Hispanic heritage highlighted

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David Leija said he was born in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, but was brought to the U.S. at a young age when his parents were looking for more freedom and opportunities.

Leija, a senior studying music business and Spanish, said he likes the U.S. but Mexico is still a part of his heritage.

"When I’m over here, I feel like I’m from over there, and when I’m over there, I feel like I’m from over here," Leija said. "It’s hard to integrate them both." Leija and other Hispanic students have a chance to teach others about their culture as National Latino Heritage Month started Sept. 12.

National Latino Heritage Month began with the 13th annual welcome picnic and will continue through Oct. 15. Students can take salsa dance lessons, make piñatas, listen to guest speakers and participate in a talent festival. The theme for this year’s Latino Heritage Month is "Embracing the Fierce Energy of Now.

Last year, more than 600 students and community members attended Noche de Gala, a formal salsa dancing celebration, which is scheduled for Friday in the Student Center Ballroom D, said Carl Ervin, coordinator of student development-multicultural programs and services. Ervin said he expects an even bigger crowd this year because the event draws so much attention from students, faculty and community members.

"It’s just one culture in a community of cultures," he said. "It’s not the only time we celebrate (Hispanic heritage). We just highlight it a little bit more."

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Departments show support for science dean

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A vote of no confidence for College of Science Dean Jay Means conducted by three departments, and backed by a resolution passed in the Sept. 8 Faculty Senate meeting, was poorly conducted, administrators said.

The resolution passed in the meeting requested interim Provost Don Rice to meet with faculty from the departments of computer science, mathematics and physics about Means’ performance.

Dale Vitt, chair of the Department of Plant Biology, said he thinks the situation should have been handled differently.

"I don’t think that the College of Science has been represented," Vitt said. "There were three departments that had a vote of no confidence when there’s actually chemistry, geology and the three life sciences that were not asked and probably have a different opinion."

The vote of no confidence by the three departments came in April by votes of 7-2 in computer science, 23-0 in mathematics and 10-0 in physics. In total, faculty members in the three departments voted 40-2 in favor of no confidence in Means.

Physics interim chair Naushad Ali and computer science chair Mehdi Zargham said they had no comment, while mathematics chair Andrew Earner said he did not return two messages left at his office Thursday and Friday.

Geology chair Steven Esling said his department has not voted on its opinion for Means, but plans are in place to discuss the situation at the next department meeting.

"In the discussions I’ve had with my faculty — informal discussions with my faculty — I get the impression that they do support Dr. Means," Esling said.

Esling said he was upset the three departments went to the Faculty Senate without having discussions with the rest of the college.

"None of the other departments knew that this was happening," he said. "I thought it was rather discourteous and not very collegial," Esling said.

Esling said he thinks Means has handled the department well despite tough economic times.

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Newcomers keep Main Street Pig Out fresh

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Brian Killian spent his first Main Street Pig Out climbing telephone poles, sculpting with a chainsaw and splashing into a water tank — all in a day’s work for a lumberjack-entertainer.

Wisconsin native Killian, 24, sliced, sauced and logged over as part of the Weatherhead Tumberworks show in the 13th edition of Carbondale’s annual two-day barbecue festival in the 710 Bookstore parking lot.

“I like meeting new people everywhere we go,” Killian said of his traveling profession moments after climbing out of the log-rolling tank.

The Pig Out attracted many out-of-towners such as Killian and Alex Scottell, also from Wisconsin, as well as Carbondale regulars. Scottell and his wife Kate made up team Dr. Porkenstein and were awarded second place overall in their first run in the staple barbecue contest.

“Practice makes perfect,” said Scottell, who competes in more than 50 barbecue contests each year with his wife.

The Kenosha couple beat out local barbecue teams including the Carbondale Pork District (fifth overall), run by student Jens Forster and Robert Reeves for the past 13 years.

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Department of Television and Multimedia: Get a college degree...in nuts.

Elena Esquibel, left, a doctoral student from California studying speech communication, Bryant Payne, center, a masters student from Chicago studying speech communication, and Gigi Perez-Langlely, right, a doctoral student from Texas studying speech communication, demonstrate how the “Theatre of the Oppressed” works at the Festival Latino on Friday.

