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**SIUC looks to revamp SOAR**

Orientation program would benefit from college-specific focus, advisors say

Christian Holt  
**Eagle**

University officials are mulling changes in the way they introduce prospective students to the campus.

Chancellor Fernando Treviño said he has received a list of potential changes to the university’s day-long orientation program for new students, known as SOAR. The proposed changes include a concentration of the specific colleges the student is interested in joining.

The program currently focuses on the university as a whole, with little attention to the diverse colleges themselves.

“Treviño, chief academic advisor for the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, was one of the advisors to draft the new proposal for the program. She said the focus of the specific colleges was the primary change her college wanted to get across. Some students said they thought this idea could definitely benefit future students and could have benefitted them.

“It could have its benefits I’m sure, versus having everyone all together,” said Christine Prinz, a junior from Morton studying psychology. “It may sound crazy but depending on what you’re going into you need to be prepared for different things.”

Treviño said he has not been at the university long enough to have formed his own opinion but thinks the suggestions probably hold true for what the students need.

“I think intuitively what they’re proposing to me makes sense,” he said.

Clare Mitchell, chief academic advisor for the College of Main Communication and Media Arts, said ultimately the group wants what is best for students going through the SOAR program.

**Jackson County takes a shot at flu season**

CDC recommends everyone receive vaccine this season

Barton Lorimer  
**DailyEgyptian**

So far, the only abundance of influenza in Jackson County is in the vaccine to fight it.

t’s mandatory and they want to charge us $30,” said Carla Griffin, director of nursing for the Health Department, said children ages six months to five years old, ages 50 and above, pregnant women and anyone who has an underlying health concern are recommended to be vaccinated for influenza.

However, students are not in the clear.

Dr. Charles Clemens, medical chief of staff at the SIUC Student Health Centre, said college students should strongly consider a flu shot.

The health center offers a flu shot for $20, which includes the basic appointment fee and cost of the vaccination.

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**Corn, ethanol production on the rise**

Eugene Clark  
**DailyEgyptian**

The cob in the corn on the cob has never been in higher demand.

The demand for energy conservation and environmentally conscious products has led to a greater need for corn because of its use in ethanol production. Farmers are responding by increasing the amount of corn used to produce the ethanol used in gasoline, said Jim Tarmann, field service director at the Illinois Corn Growers Association.

Tarmann said there is six operating ethanol plants in the State of Illinois, and each rely on the white part of the corn kernel to produce the form of alcohol.

Maggie Carson, spokesperson for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, said the ethanol boom has also prompted 60 Illinois businesses to sign a proposal for new ethanol plants throughout the state. The proposals are under review by the Illinois EPA Bureau of Air, she said.

Plants have been proposed locally in Litchfield, Saugatuck and Marshall.

The placement of ethanol plants is contingent upon factors including water access, corn production and proximity to other markets.

Tarmann said the plants operate by taking the starch from the white area of the corn kernel and fermenting it into a sugar. The sugar is converted into alcohol-ethanol, which makes up 10 per cent of most gasoline in the state of Illinois.

Tarmann said the actual food content of the ear of corn is still available.

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**A harvested corn field soaks up rain Tuesday in Murphysboro**

Increased needs for ethanol has put corn production at a higher demand, fueling six ethanol plants in Illinois alone.

**Chamber opposes fee**

Property managers feel licensing fee is unfair

Danny Wenger and Barton Lorimer  
**DailyEgyptian**

A City Council vote on a $35 rental inspection fee was delayed, in part, to accommodate a request by the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce.

The fee, originally discussed at the Oct. 2 Council meeting and scheduled for action on Oct. 16, is now on the agenda for the Nov. 6 meeting. Part of the vote’s delay was to give the Chamber of Commerce more time to discuss its opinion, said City Manager Jeff Doherty.

Meredith Rhoads, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, said she wanted to poll the Chamber members before she got their opinion of the fee.

Many Chamber members, who are also property managers, said they were opposed to the fee, which would be required for every rental unit in order to fund mandatory safety inspections. Rhoads said more than two-thirds of the property managers in the Chamber were opposed to the fee.

“It is the opinion of the Chamber that the licensing fee proposal, in its current form, is not the most effective way to address the needs of the city in regulating the safety and quality of rental property,” she said.

Loretta Cooley, manager of Wedgewood Hills on East Park Street, said the 77 units she manages were subjected to the fee. The units include apartments, flats, townhouses and even a fire-bedroom house.

“It does nothing but drive the rental properties around Carbondale. It’s mandatory and they want to charge us for it,” she said.

The fee’s installment would cost Wedgewood Hills almost $2,700 per year, and Cooley said the problem was the city allowing too many people to build, which decreases the amount of renters.

“The city lets everybody come in and build, which cuts down our rent,” Cooley said. “Now they want to charge us for mandatory inspections,” she said. An ordinance approved by the City Council in 1994 requires all rental properties go through a mandatory inspection by city officials. Inspections take place every three years.

Cooley said she talked with other property managers and they are also opposed to the fee.

Erin Kirby, manager at Sugartree Apartments, said she thought the fee was excessive. There are 156 apartments in the Sugartree complex, meaning there would be more than $5,000 to be paid in fees per year, she said.

Cooley said the fee would hurt rental properties around Carbondale because it would increase the rent for residents.
First brother sentenced in Madison County murder

EDWARDSVILLE (AP)—One of two brothers accused in the 2005 slayings of two Blackafield who were discovered in a ditch by a mushroom hunter has pleaded guilty Tuesday and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Madison County Circuit Judge Charles Romani sentenced Clinton Hill, 31, immediately after he pleaded guilty to one count of first-degree murder, said Stephanie Smith, a spokeswoman for the governor’s office. In exchange for the plea, prosecutors dropped an identical murder count.

Hill plus deal does not require him to testify against his brother, Nathaniel Hill, 33, whose trial on two counts of first-degree murder is set for next April, Smith said.

