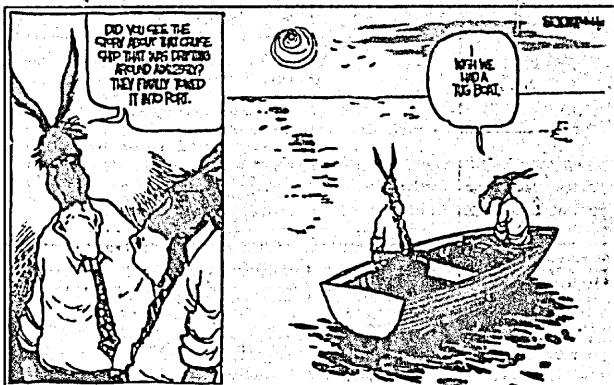
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GUEST COLUMN

Displays of solidarity defend education, democracy

James Anderson
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Education has been under attack consistently and for quite a while, both nationally and internationally.

On Tuesday, more than 50,000 students in London protested rising tuition and cuts to higher education funding. That same night, six SIUC campus unions came together to sign a joint declaration of support and mutual aid, vowing to protect each local's right to negotiate. Recently, a group of parents occupied the La Casa field house at Whittier Elementary School in Chicago for more than a month to advocate building a library rather than demolishing the building.

It is these kinds of collective acts that are sorely needed to preserve one of the fundamentals of democratic society. That statement should be self-evident, but in case it's not, let's contextualize the situation by considering concurrent trends that appear to be intricately linked.

It's no secret people have worked harder and longer for the past couple of decades, despite the fact wages have stagnated. It's also no secret that the idea of upward mobility has never had much basis in reality. But, like any good, oft-repeated platitude, there has traditionally been at least a modicum of truth to the meritocratic ideal. The notion that if you work hard you can succeed, no matter how humble your beginnings, becomes less of an outright lie if you ignore the wealth and capital that never ceases to remain concentrated in the hands of a few.

In America in particular, it's never been entirely impossible to become part of the relatively affluent middle class. Achieving that coveted status has, however, been predicated on empowering workers and providing public education that could, at least in theory, grant a person a path to socioeconomic success.

Global neoliberal policies, part and parcel with concerted efforts to

weaken the power of workers to organize, in conjunction with attempts to impose corporate business model curriculum reforms and austerity measures on schools represent a confluence of antidemocratic forces. Meritocracy has become nothing more than a myth, intergenerational transmission of wealth for the select few has been secured, and unjust social arrangements are ensured — until those same destructive forces also ensure the world becomes unlivable, that is.

Thomas Jefferson, John Dewey and other proponents of democracy and education throughout history are probably rolling over in their graves right now. Extending the hackneyed idiomatic expression further, I'd imagine celebrated advocates of free market capitalism like Adam Smith are doing similar graveyard acrobatics, given the current system of global economics that has been constructed to privilege tyrannical multinational corporations over the majority of populations.

We, the majority of people comprising those populations, do not have to resign ourselves to the doomsday scenario outlined above because we are not yet performing underground summersaults like Smith, Dewey, Jefferson and company. We can demand an end to the ongoing evisceration of public education. We can unite to make the workplace and educational institutions more democratic and conducive to truly transformative modes of learning.

The parents at Whittier, mostly mothers from the predominantly Mexican immigrant neighborhood of Pilsen, were determined to continue their sit-in demonstration until an agreement was reached that would guarantee a much-needed library for the elementary school students. They saved the field house and got their agreement.

The sheer number of students involved in the student protest in London illustrates the common concern people share for a part of society that is so essential to the common good.

The sign of solidarity among unions at SIUC exemplifies the democratic spirit. By joining together to question the fairness and necessity of the proposed closure days, the locals made a collective commitment to justice, worker's rights and ultimately the preservation of quality education at this university.

The more people who coalesce to question potentially deleterious policies and practices, large and small, the greater the chances for education and democracy, ergo the greater the chances for equality and the greater the chances for the human species. There are myriad ways to get involved and support such initiatives. Of course, many require a degree of effort. But, the beauty of organizing is that it doesn't have to be done alone. Plus, those collective efforts can reverse contemporary trends and make it so merits are more closely tied to achievement, not just for the individual, but for all of society.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Clean coal sign shows lack of integrity

DEAR EDITOR:

As an Eco Dawgs officer, I would like to respond to a letter written by Christina Bovinette last week. She made the argument that the university has hijacked student efforts of achieving sustainability by greenwashing coal research at SIUC.

What may come as a surprise to some is that I don't view myself as a "greenie." Nor do I view coal re-

search as evil, as long as it's honest. There is simply no single solution for solving the energy needs of society and preserving the environment for future generations.

