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McDonald's robbed at gunpoint

Police have no suspects

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A Carbondale McDonald's restaurant was the site of an armed robbery that allegedly occurred around 1 a.m. Thursday as three employees were closing the store.

According to Carbondale Police, the employees of the McDonald's restaurant at 2102 W. Main St. said they were outside locking the store's door. They said a masked man armed with a handgun walked toward them from the bushes close to a Shell convenience store on the lot east of the restaurant.

"The three of them were still standing close to the door getting ready to walk to their vehicles," said Carbondale Police Lt. John Sysma. "At that point, he yelled at them to stand still and approached them with the gun."

The employees told police the man ordered each of them back into the business and told the shift manager to get cash from the store's safe.

After the manager retrieved the cash for the armed man, the employees said the suspect locked them in a storage room.

Carbondale Police went to the restaurant after receiving a 2:10 a.m. phone call from one of the employee's parents who was concerned that the employee had not come home yet. Sysma said the employees were not able to call the police because the room had no telephone. Employees waited in the storage room until police responded to the scene.

"They were afraid," Sysma said. "They were not aware the suspect had actually left the store yet or not. So they wanted to wait a period of time to make sure the suspect had left."

Employees described the suspect as a 30-year-old black male who is six feet tall and weighs close to 200 pounds with a stocky build and black hair. The victims said he was wearing a dark-colored ski mask, a black, puffy waist length coat with a hood and dark-colored sweat pants.

Sysma said because the employees stayed

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Helen Tegeler, a graduate student in glassblowing, receives assistance from her partner, Jim Weiler, to put the finishing touches on her piece before it is taken to the kiln to cool off. Tegeler is also the president of Southern Glass Works. See story page 4.

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Gus Bode



Gus says:
Bobbie Robble.

Southern Illinois soon could be home to minor league team

Local doctor lays out
plan for attracting
team to Marion

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Southern Illinois is one step closer to obtaining a minor league baseball team.

Dr. William Hays, who has been researching the issue for more than a year, announced Thursday morning that the region is a prime area in which to bring a minor league franchise.

"We know that Southern Illinois will definitely, without question, support minor league baseball," Hays said during a press conference at the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center.

Hays laid out the steps involved in building a new baseball stadium and bringing a minor league team to the area.

The first phase was looking into the logistics

of the project and determining its feasibility. Hays, who heads Southern Illinois Professional Baseball, commissioned The Leib Group, LLC of Bethesda, Md., to study how viable a team would be in Southern Illinois.

The firm's 182-page study predicts an economic impact of \$6 million to \$9 million and that the team would create about 150 jobs during the building of the proposed stadium, which would be erected near Marion.

"I get nothing but positive comments from the public, and not just the Marion area," Hays said. "I think we've really got strong public support."

Hays said the next step is to secure the needed financing, which he determined to be roughly \$17 million. He said his group is already close to receiving all the necessary funds and hopes to announce that in the next four weeks, just in time for baseball's winter meetings in New Orleans.

The final phase will be the most difficult as Hays and his group must find an existing team willing to relocate to Marion. There are two minor leagues close to the area — the major

league-affiliated Class-A Midwest League and the independent Frontier League.

Hays said he prefers to go after a team affiliated with the major leagues but has not ruled out an independent team. He said his group is looking at about four teams and is taking a serious look at one in particular. While he could not go into too many details at the time, he did mention that the team would play 70 home games.

The Midwest League — which has teams in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin — plays a 140-game schedule, with 70 at home.

According to an article in the Des Moines Register, the city of Dubuque, Iowa, has been in negotiations with the Midwest League's Bartle Creek franchise to relocate.

No timetable for building a new stadium near Marion has been set. Hays said his group is looking at three or four different sites and has not finalized anything. He did say that it would

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SIU top counsel resigns to join private practice

Peter Ruger worked at
University for seven years

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Southern Illinois University's No. 1 lawyer will resign in January.

Peter Ruger, top counsel for SIU, submitted a letter of resignation to the president earlier this month. Ruger, who has worked for the University for seven years, will step down Jan. 7.

Ruger has taken a position at Tueth, Keeney, Cooper, Mohan and Jackstadt, a medium-sized law firm based in St. Louis and Edwardsville. The firm handles cases pertaining to subjects such as labor and health and specializes in education law.

"It seems like a good time for me to make

a change," Ruger said. "And it just seems like a good opportunity."

Ruger said his reasons pertained to more job satisfaction and a desire to contribute to other institutions. He worked with many of the lawyers in the firm before taking the position at SIU and has been negotiating with them for the past two years.

"I look forward to rejoining good friends and very good lawyers," Ruger said.

Shari Rhode, SIU's chief trial attorney, said Ruger was a good lawyer and will be missed.

"I think he's going on to do something that he loves in just a different form," Rhode said. "St. Louis is an area that he's spent a lot of his life in, and he's going to stay very much involved in higher education, which has always been his passion."

According to Duane Stucky, vice president for Financial and Administrative Affairs



Ruger

and Board Treasurer, the University began a nation-wide search for a replacement last week and has already received a handful of replies.

Stucky said they hope to have a replacement by early spring, either from the pool of candidates or from within the system.

According to Scott Kaiser, executive assistant for government relations, SIU President James Walker has not yet decided whom he will appoint as acting lead counsel.

Kaiser said that although the president is disappointed Ruger is leaving, he understands that he needs to pursue other career opportunities.

The resignation came as a surprise to some, but Ruger said he notified Walker this summer that he would be leaving within the next year. He said he decided he wanted a change in his career direction, although he has enjoyed working at the University.

"The hardest thing is leaving behind the capable attorneys on the SIU staff," Ruger said.

"I feel proud in that I leave behind a legal office that's much better than the one I found when I got here, and I'm sure they're going to continue to provide even better representation to all of SIU."

Ruger said he feels he has made a significant contribution to the University and can now move on. Stucky said it would be difficult to replace Ruger's talent.

"We all have really valued Peter Ruger's work at the University and his advice," Stucky said, "and we all wish him well."

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NATIONAL NEWS

530 hepatitis cases linked to restaurant

PITTSBURGH, Penn. — The number of cases of hepatitis A linked to a Mexican restaurant rose to 530 Wednesday, but state health officials said the outbreak has slowed considerably since last week, when dozens of new cases were being reported daily.

Secretary of Health Calvin Johnson said officials still haven't determined whether tainted green onions are behind the outbreak at the Chi-Chi's restaurant, but were continuing to investigate.

Although at least one person reported contracting the disease after eating at the Beaver Valley Mall restaurant northwest of Pittsburgh as early as Sept. 20, hundreds of cases have been linked to people who ate there in the first week of October, officials said.

Follow the news that matters to you. Three people infected with the virus have died, and thousands have received inoculations against the disease. Health screenings have shown more than 9,700 people may have been exposed to the virus at the Mexican restaurant since last month.

Health investigators say they still don't know the source of the virus. They're looking at foods such as green onions, which have been linked to smaller outbreaks in other states.

Since the outbreak, Louisville, Ky.-based Chi-Chi's has

closed the restaurant, announced that it would remove green onions from all 100 of its locations, and that it would mandate workers to fill out sick logs.

Daschle will back energy bill

WASHINGTON (KRT) — Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle announced late Wednesday that he would support a wide-ranging energy bill crafted behind closed doors by Republicans.

The bill includes more than \$6 billion for producers of ethanol, a corn-based gasoline substitute. Daschle, a long-time ethanol advocate who is up for re-election in South Dakota in 2004, told a radio station there that the legislation would benefit its farmers, Daschle's spokeswoman, Molly Rowley, confirmed.

Daschle's announcement boosted the spirits of Senate Republican leaders, who scrambled much of the day to find enough votes to defeat a bipartisan uprising that threatened to kill the energy bill. Republican supporters now feel confident they can defeat any procedural blocks to final passage, said Marnie Funk, spokeswoman for the Senate Energy Committee.

The House passed the measure 246-180 on Tuesday.

In trying to pass a national energy policy, Republican congressional leaders discovered support for energy and environmental issues doesn't break down along party lines. The lines drawn in the Senate were regional.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bush warns complacency against terror could spur more attacks

LONDON (KRT) — Locking beyond his British hosts, President Bush challenged Europe on Wednesday to embrace his vision of spreading democracy around the globe and reshaping the Middle East.

On a pomp-filled, protest-laden first day of a three-day state visit, Bush forcefully confronted critics of his handling of Iraq and the war on terrorism, warning them that inactivity and complacency could spur more terrorist attacks.

"The hope that danger has passed is comforting, is understanding, and it is false," Bush said before 220 academics at Banqueting House.

"There are principled objections to the use of force in every generation, and I credit the motives behind these views," Bush said, adding: "Those in authority, however, are not judged only by good motivations. The people have given us the duty to defend them. And that duty sometimes requires violent restraint of violent men."

The president said Europe needs to confront the world's dangers through a "three-pillar" strategy of working through such international institutions as the United Nations, being willing to use force to stamp out "aggression and evil" and dedicating itself to spreading democracy to prevent the rise of dictatorships such as that of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Bush said democracy is also the key to solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The decades-old battle will never be resolved, the president said, until there is a democratic Palestinian state bordering Israel.

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POLICE REPORTS

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Andrew John Schiavo, 21, of Belvidere was arrested and charged with resisting and obstructing a peace officer, battery and disorderly conduct at 7:59 p.m. Sunday at Feltz Hall in Thompson Point. Schiavo posted \$100 cash bond and was released.

Michael J. Smallwood II, 20, of Smithton was cited for failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in Lot 13. Smallwood posted driver's license as bond.

Criminal damage to a vehicle reportedly occurred at 9:21 p.m. Sunday in Lot 4. There are no suspects.

Criminal damage to state supported property occurred when a five-pointed star and numbers were reportedly spray painted on a ceiling of a porch at 4:10 a.m. Thursday on at Allen Hall III. There are no suspects.

CALENDAR

There are no items to report.

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Higher education spending increased in 2002

Governor to do further analysis of IBHE funding

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An Illinois Board of Higher Education report released earlier this month said expenditures at public universities are continuing to rise, citing a 5.5 percent increase in funds spent from fiscal years 2002 to 2003.

The report said total expenditures from all fund sources grew from \$4.29 billion to \$4.52 billion during this period, primarily from expenditures from non-appropriated funds, which saw a 10 percent increase. Public university revenue also reached a high of \$4.65 billion.