The brothers were accused in the April 2005 killings of Derek Pitts, 48, and Vincent Rollins, 40, both of Edwardsville. A man searching for mushrooms near Alhambra, a small village located about 30 miles northeast of St. Louis, found the victims’ bodies wrapped in a carpet in a ditch.

Authorities said that Pitts had been shot in the face by a shotgun while Rollins died from blunt trauma to the back of his head, prosecutors said. Authorities believed the slayings took place during an argument at Clinton Hill’s Edwardsville home.

Another defendant, Kelly Matlock, 36, was sentenced to three years in prison after pleading guilty in September 2005 to two counts of concealing a homicidal death. Matlock helped wrap and transport the bodies, prosecutors said.

Alleged shooter charged in Chicago boy’s death

CHICAGO (AP) — Police say witnesses have identified Leisson Jackson as one of at least two people who fired shots in a gang-related shooting last Wednesday that killed Arthur Jones.

Authorities said at a news conference Tuesday that they’re still looking for more suspects. They say they have no evidence the boy was in a gang.

Two other teens have also been charged with first-degree murder in Jones’ death and are accused of passing the gun to Jackson. Police say they have not recovered a weapon.

Two fugitives accused in Williamson County slaying

MARION (AP) — Williamson County prosecutors have accused two Carbondale men in the slaying of a man whose body was found last week in the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge.

Michael Thompson and Terrance Vinson each are charged with three counts of first-degree murder and aggravated kidnapping in the death of 26-year-old Benjamin Slaughter. Slaughter’s body was found last Wednesday.

Bond for Thompson and Vinson is set at $1 million apiece. Both men are still at large.

Another suspect, 21-year-old Trevon Thompson, is in custody in connection with Slaughter’s death. Thompson is being held at the Jackson County Jail by $250,000 bond on charges of unlawful battery and unlawful restraint.

Blagojevich works on mass transit funding plan

CHICAGO (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich said today that the idea they’re still working on was a long-term funding plan to bail out Chicago-area mass transit agencies.

Blagojevich said at a Chicago news conference this afternoon that the idea they’re working on would not be “another tax increase on people.”

But the governor wouldn’t reveal details of the plan or say when they’d be made public.

He says Republican House Minority Leader Tom Cross is supposed to meet tomorrow with House Speaker Michael Madigan to try to get Madigan to embrace their plan instead of a proposed regional sales tax increase for mass transit.

POLICE REPORTS

Dennis Mettiah, 11, of Glenwood was arrested and charged with tampering with fire safety systems, life safety systems, and causing or maintaining a threat to state supported property at 1:47 a.m. Tuesday at Kie Smith Hall. Mettiah was transported to the Jackson County Jail where he is still being held. There were no reported injuries.

A theft under $300 occurred between 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Monday at Bow Hall. A bicycle valued at $70 was stolen. There were no suspects at the time.

A theft under $300 occurred between 4 pm. Friday and 8 p.m. Sunday at Steagall Hall. A bicycle valued at $100 was stolen. There were no suspects at the time.

AccuWeather 7-Day Forecast for Carbondale

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A couple of showers possible

Light drizzle and breezy

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Sunny

Plenty of sun

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Woman on fire

The first time Judith Ivey auditioned, she was too scared to go on stage.

Ivey, who won two Tony Awards and is well known for her role as B.J. Poteet on the sitcom “Designing Women,” gave a free performance of her off-Broadway show “Women on Fire” at McLeod Theatre Wednesday night. About 430 people showed up for the performance.

Ivey has spent her career in theater, both as an actress and director of stage plays, and has appeared in several TV series, such as “Will and Grace” and “Law and Order.” She has appeared in more than 40 films, including “The Devil’s Advocate,” “Mystery, Alaska” and “Flags of Our Fathers.”

All this began more than 30 years ago at Marion High School, Ivey said.

She said she moved to Marion when she was a junior, but the school assigned most of its club and student government positions when students were freshmen.

Ivey had been the editor of the newspaper and a cheerleader before she moved. At her new school, however, her only option was the drama club.

“The first time I auditioned, I wouldn’t get up on stage. My teacher took me to the storage room,” Ivey said with a laugh.

Ivey studied drama at Illinois State University but said she performed at SIUC for two summers during her college years.

She spoke to several classes of theater students Monday.

Christine Jacky, a graduate student from South Carolina studying theater, said she appreciated the opportunity to learn from Ivey’s experience.

“I thought it was really interesting. It made me think about a lot of things, listening to the different personalities that she was portraying,” said Marybeth Hanson, a sophomore from Leland studying photography.

Ivey said she encouraged theater students to develop a thick skin, because critics are especially harsh to young performers.

Students should work hard, she said, even though much of her success was due to chance.

“Luck has a lot to do with it,” Ivey said. “I don’t know if lawyers would say that to you or doctors would say that to you, but I do think it figures in the sense that your talent and your determination and your willingness to sacrifice all add up when you’re in the right place at the right time.”

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**Iraq death tolls decline in October**

I’ve never been more optimistic than I am right now with the progress we’ve made in Iraq. The only people who are going to win this counterinsurgency project are the people of Iraq. We’ve said that all along. And now they’re coming forward in masses.

— Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch

U.S. military

**Space shuttle Discovery launches into thunderous sound**

A much smaller piece of foam broke off a bracket on the fuel tank during the last launch, possibly along with some ice, and gouged Endeavour’s belly. More changes were made to Discovery’s fuel tank to prevent dangerous ice buildups from the super-cool propellants.

Michael and Kelly would use a laser-tipped inspection boom Wednesday to check Discovery’s vulnerable wings and nose, standard procedure since the Columbia accident.

**Firefighters admit California wildfires are blustering**

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**Space shuttle Discovery launches for mission STS 120 from the Kennedy Space Center on Tuesday, October 23, 2007.**

**Bush: defense system needed in Europe to counter Iran threat**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Thursday that the United States needs a missile defense system in Europe to deter hard-line regimes in the region from attacking Italy.

