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 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 210 W. Main St. said they were locked inside the store. They said a masked man armed with a handgun walked toward them from the bushes close to a Shell convenience store at the lot out 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 Sytsma. "At that point, they aimed at them and shot and missed with the gun," said Sytsma.

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

After the manager returned, the suspect aimed the gun at the armored man, the employees said and the suspect pocketed them in a storage room.

Carbondale Police received the incident after receiving a 2:10 a.m. phone call from the McDonald's after closing.

Employees described the suspect as a 20 to 30-year-old black male who is fit for tall and weighed close to 200 pounds with a stocky build and black hair. The victim said he was wearing a dark-colored ski hat with a hood and Economic Development Center, for baseball winter in New Orleans. near Marion has been

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SIU top counsel resigns to join private practice

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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, Keith, Cooper, Morgan and Jackstadt, a medium-tier law firm based in St. Louis and Edwardsville. The firm handles cases pertaining to subjects such as labor and health specialties and special 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 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 try to have a very much in higher education, which has always been his passion."

According to Dianne Stacy, vice president for Financial and Administrative Affairs and Board Treasurer, the University began a nationwide search for a replacement last week and has already received a handful of replies.

"They said they hope to have a replacement by early spring," Stacy said.

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

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

"The resignation came as a surprise to many," Ruger said. "But Ruger said he was not surprised Walter this 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 being the only one on the field," said Ruger. "I feel proud in that I have retired 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 is now more steady. "And if we had to do it all over, yes, we'd do it differently," Ruger said.

"We all really valued Peter Ruger's work at the University and his advice," Stacy said. "And all will miss him."

See BASEBALL, page 5.
STATE VISIT, Bush forcefully confronted critics of his handling of Iraq and the war on terrorism, warning them that inaction under understanding, and it is false; Bush said before 220 academic, and it is false; Bush said before 220 academics at Banqueting House.

Many disease victims eating at the Beaver Valley Mall restaurant in Dakota in 2004, told a radio station there that the legislature would benefit from its formers, Daschle's spokesman, Molly+ Bolivia, confirmed.

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.

There are no items to report.

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The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discourse while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives. 
Higher education spending increased in 2002

The Illinois Board of Higher Education reported earlier this month that expenditures at public universities are continuing at the rate of a 4.5 to 5.5 percent increase in funds spent from fiscal years 2001 to 2002. The report said total expenditures from all funds sources grew from $4.29 billion to $4.52 billion during the period primarily from increases from non-appropriated funds, which saw a 10 percent increase. Public university revenue also reached a high of $4.63 billion.

All Illinois universities annually submit reports of enrollment and expenditures through the Illinois Higher Education Accrual and Management Program. This year, the report included more detailed information on funding within 120 days of the fiscal year ending June 30, 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 the ISBE and submitted to the governor on a regular basis.

Dan Goosen, director of communications for the ISBE, said previously the most detailed submission will allow easier monitoring of university spending across the state.

Sergio Molina, spokesman for the governor, said the governor reviewed 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 expenditures of the state's share were designated as unrestricted, meaning no guidelines limited the use of the money.

Institutional programs generated the greatest source of expenditures at 26.5 percent, a 2.5 percent increase from the previous year. Independent expenditures, student housing, and food services made up the largest amount of this period, at 23.0 percent.

Independent expenditures and general administrative costs declined the most in expenditures, at 18.9 percent.

A similar trend occurred at ISUC for fiscal year 2003. Institutional programs made up the largest expenditure of non-appropriated expenditures at 29.6 percent. Independent operations saw the largest increase at 64.5 percent, and institutional support decreases in the largest percentage of total expenditures, at 29.6 percent.

The University received about $39 million in research revenue. Total expenditures, at $325.5 million, increased 1 percent, or $10 million, from the previous year.

The SIU system, including both the Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses, spent about $606 million and received about $670 million in revenue.

The University of Illinois at Chicago, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Illinois State University, spent about $620 million.

The University of Illinois at Chicago's spending went up over its budget, spending about $100,000 more than it budgeted. It spent $20.6 million, the largest portion of which went to instructional programs. Even though it spent at a slight deficit, it experienced an increase of about $10 million from fiscal year 2002.

