Museum to convert old Attucks High School building

Nick Johnson

Correspondent

Convention of the old Attucks High School building into the new home for the African-American Museum of Southern Illinois and the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau could begin as early as November, said Corene McDaniel, councilwoman and co-founder of the museum.

The property was purchased by the city for $150,000 in 2005 and leased to the African-American Museum, now located at the University of Southern Illinois, for $1 a month for 10 years, McDaniel said.

McDaniel said construction on the roof of the building could start in the next few weeks, and expects the new African-American Museum to open by Memorial Day weekend.

The Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau awarded the museum a grant of $122,131, but the museum can’t use the funds until it matches the amount through fundraising, McDaniel said.

The Convention and Tourism Bureau did not return several calls for comment.

Fundraising efforts to match the grant are making little progress, but McDaniel said she knew the amount of work involved when the museum leased the property from the city.

“We also knew it would take a great amount of money to renovate,” she said. “It was a big help and a blessing for the city to even purchase the building. If the city hadn’t saved the building, it may not be there now.”

The museum maintains the property and pays insurance and taxes on it, said Milton McDaniel, museum volunteer and husband of Corene McDaniel.

Attucks High School opened in 1948 as an all-black school but was closed in 1964 when its students were moved to Carbondale Community High School under desegregation laws, said Milton McDaniel, who graduated from Attucks’ adjoining grade school in 1963. Carbondale resident and Attucks graduate Richard Hayes supports the museum’s efforts to restore the property.

“The building will be utilized, and it will no longer be an eye sore,” he said.

Community activist the Rev. Sidney Logwood said he knows how much the building means to those who graduated from Attucks. “I think it’s a great idea,” Logwood said. “I’m hoping they have the money (they need) to go ahead and get it going so they can have a permanent home for the African-American Museum.”

Milton McDaniel estimates the total cost of the project will be between $900,000 and $1 million, with much of that money obtained through grants through the Convention and Tourism Bureau.

He said he thinks the community will be proud to see the building back up and running.

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We hope for it to be a multicultural community center that will not just house the former Attucks memorabilia, but be a welcoming up-to-date people passing up and down main.

— Milton McDaniel

The old Attucks High School has been dormant on the north side of Carbondale since 1964 desegregation laws transferred students to Carbondale High School.

Unofficial Halloween, Family Weekend coincide

Stile T. Smith

Daily Egyptian

One of the biggest party weekends of the year in Carbondale coincides with the most family-oriented event at the university.

Students are encouraged to invite their families to campus for Saluki Family Weekend, while Unofficial Halloween hits the city for another year.

Julian Ross, special events director for Saluki Family Weekend, said he isn’t sure if it was scheduled for Unofficial Halloween on purpose.

“I don’t really have any evidence to say they did it purposefully, but I’m sure they thought about it before they actually planned it,” Ross said.

The Carbondale Street South Illinois Avenue — has been shut down for Halloween weekend since the 2000s, leading students to celebrate the holiday the weekend before its official date.

City Manager Allen Gill said the sale and possession of beer in containers of two gallons or more is prohibited from 2 a.m. Oct. 28 until normal business hours on Nov. 2, and the Strip would be closed from Elm Street to Grand Street and from University Avenue to the railroad tracks Oct. 30 and Oct. 31.

“We just ask everybody to drink responsibly and celebrate responsibly,” Gill said about Unofficial Halloween.

Eryk Silva, a freshman from Chicago studying forestry, said he thinks the university planned Saluki Family Weekend during Unofficial Halloween on purpose.

Silva said his parents were coming for family weekend, which would prevent him from fully celebrating.

“They won’t be coming down until Friday around midnight, so I’m just going to hang out with my friends until then,” Silva said. “My friends and I have plans to show our parents around to each other, then we’re going to go separate ways with our parents to eat out.”

Siana Reel, a junior from Freeburg studying social work, said she thinks the university wanted to keep its students in line.

“I don’t think they wanted to have any riots or anything,” Reel said.

Reel said Saluki Family Weekend would not keep her from celebrating Unofficial Halloween.

But while some students may think it was done on purpose, some bar officials said it was purely coincidental.

Bryan Woodruff, manager of Sidetracks Bar and Grill, said he doesn’t think family weekend will have any affect on the weekend’s turnout.

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— Allen Gill

City Manager

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Halloween

"Whoever really sets up the unofficial just got kind of unlucky," Woodruff said. "I don’t think it will affect too much really, because the parents will be out earlier in the night doing stuff. Then by the time they’re heading back to their hotels, the kids will really come out and start doing some things."

Woodruff said Sidetracks would have a costume contest Saturday, as well as Halloween decorations and Halloween-themed drink specials throughout the weekend.

Gwen Hunter, owner of PK’s, said she thinks it was a coincidence and her bar would not do anything to encourage Unofficial Halloween.

"Why promote idiots?" Hunt said.

PK’s, which stands beyond the Strip limits, will be open on official Halloween.