Elena Esquibel, left, a doctoral student from California studying speech communication, Bryant Payne, center, a masters student from Chicago studying speech communication, and Gigi Perez-Langlely, right, a doctoral student from Texas studying speech communication, demonstrate how the “Theatre of the Oppressed” works at the Festival Latino on Friday.
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Ervin said it is important for students to take part in the month’s festivities because most of college is gaining experiences outside the classroom. He said the goal is to make Latino Heritage Month a true awareness activity.
Julian Rios, a senior from Kansas-
and the individual departments, as well as other policies governing the University, and apply them properly.

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Problems between the three departments and Means began in February 2008, when they passed a resolution asking Rice to meet with Means to “familiarize himself with the rules and regulations found in the operating papers of the College and the Fisheries and Illinois Aquaculture Cen-
ter, as well as a member of the Faculty Senate, said he was shocked when the item came up at the meeting.
"It wasn’t really formally on the agenda until the last minute, so it came as quite a surprise to me and one of the other College of Sci-
ence representatives on the Faculty Senate," Garvey said. "I think the College of Science is a family with multiple departments that should interact and talk with each other before we make these kind of large decisions about what we think about leadership.”

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“We do this all the time anyway, might as well bring it downtown,” Forester said.

Executive Director for Carbondale Main Street, Meghan Cole, said it’s important to keep the event fresh year after year. Besides the changes in bands and kids’ attractions, a five-kilometer run before the festival Friday, in which more than 200 people ran, was offered for only the second time, she said.

More than 200 volunteers were recruited to work the event, doing every-
thing from selling beer and cooking food to supervising the moon walk.
SJUC student Maria Rios, 22, said volunteering always gives her a good feeling, but it’s even better when she gets to help children with games at the Pig Out.
“It’s just so fun seeing their excitement,” she said.

SJUC alumni and Carbondale resident Scott Palmer, 25, said he’s been coming to the Pig Out for five straight years and noticed increased attendance from last year’s festival.
“This brings a large cross-section of the community out,” said Palmer, who works for Woodstock Gang, one of the bands showcased at the Pig Out.
Quatros’ pizza owner Steve Payne said part of the mission of the Pig Out is to get people familiar with downtown Carbondale.

Though he sacrifices his weekend profits each year to help administrate the event, Payne said he more than makes up for it with new customers in the weeks following the Pig Out.
“This is our major fundraiser,” Payne said. “We try to raise a little bit of money for facades, but the real idea is a magnet to try and bring people out the best we can.”

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University opens cancer rehabilitation extension

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Becky Cerovec said she wants to be a survivor forever.

Cerovec, a retired faculty member from the SIUC School of Medicine, said she has been winning the fight against cancer for four and a half years. She said she credits much of her success to the Strong Survivors program that meets at John A. Logan and intends to make full use of its new extension at SIUC.

Phil Anton, a Strong Survivors exercise program coordinator, said the new SICU Cancer Rehabilitation Laboratory (SIUC-CRL), which opened Friday, is designed to provide a place for survivors and their caregivers to receive supervised testing and training for those who cannot make it to classes at John A. Logan, which has offered the Strong Survivors program since 2005.

He said 157 cancer survivors have completed the course since it began.

The 12-week course aims to increase survivors’ knowledge about nutrition and physical activity, provide an opportunity for survivors and their caregivers to exercise regularly with the supervision of a cancer-exercise specialist and improve quality of life for the survivors and their caregivers.

Also offered at the new extension is the Survivors Forever program, which is open to everybody and was used in the Strong Survivors program and wishes to return for informational classes at John A. Logan.

Anton said the program offers mental and physical benefits. When people are told they have cancer, he said, their life could feel like it is spinning out of control. The exercise program does give them something they can control about their health, he said. “I think that sense of control helps improve their perception of what their quality of life is,” Anton said.

The cancer rehabilitation program also provides a way for those in cancer research to study the effects of exercise on cancer survivors and caregivers, as well as providing students with field experience in the area of testing and training.

Allison Jurgens, a second-year graduate student from Ashland studying exercise science, said she wants to go into cancer rehabilitation. Her father was the only member in his immediate family not diagnosed with cancer, she said, giving her a personal connection with the disease.

Jurgens, a Strong Survivors exercise program coordinator, said she has helped with the program for a year and a half. She said the volunteers know all the participants by name, and she values the opportunity to work with survivors and the relationships she has built.

“I’ve learned so much from all our participants,” she said.