He didn’t say how to do so, and the international community does not take steps to prevent Iran, he said, from acquiring naval bases or land bases in the region.

**Rice orders increased oversight for some private guards in Iraq**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has ordered increased oversight of some private guards who protect U.S. diplomats and military personnel in Iraq, including private security guards in Iraq.

**WIRE REPORTS**

**FIREARMS**

Redmond, Wash. (AP) — About 700 protesters marched to the federal courthouse in Redmond to protest the outcome of the trial for Kevin Harris, charged with resisting arrest and assault.

Nick Svanstrom and several others were brought into the courthouse by police after they were told that they could not continue with the protest.

**NEWS**

**Crime**

**Marcia Dunn**

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Shuttle Discovery and its crew of seven astronauts lifted off on Thursday, setting off on the most challenging space station construction mission yet. It was the third launch of the space shuttle Discovery.

**BAGHDAD — October is on course to record the sec- ond consecutive decline in U.S. military and Iraqi civilian deaths as American commanders say they know why: the U.S. troop increase and an Iraqi groundswell against al-Qaida in Iraq, which is at its extremist.

Six people were killed in American fighter jets in Iraq. But the death toll over the two months appears to reinforce his optimism, but what will the pair do for the arrival of two science labs in a few months.

NASA pulled off the on-time launch — the third one in a row — after determining that a small patch of ice on its fuel tank plumbing posed no danger. Indeed, most of not all of the ice had already been sublimated by January.

The rain delays that had been forecast for days stayed away for the anticipated launch.

“We got lucky today. We could have just easily gotten unlucky,” said Commander Bill Oefelein.

Robert Chambers, 41, put up a fight during the last launch in August, derided as he spoke.

“Why don’t you try better,” Chambers said to Giuliani. “Why don’t you try better, Mr. Giuliani?”

Chambers has faced 14 counts of drug possession for strangling a 14-year-old black inmate.

Lee Anderson, a 14-year-old black inmate.

Robert Morgenthau, former New York City mayor, who served as Giuliani’s prosecution, once the shuttle reached orbit.

During the last launch in August, the commander of the battal- ion was asked about the progress we’ve made in Iraq. But the Bush administration has made clear that it will continue to provide some kind of relief to the people of Iraq.

Kirk Humphries. “We can save a lot of lives.”

Two science labs in a few months.

The three space station residents face even more construction chores as they sail to Earth after Discovery.

Last week, the shuttle astronauts face a tremendous series of challenges, but they can’t wait until the weekend.

The commander of the shuttle has set a goal of visiting two science labs in a few months.

NASA’s space operations chief, Bill Gerstenmaier, said the crew this week faced a tremendous series of challenges, but then called it a “can’t wait until the weekend.”

Chambers said he was in juvenile detention here.

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**Florida**

**Gillian Flaccus**

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Faced with unrelenting winds whipping wildfires into a ferocious frenzy across southern California, firefighters all but conceded defeat Thursday to an unstoppable beast.

NASA has been forced to abandon its plans to launch a mission called Discovery’s fuel tank during liftoff, but because that occurred at least several minutes earlier, the debris posed no risk to the mission.

For Discovery’s predawn launch, it did look like a clean ascent,” Mission Control radioed the crew.

NASA has paid extra attention to launch delays ever since the 2003 Columbia explosion. The wing brought down Columbia, the result of a strike by a boulder-size chunk.

**Cities**

**MCLATCHY TRIBUNE**

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**Steven R. Hurst**

The Associated Press

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Sitting in front of a group of preschoolers Tuesday morning, Erika Lowery, wife of SIU men’s basketball coach Chris Lowery, had the daunting task of holding the attention of 20 young children.

Lowery made an appearance at the Carbondale Head Start Center Tuesday to announce the continuation of “A Book in Every Home,” a program that provides books for children ages 3 to 5.

The book drive hopes to collect enough books for all of the 433 children enrolled in area Head Start Center locations to take home at least one book.

Once Lowery finished reading what was supposed to be the last book, the children mobbed her until she read “The Hungry Caterpillar.”

“OK, but this the last one,” Lowery told the children.

Lowery, who is in her third year as chairwoman of the program, said she wanted to make sure as many kids as possible would be able to take books home by the program’s Dec. 7 end date.

She stressed that donations need not be incredibly generous.

“Some people feel like they can’t do a whole lot, but five dollars can get them a nice little book,” Lowery said. “It doesn’t matter how big the donation is, you helped out and you did something.”

Lowery said she would personally buy the books with the money provided through donations.

The program has been around for 13 years and last year provided enough books for all 433 children to take home at least three books.

Carbondale residents are encouraged to bring books and other donations to one of seven locations around campus. Drop boxes are currently located at the SIUC Student Center, The Chancellor’s office in Anthony Hall and several other locations across the city.

Lowery said she is working on setting up more drop box locations, including the First Southern Bank and the Bank of Marion, and she hopes to work with the banks to offer a casual-dress day for employees who participate.

Joyce Guy, collaborations and training specialist at the Carbondale Head Start Center, cares for the children everyday and said she wants parents to nurture their child’s education at home as much as at school.

“Because we feel that parents are the first teachers of our children, we want them to understand that reading is important,” Guy said. “We want to make sure that children are getting that in the classroom, and we just want to make sure that parents are also teaching their children to love reading.”

Erika Lowery, honorary chair of this year’s Book in Every Home campaign and wife of SIU basketball coach Chris Lowery, reads to children Tuesday at the Head Start Center in Carbondale.

The Book in Every Home program aims to provide area preschoolers with brand new books. The 13th annual drive ends Dec. 7.

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There has to be a better way

When someone is rushed to the hospital, odds are that person’s family members would prefer to be informed sooner than later.

