Carbondale prepares for Lights Fantastic Parade
City advises of road closures for event

David Lopez
DailyEgyptian

Another Christmas season in Carbondale means, aside from the lighted wreaths and candy cane decorations, the return of the annual Lights Fantastic Parade. The 17th annual Lights Fantastic Parade will light up Saturday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The parade route means several intersections through-out Carbondale will be blocked off open to whatever had been on the route and will not be open again until 7:15 p.m.

“IT’s one of the largest events in Carbondale and the only city parade,” said Meghan Cole, executive director of Carbondale Main Street, the organization that handles the planning and promotion for the parade. “the community really comes out for this event.”

Detours will be put in place around the parade route and will block off downtown Carbondale from vehicular traffic. Any vehicles still parked within in the detour time will be towed.

Southbound traffic on University Avenue will not be detoured, but motorists will be advised to slow down between Freeman Street and Grand Avenue.

Among the parade participants will be The Carbondale Boys and Girls Club and the Carbondale Lions Club. This year will mark the second year of participation for the Boys and Girls club, and the 17th for the Lions Club.

The Boys and Girls Club choir and cheerleading squads will be in the parade, as well as a decorated car made by the children of the organization.

Sunshine Dziernycki-Wilson, program director of the Boys and Girls Club, remembers their first year at the parade.

"It was cold and fast," Dziernycki-Wilson said, “Otherwise the kids had a good time.”

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Former Illinois Rep. Henry Hyde dead at 83**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Henry Hyde, the famously conservative former longtime Illinois congressman, may not have been exactly the man many thought he was.

He remained a staunch foe of abortion and maintained President Bill Clinton deserved impeachment, but shortly before his January retirement, the 32-year House veteran said he was “perhaps somewhat more liberal.”

“I do believe government increasingly is a remedy of last resort of many issues,” he told The Associated Press in one of his last few formal interviews.

Still, Hyde, who died Thursday at 83, remained an inspiration to his fellow Republicans.

“Many Republicans these days feel the same way their constituents do by checking a pro-life box or giving a strategically targeted political gift,” said Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas. “Not Henry.”

Hyde, who underwent open-heart surgery in July, died about 2:30 a.m. CST at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, hospital spokeswoman Mary Schulz said.

He had been admitted Sunday for persistent renal failure related to his cardiac condition, and then suffered from a fatal arrhythmia, dying while asleep, she said.

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**Ex-teacher's abuse trial moved from Champaign County**

URBANA, Ill. — The trial of a former Urbana elementary school teacher charged with molesting nine students has been moved out of Champaign County.

Champaign County Judge Henry Garmatz granted a defense motion to move the trial site from Old Ill. 3 to Macon County because of publicity. The trial is set to begin Dec. 25.

White faces three counts of predatory criminal sexual assault and 13 counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse for allegedly molesting nine girls while teaching at St. John White County.

White, of Vigo Grove, faces similar charges in Macon County and will be tried separately there. Authorities allege White molested the girls while teaching first through third grade at a normal elementary school.

White has pleaded not-guilty to all charges.

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**Second teenager charged in robberies that led to grad student's death**

CHICAGO (AP) — Police charged a second teenager Thursday with a string of armed robberies that allegedly culminated in the fatal shooting of a University of Chicago graduate student from Senegal.

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**Illinois court deals blow to owners of casino license**

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — The Illinois Supreme Court is refusing to hear an appeal in the long dispute over an unused riverboat casino license, a move that state officials hailed Thursday as a major step toward freeing up the license.

“The case is over with as far as I’m concerned,” said Ann Fox, chairman of the Gaming Board. The board will soon begin the process of auctioning the license off to a new casino company, she said.

Attorney General Lisa Madigan said the decision moved Illinois “a significant step closer to being able to reissue the license to suitable owners and generate much-needed revenue.”

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Hollywood makes new offer to writers

Gary Gentile
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood studios presented a new contract offer to striking film and TV writers Thursday that the writers said would pay writers millions of dollars extra for shows created for the Internet.