All Illinois universities annually submit reports of enrollment and expenditures through IBHE's Resource Allocation and Management Program. This year they were required to submit more detailed information on funding within 120 days of the conclusion of the fiscal year to comply with a law enacted July 22. The law requires the information from all state-supported institutions of higher education, and the numbers are then compiled by IBHE and submitted to the governor and General Assembly.

Don Severn, director of Communications for IBHE, said previously the more detailed submissions will allow easier monitoring of university spending across the state.

Sergio Molina, spokesman for the governor, said the governor received the report earlier this month and plans to do an analysis of the funding.

State appropriated funds represent the largest overall source of revenue for public universities at 30.4 percent, and more than half of the funds, 51.2 percent, were designated as unrestricted, meaning no guidelines limited the use of the money.

Instructional programs generated the greatest source of expenditures at 26.5 percent, a 2.5 percent increase from the previous year. Independent operations, student housing and food services grew the most during this period at 30.6 percent. Institutional support expenditures and general administrative costs declined the most at 17.8 percent.

A similar trend occurred at SIUC for fiscal year 2003. Instructional programs made up the largest percentage of total expenditures at 29.6 percent. Independent operations saw the largest increase at 64.5 percent, and institutional support decreased by 6 percent. Organized research had the largest decrease in expenditures, about 10 percent.

The University received about \$339 million in revenue. Total expenditures, at \$325.8 million, increased 3.3 percent, or \$10 million, from the previous year.

The SIU system, including both the Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses and the School of Medicine, spent about \$606 million and received about \$610 million in revenue.

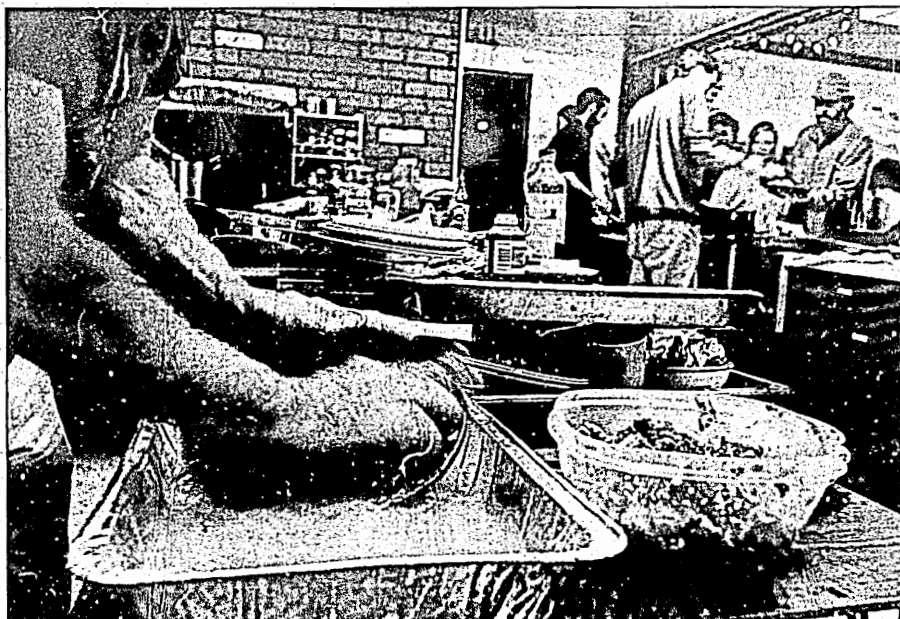
The University of Illinois, Illinois State University and Western Illinois University showed similar trends to SIUC.

Eastern Illinois University went over its budget, spending about \$100,000 more than it brought in. It spent \$145.9 million, the largest portion of which went to instructional programs. Even though it operated at a slight deficit, its expenditures decreased about \$10 million from fiscal year 2002.

Independent operations had the largest increase in spending, raising 57 percent, but Institutional Support and Operation and Management of the Physical Plant received large cuts, decreasing by about 50 percent each.

There are no specific plans for the data at this time, but it was simply commissioned for informational purposes.

The governor asked for that report in order to bring more transparency to the higher education budget process," Molina said.



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Volunteers wash plates and serve vegetarian and vegan food to approximately 200 people during the annual Vegetarian Thanksgiving Dinner at the Interfaith Center. The annual event is a collaborative effort between several campus and community organizations including the SIU Environmental Center, Southern Sustainability and Campus Shawnee Greens.

Vegetarians, vegans celebrate Thanksgiving holiday early

Organizations combine efforts to sponsor early Thanksgiving meal

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Vegetarians: Do not eat beef, poultry or pork.

Vegans: Do not eat eggs or animal by-products.

The Interfaith Center does limit its Thanksgiving services to either one.

A sign listing the difference between vegans and vegetarians hung on the wall of the Interfaith Center where approximately 200 vegetarians, vegans and neither of the above came to attend the annual Vegetarian Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner had a suggested donation of \$5 with proceeds going to the Interfaith Center and the food pantry.

"There's a real diversity in food and no one is going to leave without finding something they like," said Hugh Muldoon, director of the Interfaith Faith Center who helps to organize the event each year. "We just hope that people will try things and find something that helps them on the path to eating a little lower on the food chain."

The event has been going on for approximately 20 years, a collaborative effort of several campus and community organizations. This year's sponsors include the Interfaith Center, SIU Student Environmental Center, Southern Sustainability and Campus Shawnee Greens. More than 20 workers have been cooking since Tuesday and spent the entire day preparing for the dinner.

According to Kris Schachel, who helped to coordinate the event, attendees began lining up as early as a half hour before the dinner. The line of people waiting to try vegan gravy, acorn salad and pie-shaped tofu turkey spread to the sidewalk a half hour after the dinner officially began.

Though Pam Blackledge is neither a vegetarian nor vegan, she stood in line for

15 minutes to eat dinner and show support for the Interfaith Center.

Tibebe Desalegne, a graduate student from Ethiopia, spent about the same amount of time waiting to attend the event he heard about from Muldoon.

"I just wanted to taste different vegetarian food," said Desalegne, a student in civil engineering who said he had never tried vegetarian or vegan food. "It was worth the wait."

"I think the event gives a great sense of community," said Laurie Hanselmann, the president of the Student Environmental Center who has been with the group for the past three years. "It's a great chance to meet different people, to see a different side of things and expose people to vegetarianism."

Hanselmann, who has been a vegetarian for four years, said she still has the occasional challenges but feels much happier and healthier as a vegetarian. She said some believe being a vegetarian is unhealthy and though she has had to be more conscious of her eating habits, this is simply not the case.

As in previous years, the meal Hanselmann and volunteers prepared was made up entirely of vegan and vegetarian foods including bean salad and tofu turkey. The menu and preparation for the event was the effort of both sponsors and members of the community who have been planning the event since mid-October.

The dinner, which has always been a popular draw for students and community members, attracted about 180 attendees last year. Organizers relied on fliers and particularly word-of-mouth to inform community members and students about the dinner.

Kris Schachel, a research assistant for Southern Sustainable Health, said the event is not only an opportunity to socialize within the community but also a way to get a better understanding of vegetarian and vegan foods.

"This is basically a time to come together and appreciate good food," said Schachel, who has been with the organization for the past four years. "It's a chance for people



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The Interfaith Center held their annual Vegetarian Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday night, providing an array of food including acorn salad, pie-shaped tofu turkey spread and vegan gravy. More than 20 workers have been cooking since Tuesday and spent the entire day preparing for the dinner.

to understand that not eating meat is not necessarily a sacrifice. You'd be surprised at how good a lot of food tastes that is not processed or made from animal products."

While organizers are happy with turnout for the event, Muldoon said turnout was not the focus of the event.

"We don't worry about how many people come out," Muldoon said. "We just want people to come out and have good food and be happy. We're not into the heavy ideology of things. We're just into celebrating the good things and being good to ourselves and the earth."

BLOWN Away

Annual Christmas sale sponsored by
Southern Glass Works will take
place Dec. 2, 3

story by BETHANY KRAJELIS

There is a room tucked away in Pulliam Hall that is always hot. There is no room number on the door, but the doors are open everyday from 8 a.m. until 2 a.m.

You can feel the warm air in the doorway and you can see the brightness immediately. Sunglasses are recommended, and a thin, white T-shirt is the common apparel — regardless of the weather outside.

This hot room houses SIUC's glassblowing studio. SIUC is one of the few uni-

versities in the nation that offers a glassblowing major through the School of Art and Design. There



AMANDA WHITLOCK — DAILY EGYPTIAN

Scott Gamble uses the marver to balance his blowpipe while blowing out the glass to his desired size. The annual glass sale, which is sponsored by Southern Glass Works, will take place at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2 and 3 at the glass house located 1007 W. Mill St.



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(From left) Nick Cimino, a senior in glassblowing, assists Scott Gamble, a senior double majoring in glass and ceramics, by using a paddle to protect heat from Gamble's arm while he shapes the piece.

are currently 25 students at SIUC who have taken on the busy life of being a glassblower.

In addition to the major, students are required to be involved in Southern Glass Works, an Registered Student Organization designed to help fund equipment and fees.

The University's budget provides electricity, gas and the facilities for the program but does not cover some of the necessities.

The additional cost of equipment, tools and keeping the studio running comes from SGW. The organization sponsors an annual Christmas sale, which is its primary source of raising money.

Helen Tegeler, a graduate student in glassblowing, is also the president of SGW and said the sale is an important event for SGW.

"If we didn't have the Christmas sale, we couldn't function," Tegeler said.

Each member of SGW is required to donate a number of hand blown glass ornaments to the sale. Profits will be given to SGW and will go directly back to the students.

Tegeler, a 10-year veteran of glassblowing, has been working for the past month on ornaments and other hand blown pieces to put in the Christmas sale.

Tegeler said she has a busy schedule, spending about 15 hours each week in the studio. In addition to four classes, she also teaches the introductory class and has an assistantship, which adds 10 more a week to her schedule.

Along with Tegeler, the majority of the students in the glass program also have a hectic schedule because of the hours the shop is open. The glass studio is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, including most holidays and breaks.

Each student is given assigned blow slots to work and is required to assist a fellow student because two people are needed to blow glass.