Independent expenditures had the largest increase to spending, at 22.8 percent, but institutional Support and Operations and Management of the Physical Plant received large decreases, at 10.5 and 9.5 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.

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

Vegetarians, vegans celebrate Thanksgiving holiday early

Organizations combine efforts to sponsor early Thanksgiving meal

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"It's a chance for people 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." - Kris Schadel, a research assistant for Southern Sustainable Health.

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

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

Kris Schadel, a research assistant for Southern Sustainable Health, said the event is not only an opportunity for people "to really understand the community but also to work together to get a better understanding of vegetarian and vegan foods."

"This is basically a time to come together and appreciate good food," she said. Schadel has been with the organization for the past four years. "It's a chance for people to celebrate鸥 electric, and healthy foods together."

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

"The event gives a great sense of community," said Laurie Hanselmann, the president of the Interfaith Center who has been with the group for the past three years. "It's a great chance to meet different people, to be a different role and expose people to vegetarians."

Hanselmann, who has been a vegetarian for four years, said she still has the occasional challenges but feels much happier and less anxious about her eating habits, this is simply not the case.

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

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

by Bethany Krajelis

The room tucked away in Pulliam Hall that is always hot.

is 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.

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Not only does Gamble commit 24 hours of glassblowing each week, he has 12 credit hours and works on-campus an additional 12 hours a week.

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“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 SIU, 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 p.m. Dec. 2 and 3 at the glass house located at 1007 W. Mill St. The 20th annual Student Center Craft Sale will take place Dec. 4 and Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.
WASHINGTON (U-WIRE) -- Convicted sniper John Allen Muhammad now faces a possible life in prison after being convicted of murder during the 23-day shooting spree that left 10 people dead and that rewarded in the Washington, D.C., area last fall. He was convicted of killing civilian engineer Dean H. Myers on Oct. 5, 2002, at a gas station as part of a plot to incinerate 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 its verdicts.

Muhammad became the first person to be convicted under Virginia's anti-terrorism law, which was enacted after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Malvo is the 18-year-old accomplice of Muhammad who has also pleaded guilty and is scheduled to be sentenced next week.

"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.

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Washington Sniper suspects found guilty

Jane Black

U-WIRE (DC BUREAU)

WASHINGTON - The court has found that the jury to plan to show Muhammad still has "worth and value." Prosecutors will continue to push that Muhammad's penalty with his ex-weds led him to commit multiple killings.

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Protesters weren't silenced

During Gov. Rod Blagojevich's visit to campus last week, mine was discussed about the University and Blagojevich's administration than the good news about money coming to Montc College. In some action, we found out more than we wanted to know about either party. After some investigation, it seems the University, along with Blagojevich and a few others, want to restrict one of the most important Constitutional guarantees — freedom of speech.

At least 9 to N claims coming from professors Mark Schneider and Joe Feinstein. The central conflict claims they were deleted the right to hold a 7-foot-by-3-foot vinyl banner during the governor's appearance. Both Sen. Richard Durbin (D-Ill.) and Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) will claim their names were deleted. They also claim the sign could still pose a security risk, and the auditorium was not the area where that risk would be encouraged.

While the protest is seen as freedom of expression, the sign was removed to avoid any possibility, including creating an environment where more people would be encouraged to demonstrate. According to the University president, two things that are now prohibited by the University.

But is that not the case, looking to the University and the governor's sides? Instead, they insist it was not a security risk, and the auditorium was not the area where pressing on that date could occur.

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

Aaron Camire
The Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

BOSTON (U-WIRE) — In 1780, John Adams did not include a definition of marriage in his draft of 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, or so many if they are “loving couples”?

Can members of the pedophilic National Man-Boy Love Association, NAMBLA, get married to pedophiles? (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. Get, scolds like the “degradation” of marriage to see.

I would also like to know how this ruling impacts “dignity and equality” to homosexuals. Has anyone ever asked, “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 then make a lifelong choice for which there is no precedent of marriage. Homosexuals are not banned 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 why 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 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 anachronism 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 deviant into the mainstream, and as long as creating “further tolerance and, ‘acceptance’, is trying to control a social revolution is nearly impossible.