Donald Castle, coordinator of Saluki Family Weekend, said the university has many events planned for students and their families to enjoy, including the Saluki home football game, the Greek Sing and the Autumn Harvest Brunch in the Student Center.

"People are not meant to go to everything; it’s meant for people to come and choose what they want to do and have a good time," Castle said. "Students should plan their schedule to have a good time with any member of their family."

Castle said he had no comment on Unofficial Halloween activities.

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"We hope for it to be a multi-cultural community center that will not just house the former Attucks memorial, but be a very uplifting welcoming to people passing up and down main," Milton McDaniels said.

The restored museum will try to emulate the interior of the old building as much as possible, Milton McDaniels said.

We talked about former students walking down the halls and getting chills," he said.

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Calendar

Fall Book Sale
• Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Carbondale Public Library. MCFI Hall.
• Sponsored by Friends of Carbondale Public Library
• For questions at 624-1118

Student Kramer Council Meeting
• Monday, 4 p.m. in Student Center Ballroom B

A Taste of Hope
• Tuesday, 5 p.m. at choice of participating businesses: Canet City Lodge, Mabie Tower, Suburban, Planet Bar, Ballroom, Newell Bus Barns
• Sponsored by American Cancer Society
• For questions call Canet Hall at 624-5632

Submit calendar items to the Daily Egyptian newsroom, Communications 147, at least two days before the event.

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There are no items to report at this time.

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Julia Rendelmann

Annette Brooks, of Carbondale, walks by the old high school on her way home Tuesday. "My mother and friends went here before high schools were integrated," Brooks said.

Julia Rendelmann
Short-handed USG scrambles to fund groups

Erin Holcomb

Undergraduate Student Government almost could not distribute money to some Registered Student Organizations Thursday.

The senators met after an e-mail was sent on short notice Wednesday. They needed to make up last Wednesday’s meeting as it was canceled because of the MAP grant rally.

Because the meeting was planned last minute, not enough senators attended to make up the two-thirds majority USG needed to approve funding for student organizations.

In an attempt to gain five more senators, the members called current and former senators and asked other students if they would like to temporarily sit in for missing members.

There current senators arrived and a student covering the meeting for a class agreed to fill a missing seat.

Marcus King, a former senator, also attended the meeting and filled in the last week, which fulfilled the minimum amount of votes they needed to allocate money to the organizations.

“I like that I could come back,” King said. “There’s nothing that I wouldn’t do for these guys.”

USG President Picciano Fabian said he was aware there wouldn’t be a full senate because the meeting was called at a short notice, but was glad there was enough people to vote.

“We just needed to be here,” Fabian said. “We just had to get these bills passed.”

All Campus Praise, the Automotive Technology Organization and the American Institute of Architecture were given almost $1,300 collectively for their upcoming events.

The USG now has about $3,090 left to distribute to organizations for the rest of the fall semester.

Miranda Brunner, a junior from Orona studying architecture and member of the American Institute of Architecture, said she was worried at first about the senators not being able to vote to give her organization money.

The institute has 42 of its 96 members signed up to go to a weekend conference that consists of lectures and workshops to enhance students’ architectural skills, Brunner said.

She needed almost $160 to help with hotel costs.

“We were either going to have to do a fundraiser, or it would have to come out of our own pockets,” she said. “That would have diminished our group.”

Ashley Epps, vice president, said she was also relieved the seats were filled so votes could be made for money to be distributed.

“We wanted to make sure everyone got their funding,” Epps said. “That’s the most important thing.”

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Gov. Quinn announces candidacy for full term

Deanna Bellandi

CHICAGO — Gov. Pat Quinn, who often reminds people he took over in a crisis, did so again Thursday when he formally declared his run for a full term as governor.

The Democrat acknowledged there was still plenty of work to do, but promised to move the state forward by creating more jobs and economic opportunities.

“I want to assure the people of Illinois that my heart is ever at your service,” Quinn told a dozen cheering supporters at a Chicago hotel before heading out to visit eight other cities around the state.

The former lieutenant governor is trying to convince voters to give him four more years in the job he inherited in January when lawmakers removed Gov. Rod Blagojevich from office after his arrest on federal corruption charges.

But Quinn has a formidable primary challenger in Comptroller Dan Hynes, and either one could emerge vulnerable from a bruising Democratic contest in which they are already sniping at each other in TV ads.

Republicans have their sights on the governor’s job in the wake of the scandal surrounding Blagojevich, who ran on a ticket with Quinn twice.

Quinn was thrust into Illinois’ top job at a time of both political and financial crisis, with the state facing a ballooning deficit that eventually topped $11 billion. During his nine months in office, Quinn has earned both praise and criticism from lawmakers, who sometimes questioned his inexpere-

enced and complained about flip-flops on issues such as budget cuts and linking a public works project to the budget.

The governor focused only on the high points Thursday, tour-

ning some of the accomplishments during his tenure that included passing the state’s first construction spending plan in over a de-

cade and getting an amendment on the ballot that would allow voters to recall the governor.