But writers said some of the proposals amounted to rollbacks and said studios should adopt their counteroffer.

The Writers Guild of America said it asked for a recess in the talks until Tuesday to consider its options, but it called on members to continue picketing Friday and Monday.

The producers said the new offer, dubbed the “New Economic Partnership,” included payments for work shown on the Internet, the key sticking points in the talks.

“The entire value of the New Economic Partnership will deliver more than $130 million in additional compensation above and beyond the more than $1.3 billion writers already receive each year,” the statement from the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers said.

The $130 million sum appeared to be an annual figure, but the brief statement did not clarify whether the amount was per year or over the three-year life of a proposed new contract. No details of the terms were released in the first statement since both sides imposed a media blackout Monday.

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The conflicting details and tone of the statements is confusing, said Jonathan Handel, an entertainment lawyer who served in the 1990s as an associate counsel for the writers guild.

“None of this makes sense,” Handel said. “It’s very difficult to analyze this in any rigorous way.”

Southern Illinois AIDS Holiday Project aims to make happy holiday memories

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

“Tis the season to be giving — and one group is keeping that in mind while serving low-income families throughout southern Illinois.

The Southern Illinois AIDS Holiday Project serves clients of the Southern Illinois AIDS Consortium, which consists of 130 low-income families impacted by HIV and AIDS.

Donations can be sent to the Holiday Project through the Newerman Center. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Wally Paynter at wallypaynter@aol.com.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Web site, AIDS is characterized by a weakening immune system developed by a disease causing agent, HIV. HIV is passed through blood-to-blood and sexual contact. According to the Web site, only some suffering from HIV infection develop AIDS.

Paynter said the project aims to meet the needs of families who have at least one family member suffering from HIV or AIDS. One goal is to help these families with their basic needs, he said, and to provide holiday gifts.

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“Even if you’re the only person who’s impacted with AIDS in the household, it’s going to impact the whole family,” Paynter said.

Chantey Christy Hamilton, wellness coordinator at the Student Health Center, said the project is a worthy cause that extends beyond the basic AIDS programs.

“It’s great cause,” Hamilton said.

Paynter is hoping to become more involved in it.

The project began this year, Paynter said, and is modeled after a similar project in Evansville. Evansville serves four or five of the southeastern counties of Illinois, he said, but this is the first year all 17 counties of southern Illinois are being covered.

The project gathered holiday requests from families and is working to provide clothing, gifts and food for each impacted family. The group is also raising money for grocery store gift cards for each family.

Paynter said the group raised $2,600 already, translating into $20 per family. That’s hardly enough to buy a good amount of groceries, Paynter said. The group will continue to take donations through Dec. 20, and gift cards will be mailed to families on Dec. 21.

“We’re looking for people to help make donations,” Paynter said.

Ultimately the project aims at giving each family a happy holiday, especially for those who may not be around next holiday season.

“For some of the families, the parent is terminal and our goal is to make a happy holiday memory,” Paynter said.

The group is always looking for more volunteers to help with current projects. Paynter said, but people are also needed to help plan fundraisers for next year. There are at least two fundraisers planned for next year, he said, as well as a Carbondale AIDS walk.

“Additional volunteers are needed to make this project a success,” Paynter said.

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Police: body matches description of missing student, porn star

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EL DORADO, Kan. — A body found in Kansas appears to be that of a national college student who led a secret life as an Iowa teenager, police said Thursday.

Authorities said the preliminary physical description of the body found about 50 miles east of El Dorado matches that of missing college student Emily Sanders. Investigators refused to give details about the state of the body or how it was found.

Police Chief Tom Boren said the cause of death was not yet known. An autopsy is planned.

Sanders, 18, was last seen leaving an El Dorado bar Friday with a man who has been the focus of a nationwide college student search since police found large quantities of blood in a Kansas motel room where she was staying.

Prior to finding the body, investigators had not found a link between Sanders and her activities as an online porn star under the name Zombie. But publicity about her explicit photos brought a flood of tips, many from concerned parents who feared for their daughters.