The laboratory, in Davies Gym, room 132, offers a range of exercise and strength-training equipment, including a fit ball, dumbbells, balance pad, treadmill, exercise bike and ProSpot home gym. The equipment gives the facility’s users a way to improve their strength and balance, which Anton said is weakened by cancer treatments and the disease itself.

Cerovec said she was in the second Strong Survivors course and the program helped her improve significantly. She said the training helps survivors get to where they can participate in a normal life, and she intends to continue exercising and participating in the Survivors Forever program.

“If we don’t keep this up, we’re not going to make it,” she said.
They lie! Or this we (don’t) believe

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A study that came out last week showed only 29 percent of Americans believe news organizations generally get the facts right. A startling 63 percent of respondents — nearly two thirds — said the news stories they saw, heard and read were “often inaccurate.”

On one level this is disturbing. The fact that less than a third of the people in this country don’t trust their news media to do their job honestly or competently is a serious problem for our representative democracy.

If this many people don’t trust their news media tells them is true, how can we as a society discern what is true?

With the problems we face, from the global economic crisis and our broken health care system to climate change and environmental destruction, facts matter. How can we fix our problems if we can’t agree on the cause?

When we as a society can’t agree on the basic facts of the day, that the sky is blue and the grass is green, and our president was born here, how can we even have anything resembling an informed “debate” in this country? The simple answer is we can’t. But can you blame the average American for having lost faith in their news media?

From the overheard lies from lap-dog reporters about Nigerian yellow cake and weapons of mass destruction, to the raving syphonsists we called “business journalists” in the lead up to the housing market collapse, you’d have to be dumb to still believe what “they” are telling you.

If anything, the fact that 63 percent of people do not blindly accept what they are hearing from the mainstream news media outlets as true is a positive sign.

It’s good to question what you’re being told, especially in regards to politics and governance. Presidents, priests, doctors, teachers, bosses, parents, reporters and Daily Egyptian opinion columnists do not, inherently, have your best interests at heart.

Questioning authority isn’t just a cute phrase for a bumper sticker; it’s an evolutionary process by which we the people fight against the tyrants oppressing us. But when our institutions failed us in their basic job, to question authority, we must question them.

It is very popular to mourn the loss of newspapers these days. The recession, we are told, is the reason so many newspapers are being drastically downsized or are going out of business all together.

It couldn’t have been that newspapers had a terrible business model and put out an even worse product for the past 20 years. No, the poor newspapers are just victims of technology, outdated forms that no one ever will want to use anymore such as movies and radio (sarcasm, mine).

Our news media has proven itself more committed to profit preservation than to putting out a quality product. In its defense, the costs of covering a story — once you calculate everything from travel and equipment and production costs — are staggering.

It is not cheap to produce good news. Still, time and again, the corporate owned news media have proven themselves cowards, more interested in protecting financial interests than doing their damn job. Take QG’s recent decision to bury a story on the brutal false-flag attack Russian security services perpetuated a few years ago to an apartment building full of its own citizens.

The piece details, with damning evidence, how Russian security officials murdered their own citizens, and falsely blamed it on Chechen rebels in order to justify a military assault against them. Real disgusting stuff.

QG, under pressure from its ownership and advertisers, went the way of Google and decided to be evil, and bury the story.

Thanks to a few intrepid bloggers, the story made its way around the Internet, but it still wasn’t in the Russian magazine, nor was it on the Web site.

And that’s where we find ourselves today. Whether it’s stories about Lehman Brothers, Bovine growth hormones or Anthrax attacks, Americans have been fed a line of crap from their largest news outlets.

And no matter how many nights Anderson Cooper puts on a flak jacket, we still can’t get that taste out of our mouths.

When we as a society can’t agree on the basic facts of the day, that the sky is blue and the grass is green, and our president was born here, how can we even have anything resembling an informed “debate” in this country?

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Letters to the Editor

What does the administration of SIUC think?

DEAR EDITOR:

Imagine the following scenario: SIUC decides to create a nationally recognized program, and after an extremely competitive search, chooses 120 students from some of the top high schools in the country.

To remain in the program, these students must create records of distinguished accomplishment and develop national reputations in their chosen areas of study.

Now suppose just one of these distinguished students writes a letter to a Chair in the College of Science describing a situation that she or he feels represents a serious problem with a professor who teaches a class in this program.

Suppose the student indicates there is concrete evidence of ongoing problems in the program and merely requests a meeting with the Chair to present the evidence and discuss the problem.