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

Our Word

guest columnist

People should consider indirect effects of marriage ruling

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

— Unknown

There’s power in presence. This show’s we’re not afraid. We’re proud.”

— Danny Azares of Exploring how the impact of the Social Network can influence society through painting the film’s climax

Words overheard

New Trustees for SIU.
IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE

“Alec Plaza — Daily Egyptian”
**COLUMNIST**

**American culture is being abused**

By Kiran Bhattacharyya

American culture is a snobbish, self-centered nation with no cultural identity. I remember sitting on a couch back 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 means that I am accustomed to for over a decade. However, I realized the same thing of America when I lived in India.

Though not new per se or isolated cases, violent images do “deconstruct” childhood and are virtually everywhere acceptable. So — no surprise there are free shooting spaces in schools ever now and then.

As defined by anthropologists Larry Sanger and Richard Porter, “culture refers to the cumulative deposit of knowledge, experience, beliefs, values, attitudes, meanings, hierarchies, religions, norms of time, roles, spatial relations, concepts of the universe and material objects and possessions acquired by a group or individual as a result of generations through individual and group thought.”

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The education of our children.

**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 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 every cent invested as Final Rule, which prepares young children for school, I bear 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 that our Waldorf — a well-paid, qualified teacher — is actually there and ensuring each child is learning at a baseline level.

The two points are a major part of the bipartisan No Child Left Behind legislation passed in 2001. Led by President Bush, Republicans and Democrats reached agreement on these very concepts, that we need the best qualified teachers, that students would undergo yearly testing to make sure they meet minimum requirements, and that more resources would be devoted to the education of our children. The result so far have been mixed. I am very disappointed that the president has not kept 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 $40 billion. I am working to close this gap.

We will need to be patient as we learn from these processes. The key to improving is to remember that as problem areas are identified we can address them — it is better to see when things are struggling and help them than to know. We must remain patient as educational reforms are implemented.

From a distance appear every other Friday. Kiran is a doctoral student in the College of Mass Communications and Media Arts. His views are his own and do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

**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 program in the College of Mass Communications and Mass Communications and Media Arts. This letter is written to offer some reasons why the problem is probably more complex than is commonly understood.

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In 1977, there have been only three years when Pell Grants were fully funded. Over that time, the value of Pell Grants has eroded from 94 percent of the cost of public college to 42 percent. We need to do better for low-income students, for this is an investment rich in returns, but in our society as well. An educated workforce helps drive our economy.

Our educators and our students face many challenges and difficulties. At the same time, we do not have to be one of them. But we must remain patient as educational reforms are implemented. The key to improving is to remember that as problem areas are identified we can address them — it is better to see when things are struggling and help them than to know.

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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 stepped 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 it.

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, 83,785 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 midnights.”

“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.

According to the United Network for Organ Sharing, only 83,355 people are waiting for a lung transplant, and of those waiting, 1,000 people are waiting for a lung transplant at all times.

Kyle and his family were told they 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 had to wait 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 Springall.

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

Kyle and his friends, Ciel, were playing in his room.

“I went into his room and said, ‘Kyle, 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, you know damn well he was ready. He 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, Jaunice Cottilet, an SIUC student in speech communication, was the only one who could sit before the surgery began.

“She’s always been my big sister, 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 talk and help 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.

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Kyle’s lungs are doing well, but it will take months before they return to normal.

“Your lungs take a long time to be healthy, and it’s only been a little over a month,” Michelle said.

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

"Kyle is an amazing young man," said Halley, his personal tutor. "He is so smart and he works very hard. He really wants to get back to school."

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

"You can learn about his medical history by reading what the doctors say about him," said Michelle. "I've been doing research since the day he was born."

Kyle's illness has affected his family in many ways. His parents have had to give up their jobs to care for him, and his sister, who is four years old, is now being cared for by family members. Kyle's parents have also had to make many difficult decisions about his treatment.

"We don't want to give up on him," said Kyle's father, Tim Cortilet. "We will do whatever it takes to make sure he gets better."

