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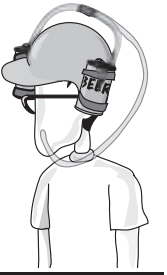
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LANE CHRISTIANSEN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

William McMinn, director of Recreational Sports and Services, talks with the new Saluki Masters swim team coach Ashley MacCurdy during practice in the morning in the Dr. Edward J. Shea Natatorium. 'He does a great job,' MacCurdy said.

## From the Rec to retirement

Recreational Sports and Services Director Bill McMinn to step down after 25 years

Sean McGahan  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC students will not only lose an administrator when Bill McMinn retires in December.

They will lose one of their biggest supporters.

"I'm here to serve you. You're a student. That's my job," the longtime director of Recreational Sports and Services said.

McMinn has worked for SIUC Recreational Sports and Services for the past 25 years and has been its leader for the past 13. As director, McMinn oversees the Recreation Center and a variety of programs such as intramural sports.

McMinn said he chose to retire

Dec. 15 to pursue other goals, such as traveling and working to help the underprivileged throughout southern Illinois.

"There's just some other things I want to do in life," McMinn said.

McMinn said he has seen the Rec Center undergo

countless changes since he saw it built as a student in 1977.

The biggest change, he said, is the influx of patrons.

"It's the popularity. We had a total of 80,000 users in 1977, and now we'll get 80,000 here in the month of February alone," McMinn said.

In addition to the users, the Rec Center employs more than 300 students. McMinn said it is his personal responsibility to make sure these stu-

dents develop as good citizens.

"That's what really makes me excited about having a position like this," McMinn said. "I think it's important for them to know that I've got their back, and I am genuinely concerned not just about how they're doing here but how they're doing in school and how they're doing in life."

Lindsey Lappin, a senior from Marion studying fashion merchandising, has worked at the Rec Center's Information Desk for a year. She said McMinn is always stopping by to make sure she is having a good day.

"He's very personable, always making sure we're doing well in school," Lappin said.

McMinn, a veteran of the Vietnam War, said he tries to lead students by example, a practice he said he learned during his service in the Marine Corps.

"I got this title that's next to me called director, but I am no different and no more important than any person that works here," McMinn said. "In the Marine Corps, the general never thought of himself any more important than the private in the foxhole, and that's how you should lead people here."

McMinn said the personal approach is what makes SIUC such a unique campus.

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MAX BITTLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Naseem Ahmed smiles while talking with Chancellor Walter Wendler at the meeting celebrating 60 years of international education at SIUC on Thursday morning at the Student Center. Ahmed is originally from Bangladesh and came to the United States 17 years ago.

## SIUC looking to boost international enrollment

Brandon Weisenberger  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

International students come to SIUC for many reasons.

For Argus Tong, all it took was a photograph.

SIUC was the first to respond when the Singapore native applied to study abroad in the Midwest. In the information packet sent overseas was a large image of Campus Lake.

Tong was immediately sold.

"That did it for me," said the 29-year-old Tong, who earned his master's in business administration at SIUC in 2004 and now works for the Alumni Association.

This school year marks the

sixth decade the university has offered education to international students. It all began with the 1947 spring arrival of Iraqi student Saad Jabr, the university's first foreign student to finish a degree at SIUC.

Jabr was picked up at the airport personally by then-SIU President Delyte Morris, who sought to put the growing university on the global scale, said Carl Coppi, interim director of International Programs and Services. Jabr went on to own the Du Quoin State Fair for nearly a decade before selling it to the government in 1985.

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## Workers picketing proposed postal cuts

Alicia Wade  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Steve McLaughlin left his midnight shift at the Carbondale Post Office, stepped onto the wet sidewalk in front of the building, put on a sandwich board that read, "Don't let our mail service fall apart," and joined a picket line.

About 30 postal workers from Carbondale, Effingham, Centralia, Mount Vernon and Peoria turned out for an informational protest Thursday against a recent plan by the United States Postal Service to consolidate the Carbondale Post Office with St. Louis.

"I'm a little tired and a little cold, but I hope we're getting the information out," McLaughlin said.

Andrew Polovich, president of the Carbondale Local American Postal Workers Union 944, said the plan would require mail from the Carbondale office to first be taken to St. Louis for processing.

The mail would then be brought back to Carbondale for distribution, causing a delay of about a week in delivery, he said.