Suppose the response of the professor, when learning of the situation, is to dismiss the situation as “engineered,” while claiming the Chair “repudiates” the concerns of these students.

What, then, would the upper administration of SIUC think?

The hypothetical situation described above is precisely analogous to what is currently occurring in the College of Science at SIUC.

Forty fouring faculty members voted in agreement on a “no confidence” resolution concerning the current dean (reported by the DE, 9/9/09).

The three departments involved merely requested a joint departmental meeting with the interim provost to discuss the problems. The response has been for the dean to accuse us of “engineering” the vote, and to claim the provost and chancellor has “repudiated” our concerns.

The question remains: What does the upper administration of SIUC think?

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Watching the ACORN encounters play out on YouTube, it’s hard to shake the feeling that you’re watching a Second City send-up.

A young man and woman, costumed caricatures of a pimp and prostitute, ask for advice on how to buy a house where underage girls from El Salvador can turn tricks.

Without batting an eye, counselors for ACORN — the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now — offer suggestions for obtaining a mortgage and tax breaks and for laundering the girls’ earnings.

For example, “Don’t put down ‘I’m a prostitute’ on the loan application; instead, put ‘freelance performing artist.’”

Claim the girls as dependents to collect tax credits. Instead of deposting earnings in a bank, bury them in the backyard.

Eventually a third party can be enlisted to pass the money to the pimp to pay the mortgage and, we still can’t believe this wasn’t the jump-the-shark moment, to finance his campaign for Congress.

Parting words of advice: “live well” and “don’t get caught.”

By now everyone knows the “hooker” and her agent were secretly taping the meetings, which took place in ACORN offices in Brooklyn, Baltimore and Washington.

The undercoverambushes smack to some of entrapment; in Massachusetts, they are likely a violation of a law that prohibits recording conversations without consent.

All of that is large ly beside the point. Watching the ACORN employees blithely navigate around towering legal and moral obstacles, it’s hard to imagine a client whose circumstances would stump them, or even give them pause.

Add to that the continuing saga of ACORN’s questionable get-out-the-vote drive, which resulted in applications from Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and the starting lineup of the Dallas Cowboys, to name a few, and the group’s credibility is shot.

ACORN has liberal leanings and some conservatives are celebrating like they found a winning lottery ticket on the sidewalk. Besides being a socialist who wasn’t even born in America, Barack Obama was elected president with the support of ACORN, which is, the plot thickens, a community activist group. Sigh.

But you don’t have to be a political partisan to be incensed by the ACORN videos or by the group’s ignominious threats to sue the people who exposed them.

Soon after the clips hit the Internet, a bill to cut off federal housing and community development funds to ACORN passed the Senate by a vote of 83-7. To date, the group has received more than $50 million from the government. Oh my.

Both Illinois senators voted to keep the money flowing. We told you there’s a comedy sketch here.

Sen. Dick Durbin explains that ACORN has helped more than 100,000 families obtain homes. Sen. Roland Burris — remember his turn in “Red Blagojevich Superstar”? — said he didn’t want to pass judgment based on “a few isolated incidents.”

Others in Congress, meanwhile, are demanding a Justice Department investigation. The U.S. Census Bureau has decided it doesn’t want ACORN helping with next year’s body count, even for free. ACORN has fired some workers and promised an independent investigation.

Anyone with an Internet connection can click on one of many links and listen to ACORN workers dispensing advice like “Honesty is not going to get you the house” or “When the police ask you, you don’t know where it’s coming from.”

Enough. Shut off the federal spigot. If ACORN can prove it can run an honest operation, then we can talk about turning it back on.

This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Thursday.
‘Jennifer’s Body’ shows signs of life

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Directed by: Karyn Kusama
Starring: Megan Fox, Amanda Seyfried, Adam Brody
Rated: R
Release Date: 9/18
Rating: C+

Karyn Kusama should have went the alliteration route and titled her newest film “Smack and a Succubus.”

There is no need to mislead the viewers, this film is not really about Megan Fox and her dead eyes. Amanda Seyfried’s plain, high school nerd is the only character here with any semblance of depth. It is the easy and popular route to bash on Megan Fox, but she actually surprises for most of the film.

The “Transformers” star exhibits a comedic streak previously unseen and is obviously quite striking and frightening as head cheerleader turned man-eater (literally).