Despite the challenges, Kyle remains positive and hopeful. "I want to go back to school and play football," he said. "I want to be normal."
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Daily Horoscope by Ubuntu Blake

Today's birthday (Nov. 21). Pressures, high and
unseen, push you to get down to business. The more
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.
To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is
the easiest day, 1 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7- A 7.
You're figuring out your plans for the next couple of
days, and it's a safe bet that most plans will unfold
as you've predicted. Keep your eyes peeled for
surprises.

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

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

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Get your
place in order. That way, you can entertain spontane-
ously, no matter how abrupt others strode by.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - Focus on
something you want to accomplish. The more you can
be proud of, the more people will seek your counsel.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You'll now
find it a little easier to get what you deserve. That's fair
pay for the hard work you've done. In fact, you're overpaid.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Make sure
the money is coming in at regular intervals. If it's not,
the deal you so 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's been simmer-
ning about too long.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - You're
gaining 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
testing yet. You'll have a few tough questions to
answer over the next couple of days.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) - Today is a 7 - If you're
not going out of town in the next day or two, take precau-
tions. Mechanical difficulties could slow you down.
Check out all your belts and hoses.

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Bye week better late than never for Illini

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Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

CHAMPAGNE (U-WRIS) — The Illini 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.

"It was 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 specified that his squad, which had to deal with the Illini's second-to-last bye last weekend, should regain the services of starting running back Todd Herremans and starting receiver Kelvin Hayden for this weekend's game against Northwestern on Saturday.

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

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

Turner said the three Illini starters are still available, but he is unsure how big a role they will play in their last game.

"I think we're healthier than we've been in a while," Turner said. "Defensive linemen Derrick Strong, Ryan Atkinson, a lot of guys have been coming through but have been playing through pain and playing pretty hurt, up for much better things than they have been.

"Healthier in more ways than one," Turner said. 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 rest and recovery time just to get a little bit for a break," Buibin said of the bye back (Saturday) 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 gametradition Temashawk Trophy, there will be state rivalry to be at full strength this fall.

The Illini, with quarterback to be 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 Minnesota last weekend, are coming in second from the top, head into their final game sitting at 5--2," said Turner. "Just one win away of tying for the Big Ten title."

"Right now, they're having a Conference game because, well, Illini safety Marc Jackson said, "So hopefully we can dampen their spirits a bit."

As for Painter, he feels prepared to produce. Turner was asked if Hayden will respond in his first game back.

"He's been very active in practice and we're going to use him the way we think he'll play, and now I think he's anxious," Painter said of Hayden. "He's a key piece of ours, and a lot of people have been asking me to talk about it, but me it's just speculation."

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The difficulty level will be as high when the Salukis return to Carbondale to face Jacksonville State on Saturday, a team that lost four games last year, but is now in first place in their conference. SIU has won its last four games against OVC teams.

"He's going to open up and try to return Thanksgiving night in preparation for a Nov. 29 game at Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a team they beat last year. The Salukis after Hainsworth's last-second 65-yard, go-ahead shot, SIU's win in February's Bradley Drugs at the arena.

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Salukis have plenty to play for in final weekend

Harman nears final match as a Saluki

Adam Seebolding

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 volleyball 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 have much time to think about it.

The lone senior on the young SIU volleyball team has done her part for the season, helping the Dawgs (7-21, 3-13 Missouri Valley Conference) in knees with 253, kills per game with 3.64 and served in digs with 242.

While she has lived up to her personal goals of being the best leader and outstanding captain, Harman has fallen short of her overall goal for the team — reaching the MVC tournament.

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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 Crazies.

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Salukis break open seasons

**Salukis begin season in Wyoming**

Salukis have three games during break

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The yellow letter 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.

Saluki head coach Marty McCormick isn't overly concerned with the thin air his team will inhale in the Cowboys' gym.

"The one thing we haven't done is seen her at softball games," said a group of about 45 who gathered this season to watch her suppos- ed status as the greatest hitter in MVC history. She is the only Saluki volleyball player to be named MVC Player of the Year, and her 3,057 career assists, 5,057 career assists, and other accomplishments are being celebrated.

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

**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 Dawgs 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 playing for the Big Apple Wednesday, there's no Thanksgiving dinner in the comfort 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 Haydn said.

"Sounds rough."

But the Salukis hope to gobbles up a couple of victories before fending off some Tukey in New York.

**POLL: Better Thanksgiving weekend?**

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