No tips were generated from her body, Boren said.

Sanders, who attended Butler Community College, left the bar with Mireles, 24. Authorities are looking for him and his 16-year-old pregnant girlfriend.

The male student car Mireles was driving was found abandoned Tuesday in Vernon, Texas, where police interviewed family members and planned to bring the vehicle back to Kansas for processing.

“We feel they know where he is, but they haven’t shared that with us,” Boren said.

Mireles, 21, a former Fort Hood soldier, was last seen on foot and all-terrain vehicles checking the tall grass along U.S. 77 near Neal, Kan., as they traced the route Mireles may have taken Saturday on the way to Baxter Springs to pick up his girlfriend.

So far searches using dogs, planes, underwater equipment and all drivers at the Walnut River dam have yielded no new evidence.

“We have about exhaust a lot of the resources we have here, so we are directing our focus to a particular area,” Boren said.

Dozens of people gathered Wednesday night in El Dorado to try to drum up support for a candlelight vigil for Sanders. The turnout moved her grandmother, Robin Sanders, to say that Emily Sanders’ disappearance shows tragedy can suddenly strike anyone.

“All I can say to you folks out there is be careful,” she said. “It is a cruel world.”

Bush looks for funding approval as Christmas break approaches

BEN FELLER THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush sternly pressed Democrats to approve money to fund the Iraq war “without strings and without delay” before leaving town for the Christmas holidays, something congressional leaders have already indicated they will not do.

Bush said this will push the Pentagon toward an accounting nightmare and affect the military’s ability to do its job. The House and Senate this week were to consider their 90-day stopgap measure, a bill that took a big toll on the war fund.

The mood was ecstatic all around the theater district. Tourists, action, phrase—Latin masses, hot dog vendors — basically anyone remotely affiliated with the theater scene was all there, all day. "One thing the turnout moved her granddaughter, Robin Sanders, to say that Emily Sanders’ disappearance shows tragedy can suddenly strike anyone.

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Bush pressed on, using the two days before Christmas to appeal to dimensions of the bill.

Meanwhile, there was at least a sign of a potential breakthrough. Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., said Thursday that after talking with President Bush’s aide on the Iraq war, he thinks Congress and the White House might be able to head off problems on war funding.

After Murtha’s 11th-hour intervention by Lt. Gen. Douglat, Murtha said he’s “more optimistic that there’s a pos- sessions, the Anne Rice’s "The Virgin of the Rains" novel, which is being made into a telepic.

The House has passed a $50 billion bill that would keep war operations all set for another six months, but set a goal of bringing most troops home by December 2008. After Bush threatened to veto the measure, Senate Republicans blocked it in turn. Democratic leaders say they want Bush to “sit down and work out a plan with the Congress so that we work this whole thing out.”

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Graveyard shift soon to be listed as probable cause of cancer

Maria Cheng
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Like UV rays and diesel exhaust fumes, working the graveyard shift will soon be listed as a "probable" cause of cancer.

It is a surprising step validating a concept once considered wacky: And it is based on research that finds higher rates of breast and prostate cancer among women and men whose workday starts after dark.

Next month, the International Agency for Research on Cancer, the cancer arm of the World Health Organization, will add overnight work to its list of probable carcinogens. The higher cancer rates don’t prove working overnight can cause cancer. There may be other factors common among graveyard shift workers that raise their risk for cancer.

However, scientists suspect that overnight work is dangerous because it disrupts the circadian rhythm, the body’s biological clock. The hormone melatonin, which can suppress tumor development, is normally produced at night.

If the graveyard shift theory eventually proves correct, millions of people worldwide could be affected. Experts estimate that nearly 20 percent of the working population in developed countries work night shifts.

Among the first to spot the night-shift-cancer connection was Richard Stevens, a cancer epidemiologist and professor at the University of Connecticut Health Center. In 1987, Stevens published a paper suggesting a link between light at night and breast cancer.