Yet university spokesman Rod Sievers said he doesn’t see anything wrong with the amount of time it took for Alex Booth’s mother to be notified of his death Thursday.

“We at the Daily Egyptian think two hours is too long. That’s how much time passed from when the first ambulance arrived at Alex’s dorm in Thompson Point at 5:30 p.m. until his mother, Becky, was contacted by the Daily Egyptian at 7:30 p.m.”

Carbondale hospital administrator George Maroney said the hospital attempted to contact the next of kin, but they didn’t have a valid number or they couldn’t get an answer.

According to Sievers, it’s not the university’s job to make sure the family is aware of medical emergencies.

Students at St. Louis University, much like here, fill out emergency cards when they move into university housing. Their information is passed on by housing directors to the vice president of student development. The information is then distributed to those who volunteer.

There has to be a better way.

“Ask any parent. Two hours is too long.”

I don’t think we had a problem in this case and I don’t think we’ll have one in the future,” Sievers said.

It took a Daily Egyptian reporter less than five minutes to search Booth’s hometown phone directory, call the first listing and talk to a woman who had no idea anything was wrong.

“Two hours is too long.”

The sins of the father

“Aaron Wolfe”

“you know Arnold’s father was a Nazi, right?” a friend recently said to me.

He was aghast that I would suggest Goebbels. Schwarzenegger, if Article Two of the Constitution were to be changed, could win the presidency. This would be, in my opinion, exactly what the framers of the Constitution did not want to happen.

The son of a fascist regime taking control of our nation’s highest office (even if he is Conant the Barbarian) could be disastrous to America.

I assured him my argument was purely hypothetical, and that it would be difficult for me to support voting the Terminator into the White House. But then I began to change my mind.

I couldn’t justify judging the son by the sins of his father. Arnold has, after all, stepped into a bad situation and proven to be a strong and effective leader.

However, you can imagine my surprise when I discovered that Americans had already elected two presidents with family ties to the Third Reich: George H.W. and George W. Bush.

Controversy over this connection has floated around the Internet for years and even made a brief appearance in the mainstream media during the 2004 presidential election, but it never received the attention it deserves. Considering the microscope candidates are placed under it is surprising — not to mention suspicious — that this has slipped under the radar for so long.

The gravity of this should not be underestimated. Barack Obama was, at one time, scrutinized for attending an Islamic-affiliated school while living abroad. This turned out to be unshaken slander, but George W. Bush’s grandfather helping to fund the Nazi party has somehow been considered less newsworthy.

Preston Sheldon Bush, a two-term congressman from Connecticut, was one of seven directors of the Union Banking Corporation. On July 31, 1941, an article in the New York Herald Tribune revealed that the UBC was a Dutch-owned bank with ties to a well-known financier of the Third Reich.

Financial transactions with German companies were not prohibited at this time, but six days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt signed legislation called the Trading With the Enemy Act. This made transactions with the Axis powers illegal, but the UBC continued on with business as usual.

As a result, on Oct. 20, 1942, the United States seized all shares of the UBC. Prescott Bush and others avoided prosecution because, in the words of a University of Pittsburgh professor, “the federal government was too busy fighting the war.”

The nature of these transactions, however, was by no means benign. The UBC’s activities, along with other banking firms Prescott Bush had been involved with, can be traced to the following activities: utilizing slave labor from concentration camps (including Auschwitz), shipping millions of dollars in gold to finance Hitler’s military build-up and laundering upwards of $3 million in Nazi money.

None of this, of course, directly implicates either George H.W. or George W. But, suffice it to say, such immediate connections in a president’s family to a former enemy are unnerving; not to mention the idea that the sins of a father have already been brought upon an unsuspecting nation.

Wolfe is a senior studying English education.
Signs of talent

Photo column by DuVale Riley – DAILY EGYPTIAN

During the past few semesters working for the Daily Egyptian, I have witnessed an exceptional amount of talent many students have at this university — most of which I would not have seen if I were not assigned to photograph the event. From award-winning students to an astronaut in space, individuals at this university prove they have more potential than what their degrees might show.

When photographing the Miss Eboness Pageant during homecoming weekend, I did not know what to expect. I was astonished at the amount of talent each of the candidates displayed. They sang, danced and recited poetry, all to the crowd’s applause.

I have noticed there are not many who attend events that display each other’s talents, with the exception of the nationally acclaimed men’s basketball team. If people want to find talent at SIU, they don’t have to look far. Any type of event held by an RSO or another organization is likely to have entertainment for the crowd. I feel lucky to have been able to witness just a few of the talents students have at this university. I hope you can experience them too.
The ‘How to’ on reducing alcohol risks

Counseling Center

By employing harm reduction strategies, it is possible to drink in a way that maximizes the positive aspects of drinking while minimizing the negative effects.

Plagiarism fallout

Dear Editor:

Some people take the following attitude to the plagiarism scandal: “It is over now, let’s move on.” The situation is not that simple.

I was at a relatively small scientific conference in South Carolina a week ago. Several people there — all senior university professors, none of them SIU alumni or in any way associated with this school — said about the Poshard affair. Their attitude was one of amazement that Dr. Poshard would stay in his position, or that the University would allow it. This was very embarrassing.

Further embarrassment will surely follow, for the whole university.

Dr. Poshard’s first inappropriate act was to stay in office after the allegations. (I do not suggest that he should have resigned, but he should have stood temporarily. I would not even expect his salary to be interrupted.) His attempts to minimize the problem show that he does not understand the nature of a university, or the nature of scholarship. His attempts to influence public opinion and change the outcome of a poll (an unscientific opinion poll, for goodness sake) were the acts of a shady politician.

The committee found that plagiarism occurred in his dissertation. Dr. Poshard has said he did not intentionally plagiarize. Assuming he is not a liar or a stupid man, one can only conclude that he does not believe academic honesty and integrity are very important. This is an alarming trait in a University President.