Bob Gunter, vice president of the Illinois Postal Workers Union, said the changes would not be visible to the public.

"So much of the work that goes on, the public never sees," Gunter said. "They will probably see the same window clerk and the same letter carrier, but they will definitely feel the difference."

Gunter participated in a picket in Rockford, where mail was proposed to be processed in Palatine, which is more than an hour away. After protests, politicians' involvement and public hearings, the plan was scrapped.

"They couldn't find a place big enough to hold everyone who came to the meetings," Gunter said.

According to press releases from the USPS, consolidation is intended to make better use of space, staff and equipment and to end redundant transportation. This will ultimately save money, according to the press release.

Picketers distributed postcards addressed to U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, U.S. Sen. Barack Obama and U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin that object to consolidation. They also asked passersby to sign petitions.

Paula Capogreco, a postal clerk, stopped cars as they left the post office parking lot to ask the drivers to sign the petition.

"I think a lot of people in Carbondale and elsewhere are not aware of what's going on," Capogreco said.

Polovich said consolidation would not cause employees to be fired, but rather forcibly relocated to other offices. His greatest concern was the change in service.

"That letter could be someone's birthday card," Polovich said. "It could be someone's check or bill. The public needs to know what's going on."

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siUDE.com Question:  
Do you plan to vote in the upcoming gubernatorial election in November?

Yes, go Blagojevich!	33%
Yes, go Whitney!	25%
Yes, go Topinka!	25%
No	8%
Election? What election?	8%

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Up next: Do you agree with the current language of the student conduct code?

a. Yes, it is thorough and fair  
b. Yes, but some changes need to be made  
c. No, it allows administrators to do what they want  
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DEPARTED (R)  
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OPEN SEASON (PG)  
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**'Hansel and Gretel'**  
• 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday at Shryock Auditorium  
• The Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra and the Marjorie Lawrence Opera Theater join forces to present this timeless classic  
• Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets

**Haunted trail**  
• 6 to 11 p.m. today and Saturday at Campus Lake, beginning at the Boat Docks and ending at the Beach House  
• 6 to 7 p.m. is kids hour  
• Admission is \$5 or \$3 with a canned good

**Free movie: 'Divided We Fall'**  
• 6:30 p.m. Monday at Lawson Hall, Room 101  
• Visiting artist Valerie Kaur will screen her feature documentary on "retribution" murders in the aftermath of 9/11

The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot guarantee that all items will run.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Sheila Simon to host golf scramble fundraiser Saturday**  
Carbondale mayoral candidate Sheila Simon will host a golf scramble Saturday at Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carbondale. Registration will be from 11 a.m. to noon at the golf course, and play will begin at noon. Golfers will be in four-person groups for the scramble, and the cost is \$40 per person for 18 holes and a cart. Lunch and prizes are included in the price, and everyone is welcome.

**Metalsmithing auction, conference begins today**  
SIUC's metalsmithing program will hold its annual conference this weekend, which will include its popular demonstrations and art auction.  
The conference begins at 9 a.m. today in the blacksmithing studio in Pulliam Hall with a student workshop taught by Ira Sherman, a kinetic sculptor from Denver. He will teach about how to mechanize a sculpture.  
On Saturday, activities will begin at 9 a.m. with an open house with student demonstrations, as well as one from Sherman.  
Sherman will also give a lecture at 4 p.m. in the University Museum Auditorium in Faner Hall and there will be a closing reception for his exhibit at the museum at 5 p.m.  
The final event of the conference will be an art auction, which is slated to begin at 6 p.m. Items, which are handmade by local and regional artists, will include sculpture, jewelry, functional and non-functional art and furniture.  
For more information, contact Kevin Blomenkamp at 314-346-6498.

**Man who lied to FBI sentenced to 41 months in prison**  
CHICAGO (AP) - A federal judge gave a 41-month sentence Thursday to a 31-year-old man who pleaded guilty in July to telling the FBI about a fictitious terror plot to bomb a company's Chicago headquarters.  
U.S. District Court Judge Elaine Bucklo said she wanted to send a message that the incident was serious, even though Gilbert Romero is expected to serve the sentence concurrently with a 12-year state prison sentence for prior burglary convictions.  
Romero, of suburban Northlake, was charged with making false statements and reporting a hoax terrorism threat.  
Authorities said Romero was an inmate at the Cook County Jail in June 2005 when he allegedly told officials he had information about an upcoming attack.