Back then, he was trying to figure out why breast cancer incidence suddenly shot up starting in the 1930s in industrialized societies, where nighttime work was considered a hallmark of progress. Most scientists were bewildered by his proposal.

But in recent years, several studies have found that women working at night over many years were indeed more prone to breast cancer. Also, animals that have their light-dark schedules switched develop more cancerous tumors and die earlier. Some research also suggests that working at night may have a higher rate of prostate cancer.

Because these studies mostly focused on nurses and airline crews, bigger studies in different populations are needed to confirm or disprove the findings.

There are still plenty of skeptics. And to put the risk in perspective, the “probable carcinogen” tag means that the link between overnight work and cancer is merely plausible.

Among the long list of agents that are listed as “known” carcinogens are alcoholic beverages and birth control pills. Such lists say nothing about exposure amount or length of time or how likely they are to cause cancer.

The American Cancer Society Web site notes that carcinogens do not always cause cancer. The cancer society doesn’t make its own assessments of possible cancer-causing agents, but relies on analyses by the IARC and a U.S. agency.

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WORDS OVERHEARD
“‘I’m trying to thin them out so we don’t hit them while we’re driving.’”

Nick White
freshman studying agricultural systems

on his reasoning for deer hunting during the second portion of the firearm season.

Q: Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz recently confirmed the university will continue not to contact the families of students who live on campus and experience a medical emergency. Do you agree or disagree?

“Personally, I feel that this issue should be put to rest ... The DE is trying to save themselves by attacking this system. Yes, it should be addressed, but this issue should be dropped for now because it’s just bringing negative attention.”

David Tabler
sophomore studying English education

“I disagree with that because certain students meet certain needs and their family only knows what they need so if they don’t contact them then ... it could get worse.”

Jauane Vinson
freshman studying elementary education

“Actually, I disagree. I think if some student was to die, the parents should be notified. That way, other parents would know what’s going on, that way you know, students won’t be wondering, ‘Well, what is happening, am I safe, am I not safe ...’ And then the parents will also be at mind that my child is this many miles away and that they know that if something were to happen they will be contacted.”

Gregory Gilleyle
freshman studying aviation flight and management

“I totally agree. I think it should be up to the authorities. Because it’s really up to the authorities to pronounced someone injured ... or dead. It’s up to them to call the parents and I think it’s more of a legal right than anything else. So I don’t think that should be the university’s position to do it.”

Nicole Sayler
senior studying English education
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The Duplex

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by Glenn McCoy

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illegal defense

what are you trying to do with me?

that's enough you're out of my way

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Pulse Picks from the Pulse team

Here are some suggestions from the Pulse team for what to do this weekend:

Alicia Wade
1. Spend some quality time with your favorite gaming system. If you haven’t gotten around to playing your Xbox 360, no one really wants to study all weekend.
2. Bask in on Sunday you’ve spent far too much time with your gaming system and hit the books. Finals are coming fast!

Football

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Minutemen senior JJ Moore has notched 1,000-yard rushing yards this season, while Rashad Rancifer has averaged 136 yards per catch this year.

SU’s defensive coordinator Tracy Claeys said Massachusetts puts Moore and Rancifer on opposite sides of the field, which will keep the Salukis from cheating coverage to one side of the field. They’re going to keep you more straight-up with things and we’re going to have people in the right places, and we’re going to have to make a few plays.

Claeys said SIU coach Jerry Kill said the Salukis ain’t allowing the Minutemen to get to senior quarterback Nick Hill frequently, such as when the Minutemen recorded eight sacks on New Hampshire quarterback Ricky Santos, the reigning Walter Payton Award winner, in a 27-7 win Nov. 10.

The Salukis will have to prepare for the Minutemen’s blitz packages, and the key will be keeping Massachusetts off balance with different sets and having success on the ground and through the air, Kill said.

“They are very physical, run-blocking bunch,” Kill said.

Minutemen coach Don Brown said the Salukis offense is capable of scoring the ball around or pounding it with enough variation in the nickel package to make matters difficult for opposing offenses.