He also unveiled a five-point plan to create jobs and expand the state’s economy.

“I am the candidate for govern-
er of either party who has the best record of actually creating jobs and working with business-
es and with working people on economic development,” Quinn said after his stop in Springfield.

“When you need help, when it comes to jobs and the economy, I’m the guy to call.”

But he glossed over how he would pay for some of his plans, including future investments in college scholarships and early childhood education.

He also — notably — did not mention during his Chicago announcement his proposal for a 50 percent increase in the state’s personal income tax rate that law-
makers have yet to go for.

Instead, legislators cobbled together a budget that Quinn agreed to that relied on borrowing money, delaying payment of the state’s bills and promises to make future spending cuts.
WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve would police banks’ pay policies to ensure they don’t encourage reckless gamblers like those that contributed to the financial crisis, according to a proposal released Thursday.

Unlike a Treasury plan to slash pay at certain companies that were bailed out with large sums of taxpayer money, the Fed proposal would cover thousands of banks, including many that never received a bailout.

The Fed would not actually set compensation. Instead, the central bank would review — and could veto — pay policies that could cause too much risk-taking by executives, traders or loan officers.

It’s the Fed’s latest response to criticism that it failed to crack down on lax lending, irresponsible risk-taking and other practices that many blame for contributing to the worst financial crisis since the 1930s.

The Fed’s goal is to make sure pay policies don’t encourage top managers or other employees to take gambles that could endanger the company’s financial system or the economy.

“Compensation practices at some banks have led to misaligned incentives and excessive risk-taking, contributing to bank losses and financial instability,” said Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke. “The Federal Reserve is working to ensure that compensa-
tion packages appropriately tie re-
sults to trained personnel and do not create undue risk for the firm or the financial system.”

Under the proposal, the 28 big-
est banks would develop their own plans to make sure compensation doesn’t spur undue risk-taking. If the Fed approves the plan would be adopted and bank supervisions would monitor compliance.

Compensation practices … have led to misaligned incentives and excessive risk-taking.

— Bern Bernanke
Federal Reserve Chairman

To get a broad picture of industry practices, the Fed also sent surveys to dozens of other banks, asking them to report on their compensation arrangements.

Banks too often rewarded employees for increasing the firm’s short-term revenue or profit, without adequate recognition of the risks posed for the company, one of the many factors feeding into the financial crisis, the Fed said.

“Misting the interests of sharehold-
ers and employees is not always sufficient to protect the safety and soundness of a banking organization,” according to the Fed proposal.

The public, industry and other interested parties will have an opportunity to weigh in on the Fed’s proposal.

After a 30-day comment period, the proposal could be revised before a final plan is adopted. Fed officials said they want to move quickly but wouldn’t commit to a final plan being adopted this year.

Still, the Fed said it expects banks to immediately review their compensation arrangements and implement “corrective programs where needed.”

The Fed also may ban certain practices “that further experience” reveals a problem. The central bank said it will ask the public, industry and others to provide feedback on this point.

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**Quote of the Day**

"Apple is attempting to get a free ride on the back of Nokia's innovation.”

— Ilka Bahnesto

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**Letter to the Editor**

**Lies, deceit and disrespect at The Pointe**

**Dear Editor:**

On Oct. 16, Nick Johnson highlighted accurately the grievances of residents against The Pointe at SIU. However, could he be so incensed at an issue having amenities — it is about lies, deceit and disrespect to residents. Many of the residents of The Pointe at SIU feel they have been lied to, includ ing me.

On one occasion I was told the post office was refusing to deliver mail, and that was why we did not have mailboxes. When I asked the Post Master he explained to me that The Pointe was not compliant.

At one point I was told the reason we did not have the shuttle was because of the decal process. Yet, upon delivery, not one decal was on the shuttle.

When I was being convinced to live at The Pointe I was told there would be no parking spots for nine-building complex. We then were told residents will have deals and guests because of the lack of guest parking every weekend.

In fact, there are only 25 guest parking spots for nine-building complex — that is roughly two guests per building.

Deceit would include the false advertisement to entice students into a lease with The Pointe. When the Pointe at SIU began its advertising campaign to get residents, we were sat down and told of the wonderful things about The Pointe and given a brochure with all of the reasons to call Pointe home.

Residents were enticed into a lease based on the premise that amenities would be provided the day of move-in, July 31, 2009. However, most of the amenities are still absent.

In September, I asked Muriel Walker, the general manager, why we did not have some of our amenities, and she told me that it was part of phase two of the build and “by next year every show should be done for all to enjoy.”

When I asked why residents were not informed of phase two when The Pointe found out about it, she told me there was always phase two to build and it was none of our business.

However, for The Pointe to be completely truth aware that things are not be complete and not inform resi dents is deceitful. They entice us with amenities so that we would live there but not have followed through with their word.

Disrespectfully baseless describes the way staff at The Pointe at SIU treat its residents.