Greg Triphahn

junior studying administration of justice

Letters to the Editor

Disqualification unfair

Dear Editor:

First of all, thank you for depicting me as part of the Latino Alliance team. Even though I didn’t play, I was with them every step of the way throughout the ISC Soccer Tournament. As true undergraduates in the tournament it was a disappointment to have been disqualified after the struggle to get to the finals. We feel that it was unfair, unfounded and extreme to disqualify the Latino Alliance and as so the two other teams that made it to the finals. It was unfair because all of our players consistently played throughout the entire competition after being seeded by ISC officials throughout each and every game. We won fair and square against African Lions, much to their surprise, prompting their accusations. It was unfounded because to this day ISC officials cannot find the sign-up sheet from the semi-finals game. There is no proof and if there were they would find the same players that have played throughout the tournament.

The disqualification of the Latino Alliance was an extreme approach to the accusations. These accusations have come up in this year’s past tournaments, involving teams like African Lions, and resulting in either a re-match or a fine. It is with disappointment that LASA is appealing ISC’s decision to disqualify our sponsored team due to the unfair, unfounded and extreme nature of the decision. It is unfortunate that the thrft for winning has divided and tainted the friendly competition of the ISC Soccer Tournament.

I thank the Saudi team for supporting us and forgetting the official final and I congratulate them on having won the unofficial match at Parsh Fields. I also wish to congratulate the African Lions for having won the ISC Soccer Tournament without having even kicked the ball that is a true craft that I must learn to master. VIVA LASA!

Oscar Schlenker

senior studying radio-television

Time to bring back some common sense

Dear Editor:

The controversy surrounding the President of SIU has begun to bother me. While I have met Mr. Glenn Poshard on several occasions personally, I have not visited the office of the President or called the President’s phone to discuss the issue. I have read the articles in the newspaper and read the online observations and questions.

My first deals with the continuous calls for “open and honest” revelation on the part of Dr. Poshard. If that is the case, why is the same not also required of the people who wanted to light the issue in the first place.

Next, I struggle with a concept of law known as the statute of limitations. I believe that in law there are very few actions that do not have to follow that rule. One of those exceptions is for murder. If an academic panel found the text of Dr. Poshard’s work acceptable more than twenty years ago, why is it an issue now? Please tell me we are not making this “news” as a matter of fact, but that of taking a life.

I am also troubled by the faculty vote at SIUE and how the public then supported it. Quoting a former EIU Sheffield and square against African Lions, So...
Silhouettes of wet students toting umbrellas pass through the construction tunnel Tuesday afternoon behind Morris Library as rain drenched southern Illinois. Meteorologists are calling for rain throughout the rest of the week.

Amtrak breaks record ridership

WASHINGTON — A record 25.8 million passengers took Amtrak in the last fiscal year, an increase of 1.5 million over fiscal 2006, the national passenger railroad said Tuesday.

Ridership for the year, which ended Sept. 30, surpassed the previous record of 25.03 million set in 2004, before Amtrak transferred some services to a commuter railroad operator.

Ticket revenue at the federally subsidized company increased 11 percent to $1.5 billion from $1.37 billion in 2006. Total revenue was $2.2 billion, Amtrak said.

That number includes money states pay for specific trains and revenue from other contract services. Amtrak received $1.3 billion in federal funding for fiscal 2007.

“Highway and airway congestion, volatile fuel prices, increasing environmental awareness, and a need for transportation links between growing communities, are some of the factors that make intra-city passenger rail extremely relevant in today’s world,” Amtrak President Alex Kummant said in a statement.

“Our record-setting ridership and ticket revenue in FY07 indicate the stage is set for Amtrak to take on a role as not only a contributor to the nation’s transportation network, but as a leader among modes,” he added.

The Northeast saw the biggest leap in revenue — by 14 percent to $829.3 million, Amtrak said. The Acela Express, Amtrak’s high-speed Boston-Washington service, experienced a 20 percent jump in ridership to 3.1 million passengers and a 23 percent increase in revenue to $403.5 million.

Illinois was another big source of new riders after the state Department of Transportation more than doubled its contract with Amtrak, providing much more frequent service within the state.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Comptroller Dan Hynes wants a law to cut the connections between political donations and government contracts, but for now he’ll make do with a Web site meant to draw attention to “pay to play” politics.

Hynes launched a site Tuesday that makes it simple for the public to search campaign donors and find out whether they ended up with a state contract.

The Chicago Democrat hopes the site sheds light on “pay to play” politics — the practice of giving donations in order to get a slice of state business.

“Track a state contract back far enough and there’s a good chance that a campaign contribution was made to the right person at the right time,” Hynes said at a news conference. “What we’re unveiling is a user-friendly Web site that gives everyone ... the ability to follow the money.”

Hynes said he hopes the move pressures Gov. Rod Blagojevich and state Senate President Emil Jones to support legislation restricting political donations by contractors. If not, perhaps it will at least make officials reluctant to award contracts that might embarrass them.

“There is a shame element here,” he said. The “Open Book” Web site works by linking the state’s database of contract information to the Board of Elections’ list of campaign donations. Visitors can type in a word or two and see any related contracts or donations, along with donations by company employees.

For instance, someone interested in the surveying industry could search the Open Book site and find a long list of surveying companies that have won state contracts or have made campaign donations.

Further searching would show that one survey company often shows up on both lists, making contributions to politicians of both parties and landing plenty of contracts.

Government watchdog groups applauded the new site.

“It’s a really terrific system that I think has the potential of unleashing thousands of ants all over the state to crawl over the problem of pay-to-play contracting,” said David Morrison, assistant director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform.

Reform advocates are pushing for a law barring campaign donations from people with large state contracts. The House approved the measure unanimously, and it has dozens of Senate supporters, but Jones refuse to call it for a vote.