Hill has thrown eight touchdown passes in his last three games and completed more than 58 percent of his throws in the last two. He completed 24 of 39 passes for 254 yards and two touchdowns in SUU’s first-round win over Eastern Illinois, while running back John Randle rushed 12 times for 72 yards and caught five passes for 32 yards.

“They are very proud of that, but like I said, anybody give any of that up to keep on winning, Kill said.

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Basketball

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“We have to dictate,” Lowrey said. “We can’t play with guys that fast.”

Mullins said the Salukis lacked intensity in their loss to USC, which is exactly what they need to regain to capitalize against a similarly high-scoring team in Indiana.

The Hoosiers average 85.3 points per game, more than one-third of which is accounted for by Gordon.

The Salukis leading scorer, senior forward Randal Falker, has been a commanding presence late in the paint with 17 points and 6.8 rebounds per game.

Falker said the Salukis can’t afford to put the Hoosiers on a pedestal — they must simply play their style of defense.

“We can’t get to have our D, like we’re taught to, like we’re brought up to do,” Falker said. “That’s the kind of D we know how to play.”

A week of intense practice has certainly be the busiest the department has experienced in that period, and coach Jerry Kill said the opportunity to compete with a home crowd is something such magnitude is a unique experience.

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Saturday

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He said he noticed the increased pride for the athletic program as a whole when he traveled with the team to Anaheim, Calif., last week for the Anaheim Classic tournament and witnessed alumni he hadn’t seen in years with a renewed sense of Saluki pride.

The football team has also become accustomed to national success, having reached the NCAA Football Playoffs every year since 2003 and the quarterfinal round for three consecutive seasons.

Saturday’s matchup is the first time the Salukis have been at home for their half of their first game in that period, and coach Jerry Kill said the opportunity to compete with a home crowd is something such magnitude is a unique experience.

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Audra Ord
1. Take advantage of the many opportunities you have to show school spirit this weekend and cheer on the Salukis at either the football game or the basketball game. 2. Bundle up and head downtown to enjoy the Lights Fantastic parade Saturday night.

Saturday's Dance Party World SkiSkin Days with special guest Jon Zanay 50 Jumbo Long Island Iced Teas Free Popcorn

Because if you were yelling at a newspaper, you’d look pretty crazy.

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Sports
I'm driving the Bears' playoff bandwagon, and I'm going to keep riding them for my upset pick (even though I last picked them here when they lost to Seattle — I'm such a homer). The only team currently above .500 that the Giants have beaten this season is the free-falling Lions. I say Bears over Giants, 23-14.

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“I think No. 9 Oklahoma will beat No. 1 Missouri. I don’t really know if that’s a big upset. Missouri No. 1, but I think Oklahoma’s still a better team. Oklahoma has played better against No. 1, but I think Kansas’ almost should have beat No. 4 Kansas a run for its money Tuesday. So I give them over No. 9 Texas A&M on Sunday and be on the move for a spot in the Top 25.”

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No. 4 seed Southern Illinois Salukis (11-1) vs. Massachusetts Minutemen (10-2)

Where: Saturday, Dec. 1
Time: 2:20 p.m.
Where: McKendree Stadium

Cast: ESPN Gameplan (television)

The word on the Minutemen... Two losses this season do not reflect how good Massachusetts is — one was a 24-14 loss to then-No. 12 Boston College in the Football Bowl Subdivision, and the other was 12-6 in terrible playing conditions. The Minutemen excel on defense, specifically rushing the passer. In the first round, Massachusetts beat Fordham 35-9.

Position-by-position breakdown

Quarterback

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Defensive ends

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ADVANTAGE: SIU

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WILD WEEKEND LOOMS

FOOTBALL

SIU on the move
Quarterfinal win would be first since 1983

Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After decades of fighting to simply advance to the NCAA playoffs, the SIU football team is now faced with the task of getting over the quarterfinal hump.