Nearly every encounter I have had with Muriel Walker has been unpleas ant. Usually she responds negatively to a complaint by ringing her eyes, walk ing away, giving attitude or all of the above. In fact, she expressed to me that “residents need to stop complain ing because the most important thing is that (residents) have a roof over (their) heads, and that is what we provided.”

A roof over our heads was not the single reason we signed a lease — it was because of the amenities we were enticed with.

Most of the time when an issue arises, they act as if our problems are the least of their concern. Anyone on a work order is issued, it takes a ridiculous amount of time for the problem to be addressed.

For example, it took a month for my roommate to get a doorknob, and when she did receive one, it was clearly not intended for that apartment; it was gold, and every fixture in the apartment is silver.

To further point out their disrespect, on Oct. 2 they changed all of the locks in our apartment because our roommates correct doorknob was finally available.

However, they did not inform us they were changing all locks, including the front door and every bedroom in the apartment, and then we were expected to comply with their business hours to receive our new keys — if not we would be locked out the entire week.

With all that being said, the biggest form of lies, deceit and disrespect was issued on Sept. 25, in the form of a letter to the residents of The Pointe at SIU.

It legitimately addressed our con cerns outlined in the petition against them; however that letter has proved to be completely false in many respects. The letter stated the basketball court and hammocks would be complete by Oct. 2, and the tanning should be available by Oct. 9. We have yet to receive the basketball court or ham mocks, and when I asked when we would be getting them, I was told there were three new buildings being constructed and they were a priority.

The tanning bed was not available until Oct. 16. Many of us feel that let ter was issued in an attempt to quiet us. Living at The Pointe at SIU has been a cause of stress for many of us, and I would venture to say it has even been a nightmare.

This letter does not even scratch the surface for what residents are fac ing. I have given accounts of my ex perience there are residents who have similar or worse situations than I have.

Arielle Thibeaudaux Sophomore studying social work

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**THE COUNSELING CENTER**

**Jen Beckjord, Dawn Coulter and Adrienne Montay Guest Column**

What is emotional regulation? Emotional regulation includes the ability to express a range of emo tions and react in appropriate ways in emotional situations.

People who are able to regulate their emotions usually adjust well to new people or situations, show a high tolerance for frustration, manage their negative emotions and consider the needs of others.

People who have difficulty reg ulating their emotions may have trouble showing emotions, cry exces sively, feel overwhelmed, have difficulty coping or engage in inap propriate behaviors in response to intense emotions.

There are three components to emotional regulation skills. The first part requires us to understand our emotions. Being able to identify the function an emotion serves is an important first step towards learning to regulate it. Not just as an ex perienced way to reduce how painful emotions.

It is important to remember that our emotions always serve a purpose. Emotional behavior can commun icate to others how we are feeling, it can motivate us to take action, it can describe how something is affecting us, and it can be used to influence or control someone’s behavior.

For example, expressing anger — such as by yelling, lets someone know we are mad, tells our room mates we are mad and can sometimes per suade someone to stop doing some thing. In this way expressing anger serves several purposes.

Have you ever had an intense feeling that you did not want to deal with? Did you feel as though the emotion might overwhelm you if you allowed yourself to feel it? If you answered yes to either of these ques tions, you are certainly not alone.

Feeling painful emotions such as anger, guilt, anxiety or shame can be experienced in many different ways, think about them, fight or avoid them. For example, if a friend says or does something that makes us feel sad, we may try to cry, get close to them or avoid get ting more upset about it or feel angry with ourselves for feeling sad.

It is important that we understand that the point is not to get rid of the emotions, but to decrease the intensity of them.

The third part of emotion regu lation involves reducing our vulner ability to emotions. Sometimes we can start to feel overwhelmed and helpless to the emotions we are already feeling stressed or down. We can’t make a “no-bad- days” guarantee, but there are a few things we can do to help yourself.

A good night’s sleep is one of the most important things you can do to increase your ability to bounce back emotionally. It can help you get through your days with less emotional turmoil.

What you eat also affects your emotions. Feeling bad emotionally can lead to surges to eat junk food, to eat too much or to skip meals; at times, poor diet can leave you feeling worse. Regular exercise is a good way to maintain a more stable emotional system.

Making a commitment to take good care of yourself can reduce emo tional ups and downs. Self-care can be any activity that promotes good health and relaxation. With all the changes you are facing, this can be easier said than done. However, the time you spend on self-care will pay off because it improves your emo tional well-being.

In the next article of this series, specific strategies on how to under stand your emotions, decrease emo tional suffering, and reduce emo tional vulnerability will be discussed.

Beckjord, Coulter and Montay are professional psychology interns at the counseling center.
Student sculpture exhibit is ‘Awesome’

There is an 11-foot tall man towering over a group of students in the Surplus Gallery. The man and students are part of a piece sculpted by Charlotte Bicknell, a senior studying sculpture, and are part of an annual exhibition titled “Fistful of Awesome.” The show’s closing reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. today in the Surplus Gallery at the Glove Factory.