**POLICE REPORTS**

**Carbondale**  
A home invasion and armed robbery occurred at 10:30 p.m. Thursday at 214 Warren Rd., Lot 194. According to police, the victim said he answered a knock at his front door and was attacked by two men, one of which displayed a handgun. There were also two masked female suspects. The victim was pistol-whipped before the suspects took approximately \$150 cash and his cell phone. The suspects fled, and the investigation continues.

**University**  
An armed robbery occurred at 1 a.m. Saturday on Lawson Hall's east side. According to police, the victim said her had been robbed by two of four unidentified black males. One of the suspects displayed a knife. The victim was punched in the face and robbed of his wallet. The first suspect is described as a black male, late teens to early 20s, about 5-feet-11-inches, 185 pounds wearing a red FUBU coat. The second suspect is a black male, late teens to early 20s, 5-feet-11-inches to 6 feet tall and 190 pounds with dark cornrow hair. The third suspect is a black male, also in his late teens to early 20s, 5-feet-11-inches to 6 feet tall, and weighing 200 pounds.  
A theft under \$300 occurred between 8 p.m. Tuesday and 1:20 a.m. Wednesday at the Faner Hall bike rack. A bicycle valued at \$100 was reported stolen. There are no suspects at this time.  
An assault occurred between 3 and 3:09 a.m. Saturday at the Boomer Hall and lot 106 footbridge. A 23-year-old SIUC student reported she had been assaulted by an unknown male subject.

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Chicago 50/39  
Peoria 48/38  
Champaign 48/37  
Springfield 48/37  
Carbondale 50/40  
Cairo 58/41  
Quincy 48/37  
Rock Island 48/35

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

**Almanac**

Carbondale through 3 p.m. yesterday

**Temperature:**  
High/low yesterday ..... 52°/48°  
Normal high/low ..... 65°/40°

**Precipitation:**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. yest. .... 0.44"  
Month to date ..... 3.25"  
Normal month to date ..... 2.33"  
Year to date ..... 40.70"  
Normal year to date ..... 36.92"

**Sun and Moon**  
Sunrise today ..... 7:17 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 6:04 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 12:46 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 9:51 p.m.

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**National Cities**

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Atlanta	58	53	r	62 46 pc
Boston	52	43	s	50 44 r
Cincinnati	51	41	r	48 36 c
Dallas	70	53	pc	75 48 s
Denver	56	34	s	63 34 s
Indianapolis	50	39	r	53 36 c
Kansas City	57	42	r	67 42 s
Las Vegas	75	50	s	77 52 s
Nashville	58	49	r	60 43 s
New Orleans	77	57	r	69 54 s
New York City	54	47	pc	59 44 r
Orlando	85	70	c	82 58 t
Phoenix	83	57	s	87 56 s
San Francisco	76	50	s	73 51 s
Seattle	58	45	c	59 43 pc
Washington, DC	50	46	r	59 44 r

Legend: W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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**Regional Cities**

City	Today		Sat.	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Bloomington	48	40	r	55 35 pc
Cape Girardeau	55	41	r	61 38 s
Champaign	48	37	r	53 32 pc
Chicago	50	39	r	51 34 pc
Danville	46	38	r	53 37 pc
Edwardsville	50	41	r	64 43 s
Moline	48	36	r	58 32 pc
Mt. Vernon	50	41	r	59 39 s
Paducah	54	42	r	64 40 s
Peoria	48	38	r	59 35 pc
Quincy	48	37	r	60 39 s
Rockford	50	34	r	51 29 c
Springfield	48	37	r	56 34 pc

# Kegs to run dry in Carbondale

Ryan Rendleman  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Another Halloween means another ban on bars and kegs.

For the sixth year in a row, all bars on the Strip — south of Walnut Street, north of Grand Avenue and between the railroad tracks and University Avenue — will be closed Friday, Saturday and again on Tuesday, which is Halloween.

The keg ban started today at 2 a.m. and will last until 2 a.m. Nov. 2. This means beer in two-gallon containers or larger cannot be sold, bought or possessed, said Jeff Doherty, Carbondale city manager.