This marks the third season in a row the Salukis (11-1) have advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division I Football Championship. They will face Massachusetts (10-2) Saturday in the quarterfinals for a 2:20 p.m. kickoff at McAndrew Stadium.

SIU hasn’t advanced to the third round of the playoffs since 1983, when the Salukis won the national championship in the three-round format.

In the last two quarterfinal games, SIU lost at Montana in 2006 and at Appalachian State in 2005. "We need to get over the hump," sophomore safety Marty Rodgers said. "We need to do whatever it takes."

SIU coach Jerry Kill said Rodgers and sophomore cornerback Brandon Williams gave the Salukis a boost in their opening-round win over Eastern Illinois, and will be relied upon in the Saturday battle as well.

Both had been sidelined since Nov. 3 at Western Illinois, and Rodgers record nine tackles in his return.

Rodgers said his return for the playoffs comes at an opportune time, and it’s exciting to face an offense that is capable of passing or running well.

This season, the Minutemen average 157.6 rushing yards per game and 233.9 passing yards per game.

Carbondale prepares for ‘Super Saturday’
ESPN broadcasts for football, basketball

Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Perhaps the most eventful weekend in Carbondale sports history isn’t as big of a deal as it would have been years ago, SIU men’s basketball hall-of-famer Seymour Bryson said.

The home quarterfinal playoff game for SIU football and battle of two top-25 men’s basketball teams Saturday — billed “Super Saturday” by the athletic department — may be the busiest day in the history of Carbondale athletics, with both games being broadcast separately by ESPN networks.

But Bryson, SIU’s all-time leading scorer and current associate chancellor for diversity, said the heights the men’s basketball team in particular has reached made the event less of a big deal because the university is becoming increasingly known for its top competition.

“The fact that you have two events like this on one day makes it a unique and special day, but in terms of basketball alone it doesn’t really stand out,” Bryson said.

The 8:30 p.m. men’s basketball game against No. 15 Indiana, broadcast on ESPN, will tip just hours after the conclusion of the football team’s 2:20 p.m. quarterfinal match-up against Massachusetts, broadcast on ESPNU.

Bryson said he will attend both events, as an excited fan to McAndrew Stadium and later as an official scorer on the sidelines at the SIU Arena.

He said the basketball game in particular is not extraordinary because the team, which has posted an 80-3 record at home since 2001, is expected to compete with the elite.

“Just playing against Indiana is not as exciting as it used to be, because we now feel we belong at that level. We’re nationally-ranked and they’re nationally-ranked,” Bryson said.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Salukis look to get back up

Face No. 15 Indiana Saturday after blowout loss

Megan Kramper
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Coach Chris Lowery isn’t concern the SIU men’s basketball team will be distracted by the lights and glamour Saturday.

Down 70-45 to Southern California in the championship game of the Anaheim Classic on Sunday — the team’s worst loss since 2000 — the Salukis (3-1) will host the highest-ranked opponent to visit SIU Arena since 1988 — No. 15 Indiana.

“IT means nothing,” Lowery said. “It’s another opponent. The biggest thing for us is to that we lost our last game. We never get caught up with who we’re playing."

The Hoosiers (5-1) bring the prestige of a historic basketball powerhouse as well as highly touted freshman Eric Gordon, who leads the nation in scoring during his brief career with 27.3 points per game.

Junior guard Bryan Mullins said it will take a team effort to shut down Gordon, and the team will play its usual aggressive style.

Lowery said the Salukis would have to set the tempo defensively and not let the Hoosiers take control early.

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Football

SIU (3-0)
Massachusetts (10-2)
NCAA Playoff Quarterfinals
2:20 p.m. at McAndrew Stadium
ESPN GamePlan

Men’s Basketball

SIU (3-1)
Indiana (15-0)
8:30 p.m. at SIU Arena
ESPN

Sophomore forward Christian Cornelius helps
senior guard Tyone Green to his feet during SIU’s Nov. 17 game against Northern Illinois. The Salukis will look to rebound against No. 15 Indiana after suffering their worst loss since 2000.