C4 Critical Forum, a group in the School of Art and Design students can join to display their artwork in exhibitions, said Hee-Hun Cho, president of the group.

Cho said the title “Fistful of Awesome” was created to add some humour to the show. People think art shows are serious, so the title was created to attract visitors, he said.

“Sometimes when focusing on one artwork, you don’t see something else around it,” he said. “You can sit down and narrow your eye to see one thing, so the people are critical for informing about your piece. Then you kind of open up your eye and see the big components you can improve.”

Patrick Miller, a graduate student in sculpture from Humboldt, Calif., discussed his sculpture, “Pigs,” with other students. He said he enjoys feedback from his peers because it is interactive.

“You don’t think seriously about it, and you walk in and there’s artwork.” — Hee-Hun Cho, president of the School of Art and Design’s Critical Forum

If it is negative feedback, “I would obviously like good feedback, but sometimes somebody will say something bad about it and I immediately start changing the way I think about things,” he said.

Williams said exhibitions such as “Fistful of Awesome” help him realize he can turn his passion into a career.

“Know exactly at a certain point in my life that you can actually make money on this stuff, I was like ‘oh really?’” he said. “I was going to do this for free, and I was worried I would have to get a real job.”

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Students prepare to enter weak job market

Fewer jobs result in more prepared graduates

Madeleine Leroux

With the nation still in a recession, many students are concerned about the job market: graduation options and whether or not they will be able to find a job. Jason Jenkins, assistant director of career services, said while there has been a decrease in job fair participation, the issue is too concerned about the economic situation of the nation.

"Employers are still very much engaged in the recruitment process," Jenkins said.

But the way they are involved may be changing, Jenkins said. Jason Gebke, assistant director of career services, said Rhodes' job fair saw a 25 percent reduction in employer participation.

"I was not at all surprised by that," Jenkins said. "I still thought it was a very healthy fair for those times that we're living through."

Jenkins said she believes employers will still recruit, but they may move toward a virtual field. Technology might need to be used to bring employers and students together, she said.

"It's a sign of the times, I think," Jenkins said.

Jenkins said she has seen many students concerned about the job market, which may have led to a greater influx of students coming to campus for assistance.

"I think we're seeing more students coming in earlier," Jenkins said.

Jenkins said she has seen more students, from seniors to freshmen, coming in to begin working on their résumés and start the job employment process in anticipation of the difficulties in the job market.

Robert Wiggins, a sophomore from Chicago studying administration of justice, said he is not too concerned because law enforcement will always be needed and can't cut to a certain extent.

"People don't really lose jobs in law enforcement," Wiggins said.

"I'm not really too worried about my job in particular," Jason Jacobs, a senior from Westmont studying automotive technology, said he's worried about finding a job after graduation because he aspires to work at the corporate level. Jacobs said with the economy in such a bad position, he knows it is a very difficult situation for people that need to settle for less.

"I'm pretty rough," Jacobs said. "I'm definitely concerned about it."

Jenkins said regardless of the economy, students could still prepare for graduation and have something worthy to present to employers to increase their chances of finding a job.

"Employers are still collecting résumés with the anticipation that they are going to be hiring in the near future," Jenkins said.

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College of Business ranked among best in Princeton Review

The SIUC College of Business stock is in the black. The Princeton Review recently placed the College of Business into its list of the top 30 business schools in the world.

Though the exact ranking was not specified, it is still a great accomplishment for the college and university.

"This is a great accomplishment for the college, our students, our world-class faculty with degrees from some of the best schools in the country helped make this possible," Gebke said.

Gebke said the college seeks to provide the latest innovations and technologies for its students. The new online master's degree program also provides real-world experiences. Gebke said, and makes the college stand out.

Jill Gebke, director of enrollment management for the college, said in a press release that the college's recently opened academic success center also helps provide students with extra resources.

Gebke said the center chooses tutors on the basis of recommendations from both the math and accounting departments.

"Our students are still a great accomplishment for the college and university," Gebke said.

"The center has also implemented a "Grades First" program that monitors students' grades and keeps track of attendance in classes so that members of the program may notify students when problems arise.

Michelle Vittor, a junior from Poria studying management information systems, said the college's placement official, Matt Purdy, has also helped students succeed.

"Matt Purdy definitely contributed to the progress of the college by providing real-world work experience: internships along with resume workshops," Vittor said.

US belief in global warming is cooling

Dina Cappiello

WASHINGTON — Americans seem to be cooling toward global warming.

Just 57 percent think there is solid evidence the world is getting warmer, down from just 73 percent three years ago, a new poll says. And the share of people who believe pollution caused by humans is causing temperature rise has also taken a dip, even as the U.S. and world forums gear up for possible action against climate change.

In a poll of 1,500 adults by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, released Thursday, 77 percent of the number saying there is strong scientific evidence that the Earth has gotten warmer over the past few decades is down from 71 percent in April of last year and from 77 percent when Pew first asked the question in 2006.