Fox plays Jennifer Check, the ultimate in popularity. The girls want to be her and the guys would probably be content to sit a table away from her at lunch. Jennifer talks Needy (Seyfried’s character, short for Anita) into checking out a B-List rock band, fronted by Nikolai Wolf (the always wonderfully sarcastic Adam Brody). One thing leads to another and the band sacrifices Jennifer to aid in its success in a deal-with-the-devil kind of thing.

Hiding behind her thrift shop threads and thick frame glasses, Needy is a budding gunshime. It does not take long for the young girl to deduce her best friend is brutally murdering and snacking on the school’s male population. Needy has to stop her old friend before she eventually makes it to her own boyfriend, ending in a bloody showdown.

Kusama and Diablo Cody (writer of “Juno” and author of this script) could have made their new film a real horror knockout. Cody’s dialogue is as biting as it was in “Juno,” but with someone less capable than Ellen Page, most of it falls flat. The only actor here able to pull off the sarcasm and wit is Brody and his screen time is minimal.

The story is a fine one. It throws two females into the lead roles of a film full of violence and sex. It is a rarity to see women take these roles and be the ones taking down some dudes. However, Kusama still struggles to find the balance of sex directing and female empowerment she pulled off so well with her film “Grillight.”

For all of the Cody and Fox backlash in the press and blogs, the film was not nearly as bad as message boards might lead one to believe. It contains a pretty big heart and enough blood and guts to keep everyone’s inner 12-year-old excited.

“Jennifer’s Body” may not break any box office records, but it will most likely reach a quick cult status upon its DVD release.
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JERUSALEM (AP) — President Obama will try to get Middle East peacemaking back on track this week in a meeting with the Israeli and Palestinian leaders, hoping the weight of the U.S. presidency can resolve a showdown over Israeli settlement construction and get the sides talking again after months of deadlock.

For Obama, it’s high-stakes diplomacy that relies on resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as key to cracking other world problems. He’ll be bringing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas together in New York on Tuesday for their first encounter since Netanyahu took office in March.

Obama faces a tough task. The Israelis and Palestinians have dug in deep to positions that have eluded compromise, despite multiple visits by Washington’s special U.S. envoy. Deep divisions among the Palestinians further complicate the process. And it’s far from clear whether there is enough common ground between the hawkish Netanyahu and the weakened Abbas.

The Palestinians hope to build a state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with east Jerusalem as its capital. Israel captured those territories in 1967. While Israel pulled out of Gaza in 2005, Netanyahu has given little indication that he is ready to make territorial compromises in the West Bank and east Jerusalem that would be crucial to reaching an accord.

After the meeting was announced Saturday, Netanyahu’s office said he “warmly accepts” the invitation. A senior Israeli official said the meetings in New York were meant to lay the groundwork for negotiations but would not constitute a relaunch of talks.

He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to articulate government policy on the record.

Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said the Palestinians felt the intervention of President Obama is a good sign, a sign of commitment on the part of the president.

He said they would talk about “obligations and commitments” and that the Palestinians believe this “real” meeting is an opportunity.

Talks on the Palestinian side are being handled by Abbas and his moderate Palestinian Authority. The Islamic militant Hamas group that overran Gaza in 2007 is not a party to the negotiation process.

In Gaza on Sunday, Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh castigated the new U.S. administration and said he wouldn’t recognize any accord.

“Any signature will be invalid, and it won’t bind the Palestinian people to anything,” Haniyeh said in a sermon in Gaza City at the start of the Muslim Eid al-Fitr holiday.

Obama is eager to mend relations with the Muslim world, which frayed badly over the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks and the U.S.-led wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He knows Washington’s close alliance with Israel goes to the heart of Muslim anger toward the West.

With this in mind, Obama has put heavy pressure on Israel to halt construction of settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. Netanyahu has said he will slow construction, but refused to accept an absolute freeze.

While the tough stance toward Israel has been welcomed in the Arab world, it also appears to have raised Palestinian expectations. Should Obama fail to win significant concessions from Israel, his credibility could suffer among Muslims and Arabs.

His public spat with Israel over the settlements has also strained relations with the Jewish state, where many wonder whether Obama is as committed to their safety as previous U.S. leaders were.

Belated by Washington’s stance, the Palestinians are showing new resolve on opposing settlement construction. Abbas has refused to begin negotiations without a settlement construction freeze. Abbas lost credibility among Palestinians after the latest round of peace talks with former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert broke down last winter following Israel’s bruising offensive against Hamas in Gaza.
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Missouri Valley Football Conference teams dominated in their final week of non-conference opponents as conference play begins Saturday. The conference went 6-1 against non-conference opponents, while Indiana State and South Dakota State played the first conference matchup of the year. All four games next week will be in-conference.