Scott Gamble, a double major in glassblowing and ceramics, said not only is the program a learning experience but also a place to meet friends.

Gamble, who is planning to graduate in May, said SGW is essential to the glass program at SIUC.

"It is a great organization," Gamble said.

"It helps us raise money to keep our shop up."

Not only does Gamble commit to 24 hours of glassblowing each week, he has 12 credit hours and

works on-campus an additional 12 hours a week.

Jim Weiler, a graduate student in glassblowing and SGW treasurer, assists Tegeler on a weekly basis.

Starting with sculptures, Weiler said he quickly became interested in glass. He has been blowing glass since 1995.

Weiler said SGW is a "necessary evil" in order to keep the program running and to provide the equipment and tools needed.

"It makes students accountable and gives them practical experience in the field," he said.

The glass sale, which will take place at the glass house at 1007 W. Mill St., will display and sell work made from students in the glass department.

"Ornaments make great gifts," Tegeler said.

"Glass is always a great Christmas gift."

In addition to the Christmas sale sponsored by SGW, the remaining pieces will be moved to the Student Center for the Annual Craft Sale taking place Dec. 4 through Dec. 6.

The glass studio is open for approximately 18 hours each day, which makes waking up early and staying up late a difficult task. Some students use coffee and soda to function, while others use their love of glass.

"I am motivated to blow glass," said John Litvinenko, a senior in glassblowing.

"It is what I do and what I love."

Litvinenko spends more than 24 hours a week in the glass studio. On top of the 12 credits hours he takes at SIUC, he also works 21 hours at Bistro 51.

"Sometimes things break. It just happens," he said.

"But it's all worth it in the end."

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The annual glass sale, which is sponsored by Southern Glass Works, will take place at 7:30 Dec. 2 and 3 at the glass house located at 1007 W. Mill St. The 25th annual Student Center Craft Sale will take place Dec. 4 and Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

“It makes students accountable and gives them practical experience in the field.”

— Jim Weiler
graduate student, glass blowing, SGW treasurer

BASEBALL

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Washington Sniper suspect found guilty

Jane Black
U-WIRE (DC BUREAU)

WASHINGTON (U-WIRE) — Convicted sniper John Allen Muhammad now faces a possible death sentence for the 23 day shooting spree that left 10 people dead and three wounded in the Washington, D.C., area last fall. He was convicted of killing civil engineer Dean H. Myers on Oct. 9, 2002, at a gas station as part of a plot to terrorize the D.C. area and extort \$10 million from the government.

Muhammad, 42, was unanimously found guilty Monday on two counts of capital murder and terrorism. The jury of seven women and five men deliberated for seven hours over two days before reaching their verdicts.

Muhammad became the first person to be convicted under Virginia's anti-terrorism law, which was enacted after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The jury must now decide whether to give Muhammad the death sentence. The defense team has told the jury that they plan to show Muhammad still has "worth and value."

Prosecutors will continue to push that Muhammad's custody dispute with his ex-wife led him to commit multiple killings.

"This is not just someone who shot one or two people during a robbery, but it's a methodical crime spree and the numbers of dead people are great," said Attorney Mark J. Yeager, a criminal defense lawyer in Fairfax City.

That's what makes this such a difficult case for the defense. If the person is guilty the likelihood for death is great.

Many are concerned that jury members in Lee Boyd Malvo's trial could easily learn the verdict in Muhammad's case and play a significant role in how they view Malvo's case. Malvo is the 18-year-old accomplice of Muhammad on trial for his alleged shooting

role in the sniper attacks.

"Even if jury members inadvertently hear about Muhammad's verdict I don't think it will have much effect," said Yeager. "First of all, no one is going to be surprised that Muhammad was convicted; the defense in Muhammad case rested on two very esoteric legal arguments that had very little to do with the facts. There was no question that he was probably involved in string of shootings."

Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Jane Marum Roush warned jurors not to watch the news or pay attention to the media. Like the panel in Muhammad's case, the jurors in Malvo's trial are not sequestered.

Malvo's defense is telling jurors that their client was indoctrinated by Muhammad, a Svengali-like figure who took over Malvo's life. They say Malvo should not be found guilty by reason of insanity and that he did not know right from wrong at the time of the shootings.

McDONALD'S

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inside the windowless storage room, they could not determine if the suspect left the scene in a vehicle or on foot.

"There was no vehicle seen before or after the robbery, but that doesn't mean the person didn't have one in the general area," Sysma said. "There were no windows in the locked room, so they couldn't see out to where he left."

The last armed robbery of a Carbondale restaurant occurred Sept. 21 when the Carbondale Sonic at 950 E. Main St. was also robbed by a masked man with a handgun after the store had closed. Sysma said police also do not have suspects in that armed robbery.

Carbondale Police are asking for the public's help in the armed robbery and have not developed any suspects from the incident.

"We're just hoping that somebody happened to be working in the area or driving by," Sysma said. "They may have seen a strange vehicle or someone may have picked a guy up hitchhiking wearing similar clothing in that area. Anything would help."

A masked man armed with a handgun reportedly robbed the Sonic drive-in restaurant on a Sunday night shortly after the store closed.

Carbondale Police Lt. John Sysma said three Sonic employees were in the process of leaving the restaurant after the store closed at 11 p.m. when the man approached an employee who was leaving through the store's unlocked door.

"They were in the final process of exiting the business," Sysma said. "The next step would have been to set the alarm and walk away."

Sysma said the suspect accosted that employee with the handgun and demanded the other two Sonic workers to exit the building.

Sysma said the man directed the store's shift manager to go into the store and retrieve the business's night deposit bag. The suspect forced the other two employees to lie down in the store's parking lot and watched them while the manager was in the building.

After the manager handed the night deposit bag to the masked man, Sonic employees said the suspect fired a round into the air and ordered the three employees to lie face down.

Sysma said the employees lay down for a minute or two and then called 911 on a cell phone at 11:19 p.m.

Sysma said because the employees were forced to lie down, they could not determine whether the suspect left the scene in a vehicle or on foot.

The lieutenant said the employees

described the man as a black male in his late 20s who is between 5-feet-10 and 6 feet tall, weighs close to 200 pounds and has a medium to stocky build. He was reportedly wearing a dark-colored button down shirt, dark slacks, a pair of boots and full-face mask similar to a ski mask.

Sysma said the employees saw no customers in the store's lot while the robbery occurred.

This was the first attempted robbery at Sonic since an unsuccessful armed robbery attempt occurred in January 2002. Sysma said Carbondale Police arrested at least two suspects in that investigation.

The Carbondale Sonic's store manager declined to comment on either armed robbery.

Sysma said help from any witnesses who may have been near the drive-in restaurant Sunday night is necessary to complete the investigation.

"Certainly, we're looking for anybody that may have been passing by in the area and seen someone on foot near the business," Sysma said.

Anyone with information regarding the armed robbery can call the Carbondale Police Department at 549-5121 or give an anonymous tip to Carbondale Crime Stoppers at 549-2677.

hold 5,000 to 6,000 people and most likely be located near either state Route 13 or Interstate Highway 57.

Although the stadium would be used primarily by the as yet to be determined minor league team, it would not be the sole beneficiary. Local college and high school teams would also likely be able to use the facility from time to time.

Hays said he would be "ticked to death" to have the SIU baseball team or a local junior college team play in the new stadium.

SIU head coach Dan Callahan, who was present at the press conference, sees the current development as nothing but positive.

"In a big proportion of minor league baseball," said Callahan, who played for a year in the San Diego Padres organization. "I go from time to time, and it's a great family atmosphere.

"What's interesting about minor league baseball, as far as the professional side of it, it's not about winning and losing at all; it's all about development. From a fan standpoint, it's all about entertainment."

He said the presence of a professional facility only about 15 miles from campus could be a definite bonus, both in terms of playing games and in recruiting.

"It would be nice to know that that would be an option, to play in a place like that," Callahan said. "It'd be nice to know that we did have access to lights if we needed them."

"Anytime you're able to take a prospective recruit to show him a \$10 -12 million ballpark and say 'this is where we play a home game from time to time,' that's something that can be enticing. But I think you'd have to make it clear that it's not our facility and we wouldn't have total access to it."

The stadium is being modeled after the one in Sauget, which houses the Gateway Grizzlies of the Frontier League. GMC Stadium, which was built in 2002 for about \$11.5 million, is an open-air facility and includes lawn seating and has two hot tubs near the right field foul pole.

The Salukis played in GMC Stadium earlier this year when they closed out the regular season against Saint Louis, and Callahan said it was a positive experience for his team.

SIU could be playing games in Marion within a couple seasons if things progress as planned for Hays and SIPB.

"If everything falls into place the way we hope, if everything gels, if ever 'thing clicks,' Hays said, "we could play baseball as early as April of 2005."

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OUR WORD

Protesters weren't silenced

During Gov. Rod Blagojevich's visit to campus last week, more was disclosed about the University and Blagojevich's administration than the good news about money coming to Morris Library. In fact, with one action, we found out more than we wanted to believe about either party.

After some investigation, it seems the University, along with Blagojevich's staff, did in fact restrict one of the most important Constitutional guarantees — freedom of speech.

At least that is the claim coming from professors Mark Schneider and Joan Friedenberg. The married couple claims they were denied the right to hold a 7-foot-by-3-foot vinyl banner during the governor's appearance. Both Robert Jensen, SIUC interim provost, and Angelyne Amores, a governor's aide who was part of Blagojevich's entourage that day, affirmed the professors' claim.

But while the professors say their freedom of expression was violated, Jensen and Amores said the banner was banned because it was a security issue.

While the banner, bearing the words, "New trustees for SIU, it's our only hope," was certainly large, it is hard to imagine the stickless sign being a threat, unless, of course, it would cause the governor an uncomfortable moment in front of a media frenzy.

But that is not the case, according to the University and the governor's aides. Instead, they said if the banner were to be unfurled, the crowd would have been obstructed from entry and exit. It would also have interfered with the University's program, two things that are strictly prohibited by the University.

And so, the professors were threatened with arrest if they did not comply with the requests made by members of Blagojevich's staff, campus police and Chancellor Walter Wendler that the sign be removed. Because, after all, it was a security risk and the auditorium was not the area where protesting on that scale could occur.

Instead, they were told they should take their sign to the open forum area, the only place on campus that officially allows demonstrations.