He and Blagojevich say they want a broader new ethics law, but neither one is taking action to make that happen.
Labyrinth Peace
Garden teaches meditation methods
Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

There is a garden behind the Interfaith Center where one can find peace. The Labyrinth Peace Garden, which was donated as a gift to the community from the University Christian Ministries, has graced the Interfaith Center’s garden since 2000 and has offered visitors a way to relax and find peace of mind.

Used as an orderly path to quiet the mind, a labyrinth is a walking meditative practice that has been around for thousands of years. An ancient tool of meditation, walking the labyrinth can help people to focus on problem solving, provide a place for prayer or simply a quiet meditation or reflection period.

The purpose of the Labyrinth Peace Garden is to provide a place for working meditation, said Hugh Muldoon, director of the University Christian Ministries. The labyrinth, he said, is for spiritual growth and is a place for people to think about the problems in their lives.

“Walking the labyrinth is a wonderful way to get to the heart of your issues,” Muldoon said. Muldoon, who has walked the labyrinth many times, said the twist and turn of the labyrinth represents the path of life.

“It reminds me of the possibility that if you take the necessary steps, you can get to the center of your life,” Muldoon said.

Regardless of the meditative and spiritual benefits of the labyrinth, many people aren’t aware of its existence. According to Muldoon, the garden is partially hidden from the street to ensure a quiet, peaceful setting.

Kevin McPartlin, a junior from Park Ridge studying architecture, said he had never known of the labyrinth until a class trip took him there.

“Nobody knows it’s there,” McPartlin said.

Robert Swenson, an associate professor in the architecture department and a licensed architect, helped plan and design the labyrinth as a public garden space. Modeled after the labyrinth in the Chartres Cathedral in France, it creates a place for quiet meditation and thought, Swenson said.

“It’s not hypnosis, it’s not religious, but if you walk it, it’s really a relaxing experience,” Swenson said.

Mukdoon said the labyrinth is something UCM can offer the community and its use is not limited to spiritual or religious intentions.

“It’s different for everybody and that’s part of the beauty of it,” he said.

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The Carbondale labyrinth 2000 is located behind the Interfaith Center. Stage III of the project will include adding texture to the labyrinth to aid the visually impaired and the site will be made handicapped accessible, according to the Carbondale Labyrinth 2000 pamphlet.

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director, University Christian Ministries

A place for peace
Jury awards $2 million to acquitted Chicago man

Man claims he was framed by officers in abduction case

Mike Robinson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal court jury awarded more than $2 million Tuesday to an iron worker who claims two Chicago detectives framed him six years ago on charges of attempting to abduct a pair of preteen girls.

“I'd like to let them know that they ruined my whole life and now hopefully I can get it back,” Timothy Finwall, 40, said as he left court the winner in the latest of a series of cases to hand police a black eye.

The jury deliberated for five hours over a little more than four days of testimony before awarding Finwall nearly $2.03 million in damages. He was arrested in April 2001 and accused of proposing a "field trip" to an 8-year-old girl and grabbing the arm of another child and offering her candy. A jury acquitted him of the charges in July 2002.

Finwall's attorney, Mike Kanovitz, said the detectives may have been motivated by an earlier brush with the law in which Finwall, a former Marine and Persian Gulf War veteran, disarmed an off-duty police officer.

The off-duty officer was drunk and menacing Finwall's friend at the time, Kanovitz said. He portrayed his client as a hero for taking the officer's weapon. But Finwall was charged with a crime and got probation.

Kanovitz suggested that the earlier incident may have prompted the two detectives to blame Finwall for attempting to abduct the two girls. "Hopefully, someone from the Chicago police department will read the transcript of this trial and they will see the lies these two officers told," Kanovitz said. He said that "the whole case was a pack of lies.

He pointed to notes one of the officers had allegedly taken on a statement given by one of the girls, noting that the writing was "in perfect paragraph form." "His testimony was that he took it down just as she told it to him," Kanovitz said. "He had to sit there for 30 minutes defending to a jury of eight people just how it is that a 9-year-old girl goes about speaking in perfect paragraph form.

Kanovitz said police prompted witnesses in their testimony, including the mother of one girl. A spokesperson for the Chicago corporation counsel's office, Jennifer Hoyle, said that the city was "very disappointed in the verdict.

"Witnesses testified at both the criminal trial and this civil trial that Finwall was the one responsible," Hoyle said. "To this day (the mother of one girl) maintains that Finwall was the one who tried to abduct her daughter.

The Chicago Police Department has been beset by an array of nasty public relations setbacks in recent weeks. Seven members of a now disbanded elite unit, the special operations division, face charges that they beat and shook down civilians.

One member of the unit, which was formed to crack down on drug-dealing street gangs, is charged with plotting the murder of a fellow officer to prevent him from becoming a prosecution witness.

Videotapes introduced in two other court cases show police apparently beating a group of businessmen in one barroom altercation and a husky off-duty officer beating a 115-pound female bartender in another instance.
It is probably the biggest rural development in many, many years.

--- Loletta Cooley
manager of Wedgwood Hills

It does nothing but drive the rent up for the students.

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I feel that in order to have the most effective program possible, I have to get the input from everybody who participates.

--- Angie Royal
director of SOAR program
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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — You're excited, but it's important to maintain control. Name, rank and serial number. That's it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — No need to share your research with anyone, yet. Keep collecting data. Do ask for help in other areas of your life. Make time to study.