The number of people who see the situation as a serious problem also has declined.

The steepest drop has occurred during the past year, as Congress and the Obama administration have taken steps to control heat-trapping emissions for the first time and international negotiations for a new treaty to slow global warming have been under way. At the same time, there has been mounting scientific evidence of climate change — from melting ice caps to the world's oceans hitting the highest monthly recorded temperatures this summer.

The poll was released a day after 18 scientific organizations wrote Congress to reaffirm the consensus behind global warming. A federal government report Thursday found that global warming is upsetting the Arctic's thermostat.
Today's Birthday — You may run out of options before the end of the day. Try to schedule a 10-minute catchup after lunch. You can come back refreshed and ready to climb a mountain.

To get the advantage, check the day's trends. Today is the easiest day, the most minor. Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — This won't be your best day, but it can bring beneficial changes your way. Use power wisely.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — You feel like you can do anything. Obviously, that's not true. S Kellogg shipless projects today.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — You can't stay in one place, but it's a good day for random confessions. Don't push your buttons. Things improve tomorrow.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 4 — Peril is your enemy. If you're on the right track, Persuasion works both ways, so don't take charge completely.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Older persons tell you what needs to be done. Be sure you understand the project before you take the first step.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — This is a good time to do your research. Homework pays off in school, as it does in other pursuits.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 9 — This would be a good day to stay home. You could take care of quite a few personal things. Avoid conflict at work.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — You move into your own personal emotional space. Bring someone else along and you'll make memories.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — You have a hard time listening to others. They babble and don't get anywhere. Take independent action.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 5 — An older person sets up a roadblock. At first, you think you can't pass. By day's end, you're on another highway.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — Whatever you have in the back of your mind, keep it there today. It isn't the time to try to convince others.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Make changes and progress as necessary. They don't have to be big changes in order to be effective.
Seniors to put finishing touches on SIU careers

Four years of success comes down to four final weeks

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The hounglass for the cross country seniors has drained down to its final grains of sand. With the Missouri Valley Conference Championships on Oct. 31 and the NCAA Regional two weeks later, the seniors are preparing to end their careers at SIU after re-establishing the program as the best in the conference.

This year really reemphasized the winning attitude that SIU cross country had in the ‘70s and ’80s that led us to becoming the winningest program in MVC history with 14 conference titles," head coach Matt Sparks said. "And they’re going to need to get Ne‘Un 15 this year, which would give them three overall as a class."

Sparks said the seniors came to SIU under the radar, but their production over the years will leave a lasting impression on the program. The senior class includes Mohammed Mohamed, Jeff Schinner, Jason Ochowycz, Jared Milani and Tyler Bradford.

"When we brought this class in, it seemed like your traditional ‘status quo’ recruiting class," Sparks said. "In turn, they’re hopefully the cornerstone for years to come and I hope that the winning attitude they’ve had for the last four years will hopefully permeate the program and give us underclassmen the confidence to feel low in their footstep.

Mohamed has been a key contributor in re-building the Salukis’ winning reputation as he helped capture the MVC title and earn all-conference honors — all in his freshman year.

Mohammad’s career at SIU has been hampered with injuries, but he said the program still has helped him progress as an athlete and as a man.

"Being a student-athlete has made me a better person overall," Mohammad said. "This team is made up of a bunch of great guys, and it’s just been a learning experience for me my whole time down here. I’m definitely going to look back on my experience with no regrets."

Mohamed said he credits his coach for his success and for the way he views himself as a competitor.

"Sparks’ and his great coaches have really helped me believe in myself and what I can possibly do," Mohamed said. "He proved to me that I didn’t need to be at a big school like Florida or Illinois to compete. He showed me that I can go to a relatively smaller school and still hang with those top guys in the country."

Mohammed said he has accomplished plenty of his goals at SIU, but he is still looking to finish off his c.c.s with a memorable performance at nationals.

The men are not the only ones benefiting from the leadership of a strong senior class as the women head into the MVC Championships behind their veterans, looking for the senior’s first conference title.

The senior class includes Neferet Williams, Alison Drahus, Jenny Allen, Kim Brandwood, Kristina Dillon, Hillary Kell and Nihara Walks. Williams came into SIU as a two-time Illinois All-State cross country performer and a Junior Olympic National Champion.

Williams said being on the team has prepared her for life after running.

"Cross country has really taught me how to prioritize things when I’m extremely busy," Williams said. "It’s also taught me that sometimes you have to do things you don’t necessarily always want to do."

With their time running out quickly, Williams said the seniors know the urgency and importance this conference championship meet carries.

"We want this championship bad — we’ve been running all this time and still don’t have a conference title," Williams said. "If this is the last time we’ll have a go at it, we might as well get it."

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Senior cross country runners Jeff Schinner, right, Jason Oordway, center, and Mohammed Mohamed, left, do not let the rain stop their training Thursday as they prepare for the MVC Championships meet Oct. 31. "It’s good to be back as a team," Mohamed said, "We’ve won the conference meet for the past two years, and we’re going for three."