Still, Jensen said, "If it had been out front of the Student Center, it wouldn't have posed a problem. And if they had a sign a foot-by-18 inches, compared to a large vinyl banner, that would have been quite a different kettle of fish."

But that is not how the University's policies and procedures read.

It does however state that "Obstruction, disruption or interference with vehicle traffic, teaching, research, administrative functions for other University activities by not maintaining reasonable access to and exit from any office, classroom, laboratory or building," can result in arrest of those involved.

Was the sign obstructing the view of others? It is certainly a possibility, or could have been, but the professors offered compliance by asking to simply show the sign to the governor and then put it away.

This offer was rejected.

Clearly the sign could have posed 100 other threatening possibilities, including creating an environment where more people would be encouraged to demonstrate. And we all know that would be a travesty.

Or, in a room swarming with cameras, the governor could have been caught off guard.

The University, police and Blagojevich's staff made a decision that day to deny two professors from publicly encouraging the governor to make long-awaited decisions about our Board of Trustees. Or, rather, they told the couple to protest where it is officially allowed — a.k.a. where no one would have seen it.

But, then again no one say it anyway. We heard about it, though.



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GUEST COLUMNIST

People should consider indirect effects of marriage ruling

Aaron Camire
The Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

BOSTON (U-WIRE) — In 1780, John Adams did not include a definition of marriage as he drafted the Massachusetts state constitution. More than 200 years later, the Supreme Judicial Court ruled that this allowed for gay marriages. The Daily Free Press claims "forbidding loving couples to marry clearly denies them the dignity and equality afforded to all other citizens."

My question to the Free Press and other defenders of this ruling is this: Do you support bigamists' right to marry if the individuals are clearly in love? Do you support the right of a 15-year-old and a 35-year-old, or the right of a father and a daughter, to marry if they are "loving couples?"

Can members of the pedophilic National Man-Boy Love Association, NAMBLA, get married to prepubescent boys? (If you think that this is a far-fetched scenario, read NAMBLA's mission statement.) According to this broad ruling, all these groups and individuals potentially have the right to be married in Massachusetts. Gee, sounds like the "degradation" of marriage to me.

I would also like to know how this ruling impacts "dignity and equality" to homosexuals. Has anyone ever said, "I look down on homosexuals because they cannot marry?" Even if someone has said this, he or she was wrong.

Gay people, like all men and women, can be married to members of the opposite sex, but they make a lifestyle choice for which there is no precedent of marriage. Homosexuals are not barred from marriage

because on they are gay — which would be inequality — but because they make a choice.

Equality means equal rights and opportunities, not changing thousands of years of Western tradition to accommodate individuals unhappy with the consequences of their choices.

I would like to know exactly by whom and by what processes the idea of marriage as a heterosexual union for the raising of children has become obsolete. That you say it is now obsolete suggests that it was once useful.

When, and why, did this tradition become obsolete? Is it simply because some people don't like the fact they can't marry due to the way they live? And yes, there have been some traditions in United States' history that have been bad, but the fact that slavery was an abomination does not justify the "modification" of marriage.

Personally, I don't care what individuals do behind closed doors as long as other people are not being physically harmed. I don't care if homosexual couples are given certain benefits of marriage.

But the push for gay marriage is about more. It is an effort to push a statistical deviancy into the mainstream, and as hard as creating "further tolerance and acceptance" is, trying to control a social revolution is nearly impossible.

You backers of this ruling may succeed, but don't be surprised when you find bigamists, pedophiles and incestuous couples riding on your coat tails.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A wise man can see more from the bottom of a well than a fool can from a mountain top.”

Unknown

WORDS OVERHEARD

“There's power in presence. This shows we're not afraid. We're proud.”

Slacey Aceves explaining how she hopes the Saluki Rainbow Network can influence society through painting the Pride socks

COLUMNIST

American culture is being abused

America is a nation that is compulsively dependent on Prozac and fast diets, a nation obsessed with sex, where people get married to be divorced, and children are shot at schools in daylight. A nation where anyone can sue claiming to be an arcane child of Elvis Presley, where most white men are gay and all black men are criminals. Sexual offenders, sexy models, sleazy talk, insane reality, dehumanized war escapades, family debacles, vulgar music videos, dumb blondes and arrogant leaders — it is American culture in one line.

In more blatant terms, America is a snobbish, self-centered nation with no cultural identity. I remember sitting on a cozy couch back home in India, glued to the box for a decade and coming to these conclusions.

I have lived in the United States for three years and realize that there is more to America than the meanings that I constructed for over a decade. However, it is naive to assume that cultural representations in popular media are abandoned by reality. These caricatured images in multitude, though exaggerated versions of a culture, most certainly influence and reshape the culture.

These representations may not truly reflect the culture we live in, but in subtle ways they advocate the ways in which we should live. They normalize the abnormal and endorse the unwanted. For instance, children in the American society have an unrestricted rendezvous with sacrilegious video games and television programming with explicit violence from a very young age.

Though not necessarily a direct or isolated cause, violent images do "desensitize" children toward violence and portray violent behavior as "common" and socially acceptable. So — no surprise — there are free shooting sprees in schools every now and then.

As defined by anthropologists Larry Samovar and Richard Porter, "culture refers to the cumulative deposit of knowledge, experience, beliefs, values, attitudes, meanings, hierarchies, religion, notions of time, roles, spatial relations, concepts of the universe and material objects and possessions acquired by a group of people in the course of generations through individual and group striving."

In other words, culture is a complex structure that encompasses various facets of a society and donates identity to the society. But the incessantly bombarded American



From a distance

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popular cultural product is mostly incognizant, incomprehensive and inept. It is very simple and binary, with meanings void of any context. No longer does it want to reflect the culture, but it wants to determine the culture.

The closest term to the word "culture" is the term "history." If culture is not a perfect synonym to the term history, at least it is a true reflection of history. Culture is the legacy that history has bestowed us. As we deposit ourselves along with our times into the "dustbin of history" we are going to leave an altered, distorted and newly created legacy (culture) behind for future generations to use as a guide for defining and shaping their own identity.

As Abraham Lincoln, one of the greatest rhetorical maestros, stated, "We cannot escape history." So as long as we cannot escape history, we cannot escape culture, and as long as we cannot escape culture we cannot escape but we will continue to create, alter, evolve and distort culture. But the popular cultural product lacks historical background, and a sense of time and space.

So, the creation is crude, alteration is asinine and the distortion is deadly. Celebrating the undesirable, endorsing the incomprehensible and exaggerating the reality beyond recognition, most of the popular media images not only have misrepresented American culture but also have established a fleeting cultural identity that fails to take refuge under history and brutally discounts the multiplicity of the cultural kaleidoscope.

When MTV becomes more reliable consultant than mom, Britney Spears articulates the rubric of "cool," and "The Man Show" constructs the meaning of masculinity, culture is most definitely abused, and abuse of culture is an invitation to insanity.

From a distance appears every other Friday. Kiran is a doctoral student in the College of Mass Communications and Media Arts. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

COMMUNITY LEADERS' FORUM

Education must remain top priority

U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello
12th District, Illinois

This week is American Education Week, which recognizes the educators, administrators and school staff that instruct our children and keep them safe and healthy. First celebrated in 1921, it is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and a long list of school-related associations. We can all remember at least one teacher or administrator that made a difference in our lives, so it is altogether appropriate to take this time each year to say thanks. It is also a good opportunity to emphasize the critical need to provide our children with the best education possible. Education must remain a top priority.

I have always believed that education spending is one of the best federal investments. The dollar for dollar return to society for programs such as Head Start, which prepares young children for school, bears this out. We need to continue to do more to ensure that our children have the best possible learning environments, including reducing class sizes, building new schools and maintaining existing facilities, making sure there is a well-paid, qualified teacher in every classroom and ensuring each child is learning at a baseline level.

The last two points are a major part of the bipartisan No Child Left Behind Legislation enacted in 2001. Led by President Bush, Republicans and Democrats reached agreement on these few concepts, that we need the best qualified teachers, that students would undergo yearly testing to make sure they meet minimum education requirements, and that more resources would be devoted to the education of our children.

The results so far have been mixed. I am very disappointed that the president has not lived up to his promise to fully fund the No Child Left Behind Act. While the mandates on our schools are in place, the federal funds promised have not been received. The shortfall for this year could be as large as \$8 billion. I am working to close this gap.

We will need to be patient as we learn from this process. The key thing to remember is that as problem areas are identified we can address them — it is better to know a student is struggling and help them than not to know. We must reassure teachers that we stand ready to work with them — not blame them — to

equip our children to reach their maximum potential. And we must fully fund the No Child Left Behind program. The missing \$8 billion means two million children will not get reading and math help, one million children will not have after-school programs, and 80,000 fewer teachers will get high-quality training. It also means many children will be less prepared to attend college.

While getting an education has never been so important, given the technological demands of the 21st century workplace, going to college has never been more expensive. It remains a fact that people who receive a college degree have more earning power than those who do not. At the same time, tuition at state universities increased nationwide — as much as 40 percent in some states. Due to record-high financial barriers, more than 400,000 low and moderate-income high school graduates who are fully prepared to attend a four-year college will be unable to do so. Students and their parents are being forced to shoulder an even greater share of the rising costs of attending college.

This is another area where federal assistance plays a very important role. The federal Pell Grant program is the single largest source for postsecondary education aid, providing an estimated \$12.5 billion to students in fiscal year 2003. Awards are need-based, allowing many students who would not otherwise be able to afford college to continue their education.

However, since the program started in 1973, there have been only three years when Pell Grants were fully funded. Over that time, the value of Pell Grants has eroded from 84 percent of the cost of a public university to 42 percent. We need to do better for our students, for this is an investment not just in them, but in our society as well. An educated workforce helps ensure a dynamic economy.

Our educators and our students face many challenges. A lack of resources does not have to be one of them, but record state and federal budget deficits are seriously affecting money available for schools. American Education Week is a good time to think about the consequences of not equipping today's students to learn. Together, we can make certain that our children have the necessary resources to succeed.

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LETTER

Department has had success despite allegations

DEAR EDITOR:

In the Friday, Nov. 7 issue, the DAILY EGYPTIAN published the column entitled "Number of graduate students too high" referring to the graduate programs in the Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) Department. The following presents the perspective of the department on this issue.