Youngstown State Penguins 18
Northeastern Huskies 21

Youngstown State quarterback Brandon Summers rushed for three touchdowns and passed for another as the Penguins won their second straight game by a score of 38-21. The Penguins outscored the Huskies 24-7 in the second half.

Missouri State Bears 35
Murray State Racers 10

Quarterback Jack Kirby and the Bears’ defense tore apart the Racers at home Saturday. Kirby threw for 223 yards and three touchdowns, while the Bears’ defense scored twice on two fumble recoveries, including a 55-yard fumble return, and a recovery in the Racers’ end zone.

Northern Iowa Panthers 30
St. Francis (PA) Red Flash 0

Panthers’ Jarred Herring returned the opening kick off 88 yards for a touchdown and Northern Iowa never looked back against the Red Flash. Northern Iowa quarterback Pat Grace threw for only 167 yards but connected with DJ Hield twice for touchdowns of two and 57 yards.

North Dakota State Bison 59
Wagner Seahawks 28

North Dakota State’s Pat Paschall, the leading rusher in the Football Championship Subdivision, rushed for 167 yards and two touchdowns Saturday as the Bison avoided their first 0-3 start since 1962. North Dakota State finished with 531 total yards of offense, including a school-record 91-yard rushing touchdown by Paschall.

South Dakota State Jackrabbits 41
Indiana State Sycamores 0

The game was all South Dakota State, as quarterback Ryan Crawford threw for 239 yards, and three different players rushed for a touchdown Saturday. The Jackrabbits’ defense showed its prowess, holding the Sycamores to five first downs the entire game. It was the second consecutive week Indiana State has failed to score.

Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks 40
Western Illinois Leathernecks 30

The Lumberjacks couldn’t match the 92 points they scored the previous game, but their 40 points was enough against the Leathernecks. Quarterback Jeremy Moss threw for 363 yards and four touchdowns, as Stephen F. Austin broke the 14-14 tie in the second quarter, going on a 26-16 run to end the game.

Illinois State Redbirds 38
Austin Peay Governors 7

The Redbirds notched their first win of the season in dominant fashion. The Redbirds forced six turnovers and held the Governors to only 109 total yards of offense. The Governors could not find an answer to Illinois State’s running back Clifton Gordon, who rushed for four touchdowns on 96 yards.

Andrew Seligman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Hounded in the opener and haunted in the early going again Sunday, Jay Cutler simply wanted a shot at redemption. He got it and finally lived up to his lofty billing.

Cutler made a big pass to Devin Hester, and Robbie Gould booted a 44-yard field goal with 15 seconds left to lift the Chicago Bears to a 17-14 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Cutler hit rookie Johnny Knox with the tying touchdown midway through the fourth quarter. After Jeff Reed missed his second field goal of the period, a 43-yarder, Cutler helped set up Gould’s winning kick with a 5-yard pass to Hester on third-and-4 at the Steelers 39 that kept the winning drive going. “I always hope to get a chance,” Cutler said. “I always think we’re going to get a chance if it’s 3 minutes or if it’s 30 seconds. All we want is a shot.”

Both teams were missing their defensive stars, with Chicago’s Brian Urlacher out for the rest of the season with a displaced right wrist and the Steelers’ Troy Polamalu out three to six weeks with a torn medial collateral ligament in his left knee. The Bears also saw defensive end Alex Brown get helped off the field with a sprained left ankle with just over four minutes remaining after collecting two sacks.

Cutler, however, came through like a star on a rainy afternoon in which he was pressured and had several passes dropped. Despite all that, his first home game with the Bears (1-1) was a big improvement over his debut with them.

He finished with 236 yards and two touchdowns, with no interceptions, after being picked off a career-high four times in a season-opening loss at Green Bay. Knox, a rookie, was impressive, too, with six catches for 70 yards.

That was enough to beat the defending champions and off-set solid performances by Ben Roethlisberger and Santonio Holmes.

“In the face of pressure he made great decisions, put the ball in some good locations and guys converted three downs,” Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. “They did enough to win, we didn’t. We accept responsibility for that.”

Roethlisberger threw for 221 yards and Holmes caught five passes for 83, yet Reed’s problems in the fourth quarter gave the Bears the opening they needed.