Chicago Bears cornerbback Tillman puts injuries behind him

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LAKE FOREST — A serial Tweet tweaker, it figures that Chad Ochocino would have something to say about Bears cornerback Charles Tillman this week, and not certainly took his share of playful jabs.

This, however, was not one of them. "He’s making a good point, the Cincinnati Bengals’ flashy receiver told Chicago reporters.

Tillman continues to play at a high level despite a run of injuries that might have limited him in the early going and his likely matchup with Ochocino figures to be one to watch when the Bears visit Cincinnati on Sunday.

A five-time Pro Bowl pick, Ochocino took note after Tillman committed Detroit’s Calvin Johnson and Atlanta’s Roddy White in the Bears’ past two games.

For a guy who had shoulder and back surgeries in the offseason and sat out the preseason, Tillman’s doing just fine.

"The one thing I can always say is it’s never as bad as you think because someone out there has it worse than you," he said.

That message hit him with the force of a blindingly taleed last year when he found out his infant daughter Tianna needed a heart transplant. She became the first patient in Illinois to benefit from a computerized device called a Berlin Heart. A for a guy who had surgery and back injuries in the offseason and sat out the preseason, Tillman’s doing just fine.

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University of Central Florida's Marcus Jordan, son of legendary basketball player Michael Jordan, said he wants to wear Nike's Air Jordan's on the court this season. Adidas, the official athletic sponsor of UCF, said no compromise has been reached to allow Jordan to wear Nike's. Should Marcus Jordan be allowed to wear his father's brand of shoes?

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I think it would be a smart business decision for Adidas to let MJ's son wear Air Jordan's. Marcus may be wearing the kicks of a competitor, but it shows that Adidas is not just some monster corporation with only profit in mind -- it makes Adidas look sympathetic. It also makes Adidas look like they are honoring Michael Jordan by making his son an exception. It would be a pretty big boost in the company's image, I would think. As long as this doesn't lead to Tracy McGrady's future offspring wearing T-Mac's on the court, I am OK with this.

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The accomplishments Michael Jordan has under his belt are legendary enough to warrant special treatments, not only for him, but for any person or thing for that matter that has any kind of direct link to him. The school should be in it and tell Adidas to relax because if they're not careful, I sure the name Jordan alone has enough weight behind it to allow Marcus to find another school willing to let him wear whatever shoes tickle his fancy.

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Lennon said the offensive plan has not changed despite the Penguins defense.

"It's the same thing for us," Lennon said. "We're going to go against a pretty good defensive line here that's going to make it difficult for us to run, but you still have to work with what you do best."

Senior linebacker Brandon Jordan said the team needs to focus Saturday, or the historic victory at Northern Iowa will mean nothing.

"If we go out there and give a weak effort, then we're going to lose," Jordan said. "And that big win will be for nothing. Nobody will care about that win anymore. They'll care about you losing."

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"Northern Iowa sits alone at the top of the conference with its most recent conference victory coming against Missouri State at home 3-1 (25-22, 25-19, 17-25, 25-20)."

"The loss was Missouri State's first conference loss of the season."

"Getting a win against the conference leader would be huge," Winkeler said. "It would really help set the tone for the rest of the way."

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"Three of our guys have been injured, so it puts a lot of pressure on us," Kidera said. "We're playing against older guys who have more experience than we do. It's a lot of fun, I've enjoyed it, and for a freshman I think I've done pretty well."

While the experience against veteran players would help Kidera. "They are playing against tougher teams than they normally would, given their seeding," Nelson said. "When you play against good competition, it tends to bring out more in you. I think it will help both players get better."

Nelson said the main goal in the fall tournament season is to get the players ready for the spring where they will try to win their second straight MVC title.

Nelson said the team's future is promising. "If we keep getting freshmen like that, we'll be good for several years to come," Nelson said.

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Salukis not looking past Penguins

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Head football coach Dale Lenoir told his team to forget about its historic win Saturday.

“We got to put (Northern Iowa) behind us,” Lenoir said. “That’s why you can’t make too big of a deal of it and it’s tough to do sometimes because a lot of the fans, they want to congratulate you . . . but we have to put our full focus on Youngstown and start another week of preparation.”

SIU (5-1, 4-0 Missouri Valley Football Conference) will look to avoid a letdown game after its first win in Cedar Falls, Iowa since 1983 as the Salukis take on the Youngstown State Penguins 3 p.m. Saturday at McAndrew Stadium.

Even with a 4-0 record in the conference and a victory over the then-3-3 team in the Football Championship Subdivision, the Salukis find themselves tied with South Dakota State Jackrabbits for the lead in the Valley. The Penguins (4-2, 2-1 MVC) find themselves just on the outside and a victory over the Salukis could put them in the conference championship mix.

Senior linebacker Chauncey Mason said the focus has not changed from Youngstown State.