The ECE Department is proud of the unprecedented success of its graduate programs. With a graduate enrollment of over 260 students and with more than 3,500 upper-level graduate credit hours taught per year, the department is second to only the University of Illinois among all the pub-

lic and private universities in the State, in terms of size of graduate programs. In this vital area, the department is certainly leading the way in achieving the vision and goals of "Southern at 150."

The recently observed high demand for the ECE programs and the high graduate enrollments are, exclusively, the result of successful employment of our graduates both in academia and in industry over the past fifteen years. Many of our graduates are currently ECE professors in research extensive universities such as Oregon State, Notre Dame, Utah State, Florida Atlantic and others. Hundreds of our graduates, with M.S. and Ph.D. degrees, are successfully employed (mostly in research and development) by high technology companies.

The excellent reputation and visibility of our graduate programs has been created by the current generation of ECE faculty because of their vision,

competence, commitment, hard work and loyalty to the department and to the institution. The department is committed to maintaining and to continuously improving the quality of its graduate programs. Therefore, we welcome constructive criticism and we take seriously any complaints from our students.

We most certainly agree that a proper balance between resources and enrollment is essential in maintaining both the quality and visibility of our programs. The evolution and growth of graduate programs, however, is a dynamic process that is very likely to transiently cause an imbalance between resources and enrollment. This is particularly true for institutions with no long tradition in graduate education, making the transition to join the top tier of research universities. SIUC will certainly face many challenges of this kind on the road to achieving the transition to "Southern

at 150."

The balance between growth and resources must, therefore, be closely monitored and any deviations must be detected and corrected in a timely manner to avoid erosion of the quality of the programs and setbacks (sometimes irreversible) in the process of achieving the goals of "Southern at 150."

In view of the above, we would like to thank your paper and your columnist for the interest in our programs and for drawing our attention and the attention of the University to a number of legitimate issues related to the balance between the resources and the growth of the ECE programs.

Glafkos Galano
professor and chair,
electrical and computer engineering

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breath of Life



Kyle Cortilet plays soccer with his physical therapist, Carol Hyde, in the hallway of the St. Louis Children's Hospital as part of his physical therapy exercises. Crossing through a parking lot that once left him out of breath is no longer a problem for the 10-year-old boy.



After undergoing a double lung transplant in September, 10-year-old Kyle Cortilet meets with his therapist, Carol Hyde, right, three

After a lung transplant, Kyle Cortilet gets an opportunity to just be a kid for the first time in his life

story by AMBER ELLIS • photos by MEREDITH MERCIER

Kyle Cortilet was 6 years old when he began carrying an oxygen tank with him. His lungs — scarred by frequent infections and coughing, a result of his lifelong battle with cystic fibrosis — were receiving so little oxygen that his lips began to turn blue.

By September of this year, Kyle, 10, was hanging onto his life, waiting for a double-lung transplant.

But today, he is an active fifth-grader who loves playing soccer and basketball, which he is able to do following his transplant.

Kyle said he is looking forward to not having an oxygen tank by his side at all times. He has stopped using a majority of the equipment used to aid him with his breathing.

The only equipment he will need is a spirometer, a machine used to measure his lung functions. Until recently, his family was unable to afford the spirometer, so he made weekly trips to the hospital to use its equipment.

To help with expenses, the Public Relations Student Society of America, a Registered Student Organization at SIUC, organized a haunted house this October, giving Kyle and his family \$1,000 toward purchasing the spirometer.

Kyle is continuing to improve, but just months ago, he was one of the thousands of people in the United States who need an organ transplant.

According to the United Network for Organ Sharing, 83,355 people are waiting to receive a transplant, and of those waiting, 3,912 people are waiting for a lung transplant.

In January 2001, after consulting with doctors from their hometown of Chicago, Kyle and his family went to the St. Louis Children's Hospital for an evaluation that would determine if he could be placed on

the transplant waiting list.

Since Kyle was in the end stages of lung disease, with his lungs working at only 20 percent, the doctors placed him on the waiting list.

Six months later, in July 2001, the hospital's transplant coordinator told Kyle's mother, Michelle, there had been eligible donors for Kyle, but in order to get the transplant, they would have to be within 30 minutes of the hospital at all times.

Two weeks later, Michelle and Kyle were on their way to a new apartment in St. Louis.

"I can tell you, insurance does not pay for you to move," Michelle said. "They do not pay for you to live here and live there at the same time. We had two residences."

"I left my job to come here for the transplant, so there goes that income. It's been twice the bills and half the income for the last few years."

When Kyle had not heard word of available lungs after more than a year, his father, John, moved to St. Louis to be with his family.

Kyle and his family were told he would only live until December 2002, which did not immediately alarm them because doctors said the estimated wait time for a donor match was only six months.

But six months slowly turned into more than two years.

While many in her family were becoming worried, Michelle said she never prepared herself for losing Kyle.

"I always knew he would get a new set of lungs," Michelle said. "But it's hard to want a transplant to happen because somebody else dies. And in Kyle's case, you know it has to be a child, which makes it even worse."

At 5 p.m. Sept. 16, they received the call from their transplant coordinator, Debbie Springhart.

A 7-year-old girl had died in an accidental shooting. The transplant could take place.

Kyle and his friend, Carl, were playing in his room.

"I went into his room and said, 'Ky, I need to talk to you."

They called us in for a transplant," Michelle said. "His eyes welled up, he got on his shoes and ran out of the door saying, 'I'm not ready. I'm not ready. I'm not doing this.'"

"But we've waited for the past two and a half years, so you know darn well he was ready. He was just scared."

When Kyle and his mom got to the hospital, they talked to the surgeon and the anesthesiologist while waiting for the lungs to arrive.

Kyle's surgery began at 11 p.m., before all of his family was able to arrive. His aunt, Joanna Creighton, an SIUC student in speech communication, was the only one who could arrive before the surgery began.

"She's always been my in-a-pinch family member," Michelle said. "She's closer to me than anybody else. She was able to come down here several times while I was going to class and taking Kyle back and forth to the hospital. I really don't know what I would have done without her."

The surgery went smoothly, and Kyle was released Sept. 29.

After having the transplant, Kyle and his

family were warned about the dangers having his body reject the new organs.

Anything from a runny nose to a temperature can trigger a rejection. Kyle was sent back to the hospital on Oct. 7, but what seemed to be a rejection, but he was later released after being diagnosed with common cold.

Until December, Kyle will have to go to the hospital three days a week for physical therapy and testing.

After passing the critical three-month mark, he will only have to go to the hospital once every three months.

When he got out of his surgery, Kyle was depressed, somewhat typical of adolescent or pre-adolescent children.

"You do immediately feel perfect," Michelle said. "You're so young; your pulmonary function tests are 100 percent yet; they're often up and ask why, and I still can't do everything a non-

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—Michelle Frankiewicz
Kyle Cortilet's mother

kid can."

Kyle has come a long way. His lungs still only functioning at 60 percent may only take up to six months for him to fully utilize them. But he knows it is still a major improvement to his previous condition.

Kyle and his family do not know how much longer he will be able to live with new lungs. A transplant recipient from St. Louis Children's Hospital is still living healthy life 11 years after surgery, so they remain optimistic.

Since the surgery, Kyle takes 14 medications, one inhaled antibiotic and antibiotic taken through an IV.

Kyle and his mom also went through training to learn how to use his spirometer.

As if keeping up with his medicines; equipment weren't enough, both Michelle and Kyle are busy working on their school work.

Michelle went back to nursing school when they came to St. Louis. She is currently taking 23 credit hours and hopes to work in pediatrics or trauma after she graduates in March.



Physical therapist Carol Hyde, left, watches Kyle Cortilet as he plays basketball while his mother, Michelle Frankiewicz, right, reviews his next physical therapy appointment. A typical day for the two requires a trip to the hospital and then a 20-minute drive home for his tutoring session.



Member, 10-year-old Kyle Cortilet walks on a treadmill during his physical therapy exercises at St. Louis nurse Rol Hyde, right, three times a week to help him gain strength and stamina.

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Kyle works through a fifth grade spelling test given by his personal tutor, Maria Haider, Friday afternoon at his home in Chesterfield, Mo. Kyle's illness prevented him from attending school, and he has been working five hours a week with Haider the past year to catch up to a fifth-grade level education.

Michelle said she is glad she has a nursing background because it makes it easier for her to understand what the doctors tell her about Kyle's condition.

"You can learn about it whether you're a nurse or not, but I know the ins-and-outs of it and the reasons why they're doing it, what the numbers mean and what the medicines do — so it helps," Michelle said.

Kyle has had home schooling for the past two years and is looking forward to entering Mrs. Londe's fifth-grade class at Henry School in January.

"I miss the kids and recess, having lunch and hanging out, talking to other kids — just stuff like that," Kyle said.

Even though Kyle has not returned to school yet, he is still enjoying his new life.

"It's a lot easier to breathe," Kyle said. "I can run around and do a lot more activities. I couldn't do soccer before. I would have to stop after a few minutes and cough. I would just rest a lot faster."

Although Kyle has met his favorite wrestler, Triple H, gone to Disneyworld and seen the St. Louis Cardinals through the Make A Wish Foundation, he said he just recently had the best day of his life. He was healthy and outside playing tag with his friend.

"When you take a kid that's 10 years old and he's never really had a good day, and you make him healthy, whether he lives for a month or 10 years, it's worth it for him to have the ability to live like a normal kid," Michelle said. "It's all about quality of life."

And right now, Kyle has that."

Michelle said it is amazing when she looks at how Kyle was for the last 10 years of his life, and how he is now.

"Watch out world — Kyle's coming, and he's making up for lost time," Michelle said as she looked on at her son.

Donations for Kyle Cortilet can be addressed to Kyle Cortilet, 2031 County Park Apt. 3, Chesterfield, MO 63017.



Before Kyle underwent a double lung transplant, he used to use a medical device called "the vest" to clear the airways in his lungs by shaking him, thus forcing the mucus in his lungs caused by cystic fibrosis, to drain off. Kyle also used a device called an IPPB to force more air into his damaged lungs.



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Craig Holt, a kidney transplant recipient, puts together a flower arrangement Monday afternoon at The Flower Box, Inc. Holt has always had a passion for flowers, working as a florist since he was 20 years old. Holt is celebrating his 12-year mark after the transplant Friday and has had minor complications relating to his surgery over the years.