‘‘I’m just embarrassed, you know, because those guys fight their tails off to win the game,’’ Reed said. ‘‘If there is one player that can single-handedly lose the game, I’ll take credit for it.’’

The Steelers weren’t about to do that. “Not even a blink in our eyes that we’re concerned about what Jeff did,” Holmes said.

Roethlisberger gave the Steelers (1-1) a 14-7 lead midway through the third quarter when he ran in from the 2, leaping over a hang-up Danial Manning, after Sloan native and Illinois product Rashad Mendenhall broke off a 39-yard run. After hitting the winner in overtime against Tennessee, Reed missed a 38-yard try that would have made it a 10-point game in the fourth.
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The quarterback-turned-receiver had seven receptions and a career-high 144 yards receiving, including a 77-yard touchdown reception, blowing by the Bearcats’ secondary to catch junior quarterback Chris Drekel’s deep pass over the middle.

“It was the right place at the right time thing,” Allaria said. “I happened to catch a few, Chris made some nice throws. That’s what is expected of everybody at the receiver position.”

For the first two possessions, it looked as though the McAndrew home opener would be a nail-biter.

Southwest Baptist’s quarterback Steve Gachette led the Bearcats on a 78-yard touchdown drive to open the game, capping the drive off with an 18-yard touchdown pass to Charles Johnson with barely two minutes off the clock.

The Salukis responded immediately, as Kariun took the ensuing kickoff 82 yards to tie the game at seven.

“When they scored, it stunned us all,” Kariun said. “When we got in that huddle on the kickoff return, I was fired up and so was (junior running back) Richard (White).

Even so, the Salukis were able to hold the Bobcats to a field goal, and the game was effectively tied at 10.

“Once we tasted blood, Kariun and I ran for a touchdown.”

Moore said the Salukis were able to hold the Bobcats’ offense for the first time all season.

Not many teams have challenged the Belchick-Brady combo, and faced to speak about it. However, the Jets have found new life with the emergence of rookie quarterback Mark Sanchez, who I think has surprised even himself so far, and the film Ryan regrine has instilled a sense of swagger that the Jets hasn’t seen since Joe Namath was rocking his for jacket. I can’t even remember the last time Brady, and the Patriots for that matter, didn’t find the end zone. The only way that the Jets can prove that this weekend was no fluke, is to walk in Foxboro in November and shut down the Patriots again.

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Bervanger said the win would show other teams in the conference that SIU is better than last year and is a threat.

“I hope this makes teams ner-

vous to play us, because anything can happen,” Bervanger said.

Junior right side hitter Alicia Johnson recorded her second straight double-double of the season while freshman setter Rachael Brown now has 452 of the team’s 534 assists.

“They can take a lot of pressure and everybody else in the huddle. We said right then and there it was time to put that to an end and this is where it stops.”

Gachette led the Bearcats downfield again on the following possession, but was picked off by junior cornerback Korey Lindsey for his first of two picks on the day.

The Salukis’ defense shut the door after the first quarter. It gave up only 97 yards in the final three quarters after giving up 220 yards to the Bearcats in the first quarter.

The Salukis will play at home again Saturday, as it takes on North Dakota State. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. at McAndrew Stadium.

Southern Illinois University sophomore basketball guard Hare

Hare played in all 36 games last season for the Salukis, averaging 7.1 points per game.

We don’t have all of the facts yet, but we are certainly disappointed,” head coach Chris Lowery said in a press release. “Once we’ve gathered all of the facts, we will make an appropriate decision regarding Brady’s punishment.”

Lowery could not be reached for further comment.
FOOTBALL

Salukis smash Bearcats in home opener

Karim sets school record

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The final home opener at McAndrew Stadium was a historic one, as SIU had its way against Southwest Baptist (0-4) in a 59-7 victory Saturday.

SIU (1-1) finished the game with 699 yards of total offense against the Division II Bearcats, including a record-setting performance by senior running back Deji Karim.

Head coach Dale Lennon said his team was excited coming into Saturday's game after last week's bye.

"The guys were hungry and they wanted to play tonight," Lennon said. "You know, you just finish a game, and you lose and you feel like you had a chance to win and then you have to sit a week. I don't think that they overlooked Southwest Baptist and I feel that we really needed to win the game tonight and the guys responded."

Career games by Karim and junior Joe Allaria helped the Salukis to their near-700-yard game.