Geminis (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Simian under you for more attention, but you have work to do. Get them to help, and you'll soon be way ahead in the game.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — A controversy erupts, which you'd just as soon avoid. Let the others argue it out, and don't let them step on you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're starting to get bits of new news. Don't race off quite yet. This is just the beginning of a very imaginative phase. Make bits and pieces at a time.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — The possibility of getting a loan seems like a fruitful prospect. Don't fall for the sales pitch, though. Don't pay more than you earn to the sharks.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is 6 — You've been holding back a lot of what you've been thinking. Do that a while longer if you want to avoid controversy. If you don't care, let 'er rip.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Work required, but you should be well paid for your efforts. Do it quickly and you might even get a bonus.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Need an old friend's advice when it comes to romantic matters. You don't have to learn everything from your own experience.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Don't go racing to the mall to get something you don't need. Just because it's on sale isn't a good enough excuse.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — It just got a little bit easier for you to achieve your goals. This applies especially to those you've had for a while. Check off a few before you start on the new stuff.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — More money's coming your way, without your doing much more work. It looks like you're getting a raise or a better job. That's not happening in your life, apply for something quick.
Radiohead had the entire music industry buzzing when they revealed their latest album “In Rainbows” was complete just 10 days before it was set to be released. Even more appalling to the industry was the method by which the new album would be sold. Initially, “In Rainbows” is only available on the band’s Web site as MP3 form, and buyers are allowed to name their own price in pounds and pence. Fans can also order a box set later this year that has such goodies as vinyls, photographs, recordings and the digital download of “In Rainbows.” Radiohead has always been known for pushing the boundaries of music and now they’re pushing the limits of music, creating to the obvious — peer to peer downloads and other forms of file sharing that happen no matter how the album is released.

With the triumphs of beauty and sheer musical greatness “In Rainbows” is, it’s hard to feel cheated by this album. Every track flows in perfect succession on the recording building emotional intensity and releasing it in glorious moments where vocals and instruments lean on each other in perfect balance. It should be said that “In Rainbows” is probably the easiest letters for non-fans of the group, as it features a stripped down Radiohead detour of electronic sounds, though they still have their trademark electroacoustics here and there. Thom Yorke’s unique, warbling vocals are perfectly balanced with gorgeous arpeggios, electronics throughout the recording, and the strength of the emotionally driven lyrics are matched by none.

The 10-track album kicks off with the dinky “15 Step,” a song that feels as though the band is sitting on the concrete steps of a city neighborhood creating a melancholy sound through experimentation. Yorke sings over the top of the bouncing beat emotionally straightforward lyrics about feeling, no matter who you are.

“How come I end up where I started, how come I end up where I went wrong, won’t take my eyes off the ball again, you end one out when and you cut the string,” he sings in his high-pitched voice.

The album flows into the song “Bodysnatchers,” an upbeat guitar fest with distorted vocals that sounds closer to previous Radiohead albums than any other song on the record. “Weird Fishes, Arpeggi” features a gorgeous guitar-line built from eternal arpeggios, circling over and over again with each other as though somehow Radiohead managed to give a voice so sunlight dancing on water. Backed by a light, but urgent drumbeat, the song becomes a gorgeous aura for Yorke to cohom his heartfelt tune of “Your eyes they turn me Why should I stay here? Why should I stay? I’d be crazy not to follow, follow where you lead.”

With each recording flowing into the next more beautifully than the one before, the album ends in a glorious crescendo with the bare titled “Videotape.” A skeletal piano intro quietly introduces the contemplative song, and reflects heartbreaking vocals chime in over it.

“When I’m at the pearly gates this will be on my videotape, my videotape.” Much was said about the quality of the album being sold only as a download, but it’s difficult to detect even a hint of detriment to the sound in MP3 form, “In Rainbows” is a wonderful breadth of fresh air, something to which most casual Radiohead listeners have become accustomed. With the gorgeous recordings of beautiful lyrics and sounds, “In Rainbows” is the greatest fans deserve.

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Shades of beauty ‘In Rainbows’

10 tracks, 33 minutes; 4.5 out of 5 stars

The end has finally come. With “No World For Tomorrow,” Coheed and Cambria writes the final chapter of the “Amory Wars” saga, a storyline that has been developed throughout their previous albums — and what a conclusion it is.

While it is impossible to pigeonhole Coheed and Cambria into a specific genre, “No World For Tomorrow” is a successful blend of the pop-rock sound for which the band has been striving. Some of the pop sound is a result of vocalist and guitarist Claudio Sanchez’s incredibly unique voice, an indescribable high-pitch sound that may drive some listeners up the wall especially when Sanchez hits his little-girl-sounding falsetto. Thankfully, though, the vocalist has a wide range, and most of the album is a testament to his vocal ability.

For true Coheed fans, Sanchez’s voice is just one more thing that sets Coheed and Cambria apart from the rest of mainstream pop rock. “No World For Tomorrow” is evidence of Sanchez and Travis Stever’s development of their guitar prowess. Many tracks on the album, such as “Radio Bleep Bleep,” feature power solos with a classic rock sound.

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Fans who follow the “Amory Wars” saga may be dismayed that the lyrics are not included with the CD but otherwise will be disappointed with the final installment of the saga. Those who haven’t religiously purchased the previous Coheed and Cambria albums on their release dates can still find pleasure in this latest album for its strong blend of storytelling and powerful instrumentations.

Gloria Bode says check out which album is all love and no war on siuDE.com/pulse.

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**Men’s squad set to face best in the region**

Jeff Engelhardt  Daily Egyptian

There is a tussle in Tulsa and the SIU men’s tennis team is involved. The Salukis will compete at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Central Regional Tournament today in Tulsa, Okla. The tournament will run through the weekend with the singles and doubles champions earning a spot at the ITA Indoor National Championships from Nov. 1-4.

The tournament features the best schools and players in the central region, including tournament host and last season’s doubles champion the University of Tulsa. Tulsa had two teams in the doubles championship match and a singles competitor in the final match last season. SIU coach Dann Nelson said Tulsa is just one of the tough teams the Salukis will have to face.

“Some of the best teams in the country are going to be competing at this tournament,” Nelson said. “Hopefully, we compete well and use this as a measure to see where we stand among the best.”

The Salukis will be sending all five members of the team to the tournament. Last season SIU only had three representatives and only one finished the field — sophomore Lucas Waked.