Giving the gift of life — twice

Mother and son approach 13th anniversary of transplant

story by AMBER ELLIS

Virginia Holt, of Carbondale, did not think twice about giving her son one of her kidneys.

There was no way she could sit by and watch her middle son, Craig, continue to suffer.

"There was no doubt — none at all," Virginia said. "We were coming back [to Carbondale] from Dallas, and I had prayed all the way home that day. It was just as clear as it could be. I had no qualms about it whatsoever."

In 1990, Craig, who was 38 at the time, went to the doctor and was diagnosed with high blood pressure. When visiting a new doctor a few months later, Craig was told he needed to undergo more blood tests. Only an hour after the tests, the doctor called Craig and told him to come back in.

"Of course, I thought 'Uh-oh, I'm dead,'" Craig said. "I'm dying and going to be gone in six months."

He was told his kidneys were only functioning at a level of 5 percent, which is deadly.

Craig said he was jubilant when he found out he had renal failure rather than a fatal illness.

"[My] doctor made a comment that I was the happiest kidney failure patient she had ever had," Craig said. "I was overjoyed. I thought it was going to be much worse."

Within months, Craig started hemodialysis, a three-hour, tri-weekly process, and said the procedure was hard on him.

"It was awful," Craig said. "Of course, I had never had anything done before, so I thought it was a nightmare. My legs and feet cramped, and one night I passed out when my blood pressure dropped."

Hemodialysis takes out extra toxins or fluids found in blood with one needle and replaces the blood, after it has been cleaned, with a different needle.

"After seeing Craig on dialysis for more than seven months, Virginia said she could no longer see her son in pain.

"I wasn't looking forward to [the surgery], but I was definitely looking forward to him being off of dialysis and doing well," Virginia said.

Once she decided to help her son, she had to go through a series of tests. Doctors were unsure if Virginia, who was 63 at the time, could donate a kidney because of her age. Besides questions looming about her physical ability to donate, Virginia also underwent a psychiatric evaluation.

"Every doctor that I went to see said, 'Why are you doing this?' and I said, 'Well, I am a Christian, and I've prayed about it and I want to help my son,'" Virginia said.

To lighten the mood during one of her evaluations, Virginia told the doctor she only wanted to donate her kidney so she could get out of cooking Thanksgiving dinner, which was just weeks away.

Virginia said she was relieved the doctor found humor in what she had to say and gave the go-ahead for the transplant. The date was set for Nov. 21, 1991, at the Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

When it was time for his surgery, Craig had second thoughts about his mother or anyone else in his family donating one of their kidneys.

"I just kept on telling my dad if my mother passes away, I will never forgive myself for this," Craig said. "I had that on my mind the whole time I was going under that day and literally, the second I woke up, I wanted to know how my mom was."

Craig and his mother both did well after the transplant was performed and were home before Thanksgiving. And that was almost 13 years ago.

The holiday has continued to be an honored tradition in the Holt family.

Virginia said Thanksgiving has always been a special time of year for her, while Craig said this time of year is now more special to him.

"It probably means a little more to me than most people knowing that I have lived even 12 years longer than I could have," Craig said. "A lot of people don't live through this. And a lot of people do have to wait. I know that I am thankful all year round."

Craig said he has always had a tremendous respect for his mother.

"Even though we had a real active and loving father, I still think Mother played an important role," Craig said. "She has always been the strong support of our family. We've always had a great bond."

Craig continues to show his appreciation for his mother each year. He tries to do something special for her on the anniversary of the transplant and doesn't expect their 13th anniversary today to be any different.

"I am just thanking her," Craig said. "I am very thankful for my mother for doing this for me. I have always felt like she gave life to me twice — first when I was born, and then giving me a kidney is my second life."

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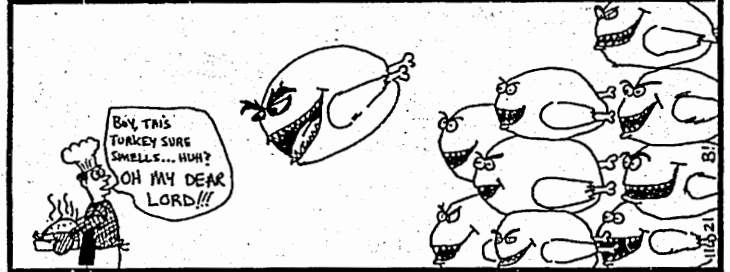
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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Nov. 21). Pressures, seen and unseen, push you to get down to business. The more old projects you complete this year, the more money you'll have coming your way. The challenge is to make sure you don't spend more cash than you generate.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - If you concentrate on serving others, you'll never have to worry about others taking care of you. What goes around comes around.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - No time to rest on your past successes - there's another task to be handled. The faster you provide what's requested, the more abundant the reward.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Get your place in order. That way, you can entertain spontaneously if the urge strikes. They'll think you're prepared all the time.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - Focus on something you want to accomplish. Something you can be proud of. Something that will last for generations. Something solidly built on love.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - You'll now find a little easier to get what you deserve. That's fair pay for a good job done. Insist on it if necessary.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Make sure the money is coming in at regular intervals. Cinch the deal so you that you don't have to worry about it any longer.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You may be feeling slightly pressured. But the pressure might motivate you to start something that you've been thinking about too long.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - You're getting more powerful each day, but along with that power comes something else. You'll have to take on more responsibility, regardless of whether you want to.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - An older person appears to be in a generous mood. If you're accepting a new position or contract, get the terms in writing.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - You're pretty smart, but the exams aren't over. Don't start celebrating yet. You still have a few tough questions to answer over the next couple of days. Study!

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by Harvi Arnold and Mike Arglirow

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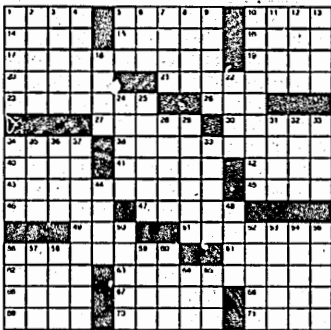
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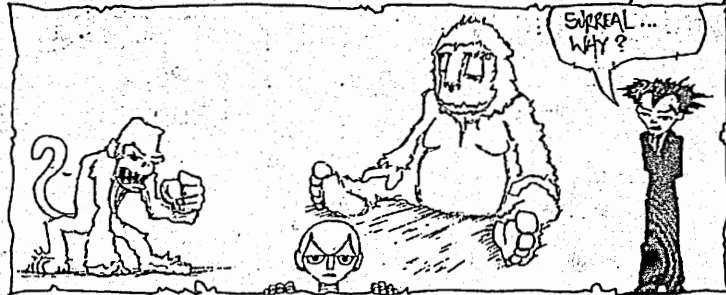
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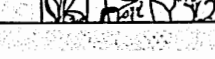
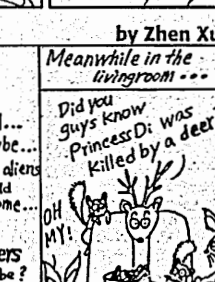
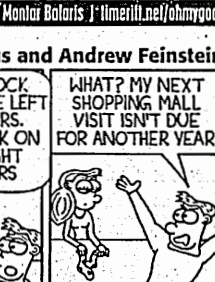
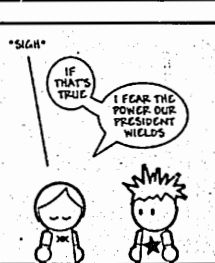


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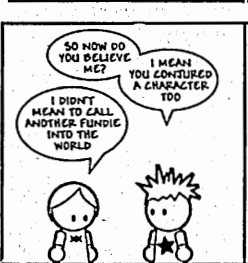
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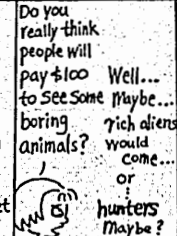
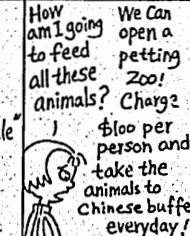
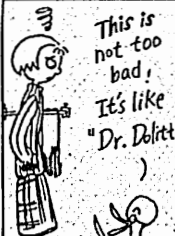
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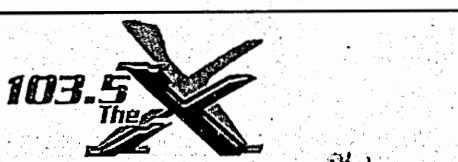
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Bye week better late than never for Illini

Colleen Kane
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

CHAMPAIGN (U-WIRE) — The Illinois football team had to wait 11 weeks to catch a break, but last weekend's bye still served its purpose.

The Illini entered their final week of practice on Sunday a little healthier.

"We had a chance to get everyone healed up a little bit mentally, emotionally and physically," Illini head coach Ron Turner said. "Some of the guys were beat up and needed some time off, so it was good."

Turner said Monday that his squad, which had to deal with the Big Ten's second-to-last bye week, should regain the services of starting running back E.B. Halsey, starting receiver Kelvin Hayden and starting defensive tackle Jeff Ruffin for their season-ending game against Northwestern on Saturday.

Halsey, the Illini's leading rusher, has missed the last three games with a sprained knee.

Hayden, the Illini's leading receiver, missed the last two games with a sprained ankle. And Ruffin also missed the last two games with turf toe.

"It's really great to have those guys back," offensive lineman Sean Rubin said Monday. "In practice, I saw E.B. in the huddle and I just got a little smile and he was smiling back at me, and that's just a great feeling."

Turner said the three Illini starters are still not 100 percent, and he is unsure how big a role they will play in their last game. But he also said the week helped to heal other minor team injuries.

"I think we're healthier than we've been in a while," Turner said. "[Defensive linemen] Derrick Strong, Ryan Matha, a lot of guys that have been playing but have been playing through pain and playing pretty banged up, feel much healthier than they have been."

Healthier in more ways than one.

The Illini also used the week off to repair broken spirits from

their disappointing 17-14 loss at Indiana.

"We had a few days off for rest and recovery time just to get away for a bit," Rubin said.

"We came back [Sunday] and it was great. Everybody was up tempo and ready to go, and we look forward to play Northwestern this week."

And, along with Illini Senior Day on Saturday and the game's traditional Tomahawk Trophy, there will be extra motivation to be at full strength this week.