Karim, who missed all of last season with a knee injury, shattered the Saluki record book Saturday. The senior had 290 all-purpose yards on the day, and 210 yards on 10 carries in the backfield.

The 21 yards-per-carry is the best in Saluki history, smashing the old record by almost seven yards.

Karim credited the offensive line for clearing the way, which allowed the big gains on the ground.

"It was the offensive line that created those holes. They know once I see that hole I'm gonna go through it," Karim said. "Then the rest is up to me, as they tell me. The offensive line did their job and I did what I could."

While Karim showed how dangerous the Salukis' ground game is, Allaria showed it has some deep threats as well.

Junior wide receiver Joe Allaria runs past a Southwest Baptist defender during SIU's 59-7 win Saturday at McAndrew Stadium. Allaria caught seven passes for 144 yards and one touchdown.

VOLLEYBALL

Roberson makes history as SIU beats Evansville

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Evansville could only delay the Salukis 11-match winning streak.

SIU volleyball team defeated Evansville 3-1 (22-25, 20-25, 25-16, 25-18) Saturday after the match was postponed Friday because of a scheduling conflict with the official. The delay failed to slow down senior middle blocker Chandra Roberson.

Roberson broke the all-time block assists record for SIU. She recorded three block assists in the match, giving her 334 in her career.

"It felt amazing. I'm glad that I finally got it," Roberson said. "I knew that I needed about three, then I got my first two and it took one awhile to get the last one. So there is a little sigh of relief".

Roberson hit a team-best .526 with 11 kills, two service aces, two solo blocks and three block assists.

Roberson's teammates shared in the excitement of the record-setting day.

"I was extremely excited for her, the past couple of games we have been counting down," junior outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger said. "I told her I really wanted to be the one who was up there with her when she broke it. Unfortunately, I wasn't. I am happy that she can get recognized for what a great player she is.

"Berwanger got her eighth straight double-double as the victory with 16 kills and 10 digs.

SIU (11-0, 1-0) fall in the first set 25-22 but came back to win a close second set, 25-20. SIU dominated the last two sets, outscoring Evansville (5-10-1) 50-34.

"We knew that we had to stay mentally focused and positive and bring energy to the place," Berwanger said. "We knew that no matter what happened, we had to bring the energy to the room. Through the first game it was kind of dead, but the energy picked up and so did we".

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Karim runs into the record books

Ends final home opener with 21 yards-per-carry

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There was a hint of déjà vu Saturday as SIU redshirt senior running back Deji Karim did his best impression of last year's All-American Larry Warner on the kickoff return and in the backfield en route to a 59-7 victory over Southwest Baptist at McAndrew Stadium.

Karim finished the game with 290 total yards of offense, including an 82-yard kickoff return touchdowns and 210 yards on 10 carries.

The 21 yards-per-carry is the best single-game average for anybody with 10 or more carries in SIU history, nearly seven yards more than the previous record.

Head coach Dale Lennon said Karim has all the tools to be a great player.

"He has strength. He has the acceleration. He has speed. He has balance," Lennon said. "You really get to see that, when you do give him a seam, that acceleration is there. He can run by people."

Junior quarterback Chris Dieter said a combination of blocking and Karim's explosion led to the offensive success.

"Deji was running behind those blocks they were giving him, but at the same time, he was breaking tackles. I don't know how many breaks he had today," Dieter said. "But those are all on him and how hard of a worker he is."

He has strength. He has the acceleration. He has the speed.

--Dale Lennon
head coach

The 5-foot-11-inch, 200-pound running back has continued to build off the promise he showed during the 2007 season. Karim rushed for 386 yards and had a team-high eight touchdowns in 2007, but missed all of last season with a knee injury.

"Even before the game, I was probably the most excited out there because I haven't played out there in a year and a half," Karim said. "I learned a lot last year sitting out, but as a whole, I wanted to play so bad."

Karim is expected to take over the duties handled by Warner last year, who rushed for 2,249 all-purpose yards. Warner was behind only Akeem Whitehead for most all-purpose yards in a season at SIU.

Karim said the discussion of replacing Warner is not even mentioned on the team. Karim said Warner watched Saturday's game and the two had a friendly debate as to who was faster.

"(Warner) was in the stands today, and we were talking, and he said if it was him on that last run before I got pulled, he wouldn't have been caught," Karim said. "I hope I showed a little bit, that I was fast enough."