Merriam-Webster's online dictionary's very first definition for clean is "free from dirt and pollution." Let's compare that definition to a conference our own Coal Research Center cosponsored last week. Leonard Hopkins of the Southern Illinois Power

Cooperative boasted how much pollution the regional plant captures down the road from us. It turns out presently up to 90 percent of mercury and nitrogen oxide emissions, leaving other impurities.

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theory, could become possible assuming no real-world hitches such as economics and lack of adequate saline aquifers for carbon storage.

Given the nature of coal research, plastering a clean coal slogan at a public university seems highly disingenuous to me. It shows a lack of academic integrity, and I believe that is a real threat to all research on campus. Why should anyone believe in the integrity of cam-

pus sustainability projects? Why should anyone believe the results of any project at SIUC when academic integrity is not maintained consistently at the institutional level? SIUC should be leading the way to new energy paradigms, not be led by stockholders of the old.

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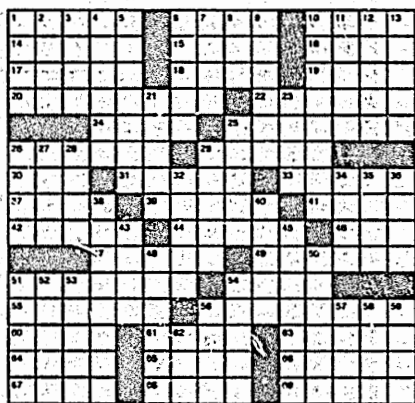
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Crossword

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS**
- 1 Potato or yam
 - 6 Engrossed
 - 10 Taxis
 - 14 Crazy
 - 15 Pitcher
 - 18 Lie adjacent to
 - 19 Official decree
 - 18 Extremely
 - 19 Short letter
 - 20 Sorrowful
 - 22 Stir up
 - 24 Information on an invitation
 - 25 Person in a prayerful posture
 - 26 Oration
 - 29 Fit for a king
 - 30 Certain vote
 - 31 Doctrine
 - 33 Tranquility
 - 37 Space flight agcy.
 - 39 Within ___ handy
 - 41 Irish Spring competitor
 - 42 Mountaintop
 - 44 Pains
 - 48 Poorly lit
 - 47 Jersey or polo
 - 49 Greek capital
 - 51 Outdoor window coverings
 - 54 Escape
 - 55 Ascends
 - 56 Left high and dry
 - 60 Flowers-to-be
 - 61 Thought
 - 63 Annoy
 - 64 Aim
 - 65 Precious
 - 66 Fine tablecloth fabric
 - 67 Rex or Donna
 - 69 Cor-Judes
 - 69 Way in



- DOWN**
- 1 ___ up; bound
 - 2 Take apart
 - 3 Armistice's bond
 - 4 Convert into symbols
 - 5 Take back

Monday's Puzzle Solved

SOFT	TANS	RANAL
LIAR	ABUT	AROMA
OLLA	REDO	NEVER
BESPATTERED	LINK	
ODESSA	EVICT	
	PREP	ETHICS
BLAPS	REAR	OAHU
LONE	AGENT	ITEM
OVAL	FORT	BREWS
BELIEF	SIDE	
DELIO	REMOTE	
AWFUL	EXASPERATED	
BASIC	FOOD	THAI
EDICT	FLOOD	ZEST
OTICES	YOORE	OIRE

40 Cures
43 "My country 'tis of ___"
45 Spire
48 Interior
50 "in this," in a legal document
51 ___ azw; electric cutter

52 Unrefined
53 Raised strip
54 Phobias
56 Departed
57 Camp shelter
58 At any time
59 Opposite of "acknowledge"
62 Corny room

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

ESPN helps Salukis open arena

BRANDON LACHANCE
Daily Egyptian

SIU coach Chris Lowery says his team isn't going to let national exposure affect its game when the Salukis host the Northeastern University Huskies at 9 a.m. today as part of ESPN's 24-hour NCAA basketball promotion, ESPN College Hoops Tipoff Marathon.

"I think they'll be fine, considering they were on the Big Ten network (against Illinois Saturday)," Lowery said. "It was overwhelming with their crowd... Our exhibition games have been the biggest crowds for some of the players."

Today's game will be the second time a SIU game in Carbondale will be on ESPN's flagship station, as the only other time was in February 2004 when SIU played Hawaii in a bracket-buster game.

Against Northeastern, the Salukis will have the support of their fans and the goal of wanting to be a good home team, Lowery said.

"It's more for us, it's a home game," Lowery said. "Obviously Illinois was a tough environment. I think we learned a lot quickly, which helps us get ready for this game."