The Illini, with nothing to lose but their last shot at a Division I-A win this year, will face Northwestern, which enters Memorial Stadium with everything to lose.

The Wildcats, who lost to Michigan 41-10 over the weekend, head into their final game sitting at 5-6 — just one win shy of becoming bowl eligible.

"Right now, they're having a better season than we are," Illini safety Marc Jackson said. "So hopefully we can dampen their spirits a bit."

MEN

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As for Painter, he isn't prepared to predict how Hairston will respond in his first game back.

"He's been very mature in being a good teammate for the guys that did play, and now I think he's anxious," Painter said of Hairston. "He's a key part of our team. A lot of people have asked me to talk about it, but for me it's just speculation."

Hairston suffered ankle and elbow injuries earlier in the preseason, but he's expected to be at full strength entering the regular season.

And his health and endurance will be needed to fight off the Cowboys, who will try to force the Salukis into an up-tempo game.

The difficulty level won't be nearly

as high when the Salukis return to Carbondale to face Jacksonville State Wednesday, a team that lost its nucleus from last year's 20-win season and is now in its first season in the Ohio Valley Conference. SIU has won its last four games against OVC teams.

SIU will then return to practice Thanksgiving night in preparation for a Nov. 29 game at Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a team eager to beat the Salukis after Hairston's last-second tip-in gave SIU a win in February's Bracket Buster game at the SIU Arena.

"[UWM head coach Bruce Pearl] just does an excellent job in getting his guys to play hard to really get the opponent in a frenzy, get the opponent into situations they're not used to against teams with the way they play," Painter said. "It's a different style to

play against."

Regardless of the opponent or the atmosphere, Painter just wants his team to play hard. The Salukis were without Hairston in both exhibitions, and junior college transfer LaMar Owen was held out of the final exhibition game for unspecified reasons.

"I just want them to maintain their level of intensity, and I just want them to play hard for 40 minutes," Painter said. "And hopefully with a full slate of guys, add LaMar Owen back into the mix, adding Stetson Hairston back into the mix, you have two high-energy guys, two athletic guys. I think they're gonna help with that."

"They're gonna help with an extra body, guys being more fresh so hopefully we can keep that level of intensity higher throughout the game or at least in longer stretches."

» SPORTS FLASH Football tickets available Sunday

If the SIU football team wins a first-round I-AA playoff home game when the pairings are announced at noon Sunday, tickets for the Nov. 29 contest will go on-sale at the SIU Arena immediately thereafter.

The Salukis will be at the Arena Sunday to view the selection show on ESPN2, and the public is welcomed to join the team. Doors open at 11 a.m., and the festivities will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a presentation of the Gateway Conference championship trophy.

After the bracket announcement, fans can purchase tickets in one of three ways: in person at the main entrance to the arena, on-line using Ticketmaster (www.ticketmaster.com) or toll-free by phone (866-646-8849). Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for SIU students and children high school-and-under. Students must show ID on game day.

The arena ticket office will be open until 3 p.m. Sunday, and the athletics ticket office will have extended hours next week (8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday) to accommodate fans. The ticket office will be closed on Thanksgiving and re-open Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Athletic Department will also have a Saluki Row Playoff Tailgate on game day, sponsored by Murdale Changing Seasons Just Ask Rental. The pre-game tailgate will begin three hours prior to kickoff and features a heated covered tent, steak and rib lunch plus beverages.

The cost is \$10 per person. Tailgate entry tokens will go on sale Sunday after the bracket announcement at SIU Arena and can also be purchased next week at the athletic ticket office, 710 Bookstore, The Saluki Connection at the Illinois Center Mall in Marion and Murdale Changing Seasons Just Ask Rental.

SIU baseball team signs four players

SIU baseball head coach Dan Callahan announced Tuesday that Dean Cademartori, Matt DeLong, Ryan Hypek and Dylan Ward have signed national letters of intent to play baseball for the Salukis in 2005.

A native of Norridge and senior outfielder at Niles-Notre Dame High School, Cademartori hit .423 with 44 runs, four doubles, four triples, 12 home runs and 52 RBI last year.

A second-team all-state and first-team all-East Suburban Catholic Conference outfielder, he put up solid numbers on the mound as well, posting a 9-1 record with seven complete games and three shutouts. Cademartori struck out 72 batters in 61 innings.

Additionally, he set the school record for home runs. The RBI, it was named Chicago Tribune Player of the Week on two occasions.

Also an outfielder, DeLong comes to SIU from Jackson, Wis. A first-team all-Northeast Conference, all-district and first-team all-state pick at Westbend West High School, he hit .421 with 32 runs, six doubles, three triples and three home runs a year ago.

DeLong carries a 4.0 grade point average and was first out of 324 students in his class. He will also receive academic aid at SIU.

Hypek hails from Glenmar and joins the Dawgs from Chatham Glenwood High School. A three-year starting shortstop, he helped lead the Titans to back-to-back Central State Eight Conference titles and a fourth-place finish at the IHSA Class AA state tournament.

As a junior, he hit .429 with 52 runs, 13 doubles, two triples, nine home runs and 37 RBI. He was also named Chicago Tribune and Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association first-team all-state.

Rounding out SIU's early signees is Ward, a right-handed pitcher/infielder from Fairbury.

He led Prairie Central High School to a 37-4 record and a final four appearance at the IHSA Class A state tournament, while hitting .462 with 49 runs, 25 hits, 18 doubles, two triples, 10 home runs and 40 RBI as a junior.

As a pitcher, Ward posted a 12-1 record with four saves, boasted a 1.44 ERA and had 13 strikeouts and 25 walks in 78 innings.

Ward was named the Bloomington Pantagraph's Athlete of the Year, first-team all-state, first-team all-Combust Conference, as both a shortstop and pitcher and first-team Champaign News Gazette all-area.

Ward was also recently named first-team all-state at the quarterback of the Hawks' football team, which is currently in the playoffs.

He garnered second-team all-conference honors on the basketball court as well.

Callahan said the group will have a

good chance of making an immediate impact for the Salukis. Hypek will likely replace senior Greg Andrews at second base, while Ward will take over at third base when Erik Alvarez fills in at first for senior Nathan Bell.

Cademartori and DeLong will help alleviate the losses of senior outfielders Cory Newman and Nick Baughman in 2005.

Men's swimming travels to Purdue

The SIU men's swimming and diving team is in West Lafayette, Ind., for the Purdue Invitational, which runs today through Sunday.

Other teams competing at the invitational include Northwestern, Ohio State, Iowa, Wyoming, Buffalo and host Purdue.

Results can be found at www.SIUSalukis.com.

Women's swimming heads to Northwestern

The SIU women's swimming and diving team is in Evanston for the Northwestern Invitational, which runs today through Sunday.

Along with SIU, the field at the invitational will include Ohio State, Rice and host Northwestern.

Results can be found at www.SIUSalukis.com.

McGowan earns Valley honors

Sophomore Elizabeth McGowan was named the Missouri Valley Conference Swimmer of the Week for the second time this season, the league announced Wednesday.

A native of Carrollton, Texas, McGowan's time of 10:18.71 eclipsed the MVC record with the 1,000-yard freestyle set by former Saluki Leanne Pienaar in 2001.

McGowan was also victorious in the 500 freestyle, for which she holds the MVC record with a time of 4:58.07 set last season. Against Drury, she clocked in at 5:04.62.

McGowan is the second Saluki swimmer to receive the athlete of the week honor as fellow sophomore Briley Bergen was also named it earlier in the season. McGowan received the award the first time this season two weeks ago.

Softball to sponsor camps

The SIU softball team will sponsor pitching, hitting and youth camps and clinics in January and February. The camps will be led by the SIU softball staff and players.

The pitching camp takes place Jan. 16-17 at the Recreation Center and is open to second through 12th graders. The Jan. 16 session will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the Jan. 17 session will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The camp will be open to 75 total participants.

Campers will receive four hours of instruction including drill work for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players, in addition to drills for increasing control, speed, and corrections of common problems.

The pitching camp cost is \$55 and includes a camp T-shirt.

The hitting camp will run Jan. 30-31 at Davies Gymnasium and is open to fifth through 12th graders.

The camp will be open to 50 participants per session. There will be two sessions on Jan. 30 and two sessions on Jan. 31.

Campers will receive four hours of instruction including group and individual instruction, cage work, batting practice, plenty of drills and instruction on stance and swing by the Saluki players and coaching staff. The Hitting Camp is \$55 and includes a camp T-shirt.

The youth camp is Feb. 1 at Davies Gymnasium from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and is open to first through fifth graders. The camp will be open to 70 participants. The primary emphasis will be on the fundamentals of hitting and defense. The youth camp cost is \$35 and includes a camp T-shirt.

Only two campers per high school per session will be allowed for Illinois athletes according to IHSA rules.

A confirmation letter will be sent for all camps except the youth camp. An autograph session with SIU players will take place at all camps.

For more information, contact SIU softball head coach Kerr Blystock at 453-5466 or assistant coach Buddy Foster at 453-5455.

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Carolina @ Dallas	Dallas	Carolina	Dallas	Carolina	Dallas	Dallas
Seattle @ Baltimore	Seattle	Baltimore	Baltimore	Seattle	Seattle	Baltimore
NY Giants @ Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	NY Giants	NY Giants	Tampa Bay
Last week's record	5-1	1-5	4-2	5-1	2-4	5-1
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» VOLLEYBALL

Salukis have plenty to play for in final weekend

Harman nears final match as a Saluki

Adam Soebbing
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It hasn't dawned upon her yet. It might not Friday against Drake or Saturday versus Creighton, but someday it will.

As senior Kelly Harman rounded up the volleyballs and put away the equipment for the last time in her career, it was still a little hard for her to believe that Thursday was her final practice as a Saluki.

"It hasn't hit me yet," Harman said. "It's kind of something that you look forward to, but then again you don't. I have mixed emotions."

The lone senior on the young SIU volleyball team has done her part for the season, leading the Dawgs (7-21, 3-13 Missouri Valley Conference) in kills with 253, kills per game with 2.64 and is second in digs with 242.

But while she has lived up to her personal goals of being the kills leader and outspoken captain, Harman has fallen short of her ultimate goal for the team — reaching the MVC tournament.