The Brazilian native had little success last year, but he lost both his singles matches and a doubles match. His draw was unfavorable though, since his first single loss came against the eventual runner-up of the tournament, Tulsa’s Ricardo Soriano.

This season, Waked said he expects to do better despite recovering from a minor hip flexor injury he suffered at the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Championships from Sept. 28 through Sept. 30.

“All the players were very good there last year and I know what to expect,” Waked said. “This is just another tournament. I have been playing tournaments since I was 10 and this is no different.”

Waked will be joined by fellow sophomore Breno Salvany, senior Felipe Villasenor, junior Hugo Vidal and freshman Chase Miller. All five Salukis are coming off strong performances at the MVC Tournament, including Vidal’s championship win and Salvany’s second place finish. The 64-player field could cause the Salukis to play anywhere from three to five matches. Miller said the team is in great condition and is confident the team will perform at a high level.

“Our players are good enough, to knock off a lot of other teams,” Miller said. “We are preparing for this tournament just like any other because, with this way, we are always ready for the best.”

The competitors in the tournament will know their opponents until a few hours before the scheduled match times. The Salukis could have an opportunity to redeem losses suffered at the MVC Tournament against conference for Drake.

Drake’s duo of Dalbor Pavic and Maor Zirkin is nationally ranked in doubles coming in as the No. 34 best team. Pavic and Zirkin are also ranked No. 94 and No. 104 respectively as individuals.

Nelson said he prefers to play opponents outside of the MVC in tournament play.

“I would rather play non-conference teams so we can see some other good teams,” Nelson said. “This will show us if we can play with the best and what we have to do to get to play better for conference.”

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**FOOTBALL**

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The Saluki front-seven achieved what in the first series, holding the Bears to three-and-out after a ferocious sack for a nine-yard loss by junior defensive end and former Cloud.

Koby left the field as the Bears opted to punt on fourth-and-17 at their own 25, setting up SIU’s first scoring drive of the game.

The Bears somehow managed to score in the next series, but a key third-and-one stop behind the line by senior defensive tackle Larry Lauver stilled the drive and forced the Bears to attempt a 44-yard field goal that went wide right.

The pressure up-front also played a large part of the two Saluki interceptions of Koby, Moe said.

Moe, who came up with the first interception in the second quarter when Koby was forced out of the pocket by the pressure, said the freshman was noticeably rattled by the amount of times the defense executed.

“Koby’s read was off at a time when he really was ready to go in the backfield — and Koby made some good plays,” Moe said. “They just don’t have a handle on us yet.”

The quarterback’s scrambling around, he doesn’t know what he’s doing. It’s just going to try to make a play and get the ball out of there so he doesn’t get hit,” Moe said.

Koby’s second interception, a fourth quarter pick that led to him warming the bench for the remaining 14 minutes of play, occurred after he was hit during the throwing motion by sophomore linebacker Ryan Patton.

The defense overall held the Bears’ offense to nearly 180 yards less rushing than its season average and, more importantly, nearly four touchdowns less than its average.

Senior lineman backer Ryan Franklin led the way in the backfield with two solo tackles for a loss totaling 10 yards, including a devastating sack on a scrambling Koby that left him down near the line of scrimmage.

Moe said so many defenders were able to get involved in the backfield because of the adjusted mentality of the defense.

“We were running a lot more blitzes than we usually were”, Moe said. “We just kind of get after it a little more.”

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**Tennis takes a test**

Lucas Waked, a sophomore from Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, returns a volley during practice Oct. 15. Waked is the only member of last year’s team to return to the Tulsa tournament.

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**Volleyball**

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Her return to the lineup as a redshirt freshman also garnished her MVC Freshman of the Week honors on Sept. 28 — the first conference honors for the team since Kristie Kenner received the Player of the Week award in 2002.

“It was really strange because I never think of myself as a freshman, but at the same time it was really exciting to be put in that category because I didn’t play last year,” Jennifer Berwanger said.

She said she has little trouble with her knee now except for some swelling after games and practices and having to wear a brace on her knee.

The Salukis return to action Friday at Davies Gymnasium against Wichita State.

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Saluki Insider
The NFL cut the length of time between picks in the first and second round of the NFL Draft Tuesday, and cut the first day of the draft to include just the first two rounds. The start time of the first round was changed from 12 p.m. EST to 3 p.m. EST. What do you think of the changes?
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“Indiana at Southern Illinois, Dec. 1. Who scheduled this one? This is like agreeing to fight an angry snake in the depth of its favorite hole. Indiana newcomer Eric Gordon will get an eye-opener in: Carbondale, and if Indiana isn't ready for a fight, Southern Illinois will win. No team in America closes out better than Southern Illinois. It's like a clinic.” Jay Bilas, ESPNU.com, on one of the 10 games he'd pay to see.
Berwanger bounces back

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Getting off the pine and back on the court has been an uphill battle for redshirt freshman Jennifer Berwanger. Despite an ACL injury that ended her season last year, Berwanger has returned to a lead role in the SIU volleyball team’s starting lineup. She has contributed to the team’s success throughout the season.

Berwanger went through five months of rehabilitation with the training staff, which she called the hardest struggle she’s ever endured.

Coach Brenda Winkleler said she was pleased with the way Berwanger dealt with her injury both physically and mentally.

“It’s very difficult mentally and emotionally when you have to sit on the bench and watch your team play but contributed by yelling out plays and giving tips off the bench,” Berwanger said.

Winkleler said Berwanger’s determination to comeback to the court quickly is what she calls the “Berwanger characteristics.”

Berwanger’s older sister, Kristie, has also seen her share of time on the bench as a Saluki. She sat out her freshman year with a redshirt and has been inactive for nearly a month this season with an illness.

Kristie Berwanger said her sister worked hard to be back in the starting lineup, and the team is excited to have her back.

“Her role is critical,” Winkleler said. “She’s one of our biggest ball control people on the court. She provides a lot of consistency and steadiness.”

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