Northeastern was a tough team to beat last season because of a strong defense, Lowery said. The Huskies return two seniors and one junior, and are without four of last season's starters, including guard Matt Janning, who now plays in the NBA for the Phoenix Suns, Lowery said. Senior point guard Chaison Allen led the Huskies in their 66-64 season-opening win over Boston University Nov. 12 with 20 points, five assists and six rebounds.

Lowery said his team will have to play a fundamentally sound game to get the victory.

"The biggest thing is we can't let them get layups against the flex. Just making sure they

take long, contested shots is a big key," he said. In the game against Boston, senior Husky forward Kauri Black had 12 rebounds including five offensive rebounds.

"We've got to do a good job blocking them out, because their power forward, Black, he's a terrific offensive rebounder," Lowery said.

SIU athletic director Mario Moccia said the ESPN game came about after a home and home deal with the University of Mississippi fell through. Ole Miss is scheduled to play SIU football next season and wanted to change the date of the football game, Moccia said. He said he would have agreed if Ole Miss would play the men's basketball team in Carbondale for the opening of the renovated arena.

ESPN then called Moccia and made a deal to help push the first game in the SIU Arena by making it part of the 24-hour NCAA promotion the channel has each year, he said. Moccia spoke with Chancellor Rita Cheng and Phil Howze, who was the head of the faculty senate at the time, and the three agreed the basketball program needed to move forward, Moccia said.

Senior guard Justin Bocot said the ESPN game is a big deal in terms of exposure for the team and the school, and will be a great opportunity for the world to see the new arena. The Salukis want to rise to the occasion and win for the fans and the SIU players of the past, he said.

"I think we're coming along really well. Everybody is gelling and seems like everybody is on the same page. We all want the ultimate goal of a win, so I think everyone is going to push toward it," Bocot said.

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Junior guard Troy Long attempts to block the ball Saturday before a dunk during the 85-63 loss to University of Illinois at Assembly Hall. The Salukis host Northeastern at 9 a.m. today in the SIU Arena for the ESPN College Hoops Tipoff Marathon. EDYTA BLASZCZYK DAILY EGYPTIAN

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis look to correct scoring problem at home

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Daily Egyptian

Sophomore guard Teri Oliver says the women's basketball team worked on how to generate more points in preparation for its home game against

Tennessee State University today.

"You can either shoot yourself into a game or out of a game. We shot our way out of the game (University Tennessee-Martin), so this game we're going to look to drive more," Oliver said.

The Salukis lost their first game of

the season Friday against UTM 62-50 because they couldn't find a way to score, Tiber said. SIU has worked on rotations, patience with the ball and ball movement until they get an open shot, she said. Tennessee State is a fast team with players who can penetrate

into the paint, Tiber said.

Tiber said her team has played solid defense, but she cannot say the same when it comes to rebounds.

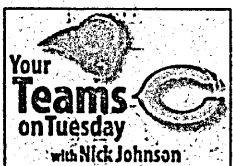
"We guarded really good for 30 seconds, and then we gave up an offensive rebound," Tiber said. "That

kills us for two reasons. First of all, it gives them a second chance to run their offense, and we don't get to run our fast break."

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STAFF COLUMN

Turnovers boost Bears over Vikings, Rams woeful on road



Week 10 was critical for both St. Louis and Chicago, as both teams needed a win over a divisional opponent to keep on first-place pace in

their respective divisions. The Bears took care of business and knocked the Vikings out of the divisional race, while the Rams squandered their third opportunity of the season to have a winning record. But the future of both teams still remains far from certain heading into Week 11.

Chicago
Last week: Bears 27, Vikings 13
Week 11 score prediction: Dolphins 17, Bears 14
The Bears defense forced four

Brett Favre turnovers Sunday that decided the game, but Chicago fans also have to feel good about the way their team's offensive line played. The line gave quarterback Jay Cutler plenty of time against an outstanding Minnesota front four and opened just enough holes on the ground to give the Bears an offensive presence that could finally take advantage of their always-stellar defensive and special teams play.

But the Bears have been an enig-

ma this season, falling to string together strong performances. They also play a Miami team Thursday that knocked off Green Bay on Oct. 17. Chicago has to find a way to keep its momentum and it starts, as it has the entire year, with the offensive line. It will be easy for Cutler to have a second straight game of good decisions. If he's not too preoccupied about having his head ripped off.

Chicago has risen to the occasion when it's absolutely necessary

to this season, and it will need to do the same against Miami. The Bears gave away two winnable games to the Redskins and Seahawks and barely got by a struggling Buffalo team, so back-to-back wins for this back-and-forth team would give it a much-needed shot of confidence as the race for the division comes to a fever pitch.

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