Harman made the tourney last season for the first time in her five

years at SIU, but her failure to get the team back to the Promised Land this season has left her a bit disappointed.

The Dawgs had to win their final five matches of the season to have a chance at the tourney but fell short against Illinois State two weeks ago.

"The disappointment hit when we lost to Illinois State; that was a tough night," Harman said.

Nonetheless, she is primed to go out a winner this weekend for more reasons than it being her last time playing in front of the Davies Crazy's.

SIU faces two teams in Creighton (10-17, 7-9) and Drake (9-21, 1-15) it felt it should have beaten to open the conference season.

In the first league match SIU took the Bluejays to five games — the same Bluejays that are tied for the sixth and final spot in the conference tournament — and Harman and the Dawgs don't want Creighton to get the bid.

Against Drake the Salukis sputtered on their way to a disappointing three-game loss. Since that match, the Bulldogs have failed to pull out another conference victory. The Dawgs are determined not to be the only victim for Drake twice.

"We're a little bitter about that," Harman said.

Another source of motivation for the Salukis is that they have failed to do something all season long that is essential to a successful year — pulling out two consecutive victories.

With all of these motivational factors heading into the final weekend of the season, SIU has plenty to play for.

Despite what one might suspect from a team that is in eighth place and out of postseason contention, the Salukis are motivated to achieve their slightly modified goals.

Intensity is still high in practice every day and the Dawgs have not given up hope while continuing to improve daily.

"I haven't noticed any let down at all," head coach Sonya Locke said. "We've obviously had to reset our goals as we've gone along, but every time they haven't hesitated to go for the next thing."

Now the Salukis, more than anything, want to go after a win for Harman.

And of course, Harman wants to go out a winner as well.

"I definitely want to go out on top," Harman said.

"And being that Creighton is on the bubble, we want to spoil that for them."



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SIU senior center Tiffany Crutcher jumps above NWBL players and tries to avoid an attempted block. Crutcher and her teammates will begin the regular season tonight at SEMO.

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and finished 3-0 versus OVC competition a year ago. And this season the Dawgs also have more confidence.

"The overall talent is a lot better and everybody's healthy," Crutcher said.

"I definitely think we're going to be better than previous seasons."

Opp and the Dawgs are hoping they will be able to mix things up and take advantage of them with their up-tempo style of play. Although SIU has been focusing on the transition game, senior center Tiffany Crutcher has been the main benefactor thus far.

The senior center has led the

Salukis in scoring in each of the first two exhibition games.

"We push the ball up the floor, Tiff gets into position and they're still trying to rotate with us," Hayden said.

"It gives Tiff a great opportunity to do what she does."

The game should be a good indicator of where the Salukis stand in their progression heading into a busy Thanksgiving week.

While they won't be able to be at home for Thanksgiving, at least one of the Salukis is looking forward to spending the Thanksgiving holiday in New York.

"I cannot wait to go," said Crutcher, who will be making her first trip to the Empire State. "I've been wanting to go really bad, so it's going to be fun."

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football games and basketball games, whooping it up with the Saluki faithful. Even though her team is struggling this year, she's ecstatic about the success of the football team.

But there is one problem — someone has to take the initiative to honor Locke. She is way too humble to do it herself.

Locke was the one who made sure Barr was honored and made sure it was done in a timely fashion, securing Barr's honor during her senior season. Now it is someone else's turn, be it Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk or one of her players, to give Locke her just desserts.

"You don't want to wait until someone is long gone before you do that," Locke said of why she pushed so hard to retire Barr's num-

ber, inadvertently giving a reason why No. 7 should be permanently enshrined. "I thought it was just awesome that we could have gotten that done while she was still a player. To see the look on that individual's face was just — that's what you dream about when you're a coach."

Imagine the look on Locke's face if her number was retired. SIU volleyball is her life, and there is no higher honor the school could bestow upon her.

When asked what she would feel like if her number was retired, Locke suddenly got a lump in her throat.

"I don't know if I could put that into words, to be honest with you," she said.

And when Sonya Locke, not a quiet person by any means, cannot put something into words, you know it's serious.

She wants it and she deserves



it, but she would never suggest it should be done.

Locke was never much for self-promotion. When she was named MVC Coach of the Year, she gave full credit to her players and told me she was just happy to be along for the ride.

Someone else has to set the wheels in motion for Locke to receive this honor, and I am not the person to do it. The Athletic Department is not going to listen to a sportswriter, and I know the good folks over at Lingle Hall are not my greatest fans.

The burden is on those within Saluki Athletics, particularly Locke's players. I'm sure Marissa Washington would give up her No. 7 to see it hoisted to the top of Davies with her coach's name under it.

It would be a small price to pay to see Locke secure her rightful place as a Saluki legend.

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» MEN'S BASKETBALL
Salukis begin season in Wyoming

Salukis have three games during break

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The yellow letters on the brown sign outside the visitor's locker room at Wyoming's Arena-Auditorium read "Welcome to 7,220 feet. How's your oxygen?"

That altitude makes the Cowboys' court one of the toughest in the land. Wyoming has won 77 percent of its games there since its 1982 opening.

The SIU men's basketball team will have to go up against the lack of oxygen and some of the rowdiest fans in the country when it begins its season Saturday, the first of three games during Thanksgiving break.

But SIU head coach Matt Painter isn't overly concerned with the thin air his team will inhale in the Cowboys' den.

"The one thing we haven't done is talked about it. We don't want to use it as a crutch," Painter said.

"But it does have an effect on you and so you try to watch for guys. You try to make the assistants watch particular guys who might have a problem with that, might have a problem with their stamina, their wind, and make sure that they're not out there just running in circles."

But while Painter might not be talking to his team about the high altitude, others are.

"It's gonna be difficult for me because I know I have asthma and so that might be a factor," freshman Jamaal Tatum said. "Actually my mom called me and told me to take my inhaler this week because I haven't



Freshman guard Jamaal Tatum drives down the court during an exhibition game against the Northwest All-Stars. Tatum and the Salukis will begin the regular season Saturday at Wyoming.

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even been in a place with high altitude like that."

With the return of junior guard Stetson Hairston in time for Saturday's game, SIU will have

some extra help in overcoming these hardships. Hairston didn't play in either exhibition game, the result of an eight-game suspension. He isn't expected to start Saturday in Laramie,

Wyo., as he says it wouldn't be fair to his teammates to leap back into the starting lineup at first.

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» WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis tip off season tonight at SEMO

SIU ready for busy week involving Middle Tennessee State, Long Island

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Even though classes officially end for one week after today, there's no such thing as a Thanksgiving break for the SIU women's basketball team.

The Salukis will embark on a busy week of basketball that starts tonight at Southeast Missouri State, takes a rest stop at Middle Tennessee State Monday and ends in Long Island, N.Y., at the Long Island Classic Nov. 28-29.

Because the Dawgs will be leaving for the Big Apple Wednesday,

that means no Thanksgiving dinner in the comforts of home.

Most of the players' families will be traveling with the team to provide support and a taste of home for the holidays, so the Salukis will have their own family dinner.

A group of about 45 will gather at a restaurant named Maroon's for a thanksgiving feast before beginning play the following day against Long Island in first-round action.

"Thanksgiving in New York," sophomore guard Amy Hayden said.

"Sounds rough."

But the Salukis hope to gobble up a couple of victories before feasting on some Turkey in New York.

The action starts tonight in Cape Girardeau, Mo., where the Salukis face an Orahkian, squad

that was predicted to finish first in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Following a year in which Southeast advanced to the OVC championship game while finishing 19-11, its best since joining the Division I ranks 12 years ago, the Orahks have high expectations this season.

Second-year head coach B.J. Smith, from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, has brought nearly his entire junior college team that finished second in the nation in 2002 with him to SEMO.

Thus the Dawgs will be facing a senior-dominated and very deep team.

In its first game of the season, SEMO traveled to Salt Lake City to face No. 19 Utah as part of the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

The Orahkians took the

utes to the brink, falling 74-65 despite leading at the half. Ten of Southeast's players saw at least 15 minutes of action and were led by preseason all-OVC selection Kenja White, who finished with 11 points in the contest.

"I'm hoping we'll be able to throw a lot of different looks at them defensively to hopefully take them out of their game," SIU head coach Lori Opp said.

"But they know what it's like to play at this level and it's going to be a tough game."

"With the Salukis flying high after an easy exhibition victory over NWBL, the Dawgs feel good about their chances. SIU should be able to match SEMO's depth, not to mention it has history on its side.

The Salukis are 23-3 all-time versus the Orahkians.

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» COMMENTARY



Waterloo and other great losses

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Locke belongs atop Davies

For those still interested in volleyball this season, take a look at the rafters of Davies Gymnasium during one of the team's final home matches this weekend.

There is only one banner in the gym, signifying the only Saluki volleyball player to ever have her number retired — No. 5 Debbie Barr, SIU's all-time assist leader and one of the best setters in the history of the Missouri Valley Conference.

Of course, fans without a media guide would never know this, and I did not know this the first time I went into the gym.

The first time I saw the banner, my first thought was, "Who in the bloody hell is Barr?"

Now I know, but I am still less than impressed.

Not by her 5,057 career assists, her old single-season set record that stood until Britten Follett broke it last year or her second-place standing on the all-time digs list.

Rather, I am not convinced of her supposed status as the greatest legend in the history of SIU volleyball.

Should she have had her number retired? Of course she should. SIU may never have another setter like that.

But Barr is not the most notable figure in the history of Saluki volleyball and does not deserve to be the lone honoree of a retired number.

SIU's greatest legend continues to go unnoticed, and her place as a Saluki volleyball immortal is long overdue.

After four seasons of play and 20 years of coaching — 13 as head coach — it is time to retire Sonya Locke's No. 7.

She was a great player, having her number on at least a half-dozen all-time and single season top-10 lists. Locke remains the all-time attack percentage leader at SIU.

She's not a half-bad coach either. Last June Locke stood beside Notre Dame football head coach Tyrone Willingham, accepting her Black Coaches Association 2003 National Female Coach of the Year award. Before that, she was named MVC Coach of the Year.

In her time as both a coach and player at SIU, she has been part of 395 Saluki victories. As head coach, she has 179 wins and will likely catch Debbie Hunter's record of 294 victories before she retires.

She also cares more about SIU Athletics than Superfan. I have seen her at softball games,

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