“We were all excited about the (Northern Iowa) game, but starting this week, we have to change our focus over to the Penguins,” Mason said. “We can’t afford to lose our focus on the next matchup.”

The Salukis will face a Youngstown State squad that is near the top in several defensive categories.

The Penguins send out the top pass defense in the conference, allowing only 176 yards in the air per game. The defense is third in overall defense, allowing only 285 yards per game. The Penguins have also picked off nine passes and recorded 12 sacks.

Lennon said the Penguins defense will challenge the Salukis, but SIU is ready to challenge their defense as well.

“They’re a good football team, and there is a reason that they’re 4-2,” Lennon said. “They have a great defense, but we’re going to go out there and do what we do on offense, and go after them with that.”

That defensive unit will look to stop Deji Karim from making SIU history.

The senior running back is looking to become the fastest Saluki to reach 1,000 yards in a season in terms of carries. Karim has 959 yards on 119 carries and needs 41 yards on his next 11 carries to break the all-time SIU record held by Muhammad Abdulquadir.

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Volleyball

Salukis prepare for second half of the season

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The Salukis are determined to make the second half of conference play more successful than the first.

The SIU volleyball team (14-6, 3-6 Missouri Valley Conference) lost four conference games in a row, but is coming off of a win Tuesday against non-conference opponent Southeast Missouri State University.

Junior right side hitter Alisha Johnson said the win was important for the matches this weekend.

“We were tired of losing, so winning was a big boost,” Johnson said. “We’re going to play these matches this weekend with a lot of confidence and hopefully start a turnaround.”

The Salukis will play Bradley at 7 p.m. today in Davies Gym and Northern Iowa at the same time Saturday.

SIU will look to duplicate its first performance against Bradley.

The Salukis played the Braves on Sept. 26 in Puxia. SIU won the match 3-0 (25-18, 25-10, 25-23).

Junior outside hitter Jennifer Bowerman led the Salukis in the match, hitting .488 with 14 kills, six digs and two aces.

“It would help our confidence out if we could get out there and make a statement against Bradley,” head coach Brenda Winkelher said.

Bradley (9-14 overall, 0-9 MVC) is winless in the conference and is on a four-game losing streak. The program’s last victory came against SIU: Edwardsville 3-2 (22-25, 25-23, 25-25, 25-16) in a non-conference matchup.

On Saturday, SIU plays against Northern Iowa, the team that handed the Salukis their first loss of the season. SIU started the season 11-0 before the Panthers beat them 3-1 (23-25, 25-11, 25-11, 25-20) on Sept. 23.

In the match, the Salukis were held to a .078 hitting percentage while Northern Iowa hit .270. Since losing this match, SIU has only beaten Indiana State in conference.

Libero Lauren Blumhorst said she thinks SIU will play better in the rematch.

“We learned some things when we played them,” Blumhorst said. “I think when we play them again, we will play better and hopefully get revenge.”

It will not be easy for SIU to win; Northern Iowa (18-2, 9-0) has won 16 straight matches and has only been taken to five games against a conference opponent once when they played Wichita State at home.

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Men’s Tennis

Freshman finds fit with SIU

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It didn’t take long for freshman Chikara Kidera to make his way to the top of SIU’s roster.

With injuries at the top of the lineup, Kidera will play at No. 2 singles for the men’s tennis team in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Championships in Tulsa, Okla. The tournament started Thursday and runs until Monday.

Kidera, from St. Louis, was recruited to the tennis team because head coach Dann Nelson said his style fits with the program.

“He has a style of play we really like,” Nelson said. “He has a very explosive baseline play and really played the net well. We thought he would fit in well with what we try to do here.”

Kidera’s style has fellow freshman and No. 1 at the ITA Regional Championships Brandan Florez impressed.

“Bobby is an aggressive player,” Florez said. “He really has a lot of potential and is a little bit more of a risk-taker.”

Nelson said he knew Kidera at several events, but informed the freshman of his interest during the Nashville Open in St. Louis.

“I told him we were interested, and he came up with one,” Nelson said. “When he was here, it was during that week it snowed like two feet here. He loved it, got along well with the guys we had on the team and decided to come here.”

The snow was not something Kidera saw often as he had been living in Florida for four years. Kidera attended the International Tennis Academy in Delray Beach, Fla., where he played at the junior level.

Kidera said competition in juniors there is different than at SIU.

“Juniors is more individual-based,” Kidera said. “In college tennis, you play as part of a team. I like that style of play a bit more.”

Kidera said the teamworks in college tennis — as well as the environment — is what brought him to SIU.

“I think the atmosphere and the scholarship really were,” Kidera said. “I had other offers to different schools, but this was the best choice for me at the time.”

Kidera joins a Saluki squad coming off its first conference championship since 1990. If the team wants to repeat that feat, Florez said the Salukis young players would have a key role.

“We just have to keep working,” Florez said. “If we stay where we are now, we can be competitive. But if we keep working, we can win a lot of matches.”

Kidera said there is pressure on the freshmen to do well because of the level of competition they play.

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