Doherty said issues, such as riots in the 1990s and again in 2000, led to the establishment of the current restrictions on bars and kegs.

He said from 1996 to 1999 there were limits placed on bars and left SIUC students leaving Carbondale for fall break. This cut down on some of the Halloween-related problems. But when restrictions lifted in 2000, problems recurred. He said there had been property damage, riots and the closure of South Illinois Avenue because of overcrowded streets. Recent bans have helped rid Carbondale of this behavior, he said.

"We have not had an incident downtown since 2000, so these measures have been successful," Doherty said. "They have been part of the solution."

Even though Halloween weekend is usually assumed to be more unusual than most, Mayor Brad Cole said it doesn't stand out any more than other weekends in Carbondale.

"I don't think there's a normal weekend at any time of the year in this town," he said.

Cole said the bans that have

“There was this serious need to resolve some very destructive behavior that was happening. And I think the policy has been effective in doing that.”

— Brad Cole  
Carbondale mayor

been implemented the past years have helped curb the various problems that previously occurred.

"There was this serious need to resolve some very destructive behavior that was happening," he said. "And I think the policy has been effective in doing that."

The police are also not concerned about the coming of Halloween weekend.

SIUC Police Chief Todd Sigler said he wasn't anticipating more problems than usual this weekend based on the previous Halloweens held in Carbondale.

"Our experience the past several years has been much more positive," he said. "The problems of the past have been something we've not witnessed, so we don't anticipate anything out of the ordinary."

Carbondale Interim Police Chief Bob Ledbetter also said he wasn't planning for an extra-rowdy Halloween weekend. More police will be on duty, but he said this was common procedure for every weekend.

"We don't want to return to the days before when there was certainly potential for someone to get hurt," he said.

Ryan Rendleman can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 273 or ryan\_rendleman@dailyegyptian.com.



Alex Glogowski, a sophomore in auto technology, checks his net for a fish Tuesday afternoon at Campus Lake. Glogowski was looking for water organisms for an ecology lab during his general biology class.

MELISSA BARR  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

## Three Thompson Point residence halls now exclusively for engineering majors

Alexis Boudreau  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Next year, SIUC's new engineering students will get a lot closer.

Beginning in fall 2007, Pierce, Abbott and Bailey residence halls in Thompson Point will be exclusively for freshman and sophomore engineering students under the age of 21.

Each floor will have paid peer mentors — sophomores to seniors studying engineering — and one resident assistant. Certain classes will be offered strictly to the engineering students inside the residence halls.

Bruce Chrisman, coordinator of the College of Engineering, is heading the project. He said the innovation serves to create a living learning environment to enhance students' success.

"We are really trying to build structure," Chrisman said.

The National Science Foundation in September granted SIUC \$1.2 million to help fund the endeavor. Chrisman said more than half of the grant would go toward funding the

peer mentors' salaries.

John Nicklow, interim dean of the College of Engineering, said peer mentors would play a key part in the venture. He said they would be model students with reasonable grade point averages, good communication skills and a desire to learn.

Nicklow said there would be approximately five students per mentor, and the mentor would attend at least one class per week with the students, along with providing tutoring and guidance.

"We want to choose mentors who the new freshmen should emulate," Nicklow said. "If the student is part of a tight social network, then good things happen."

University Housing program coordinator Kathie Lorentz said the program efficiently uses the retention initiative.

"The whole purpose is for them to interact with one another," Lorentz said. "They will be able to live, learn and study together. It will enhance the student experience."

Speech, math and English courses will be offered in the basements and study lounges of the residence halls. Nicklow said the transformation of lounges into classrooms would provide for a more comfortable learning environment.

The new program will also involve faculty mentors, free tutoring available in the halls four or five nights a week and 36 practicing engineers who will periodically speak to students.

"Engineering is a harder major, academically," Chrisman said. "It's better to go through it together than alone."

Chrisman said most successful students have a cycle through their years at SIUC. He said they attend class together, study together and eventually live together — either in residence halls or apartments. This program, he said, is just starting the process early.

Pierce Hall will be the only dorm that is co-ed. Chrisman said in previous years space was saved in Pierce Hall strictly for women engineering majors.

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## WORLD &amp; NATION

# Four firefighters killed in wildfire

Gillian Flaccus  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

POPPET FLAT, Calif. — A wind-whipped wildfire started by an arsonist killed four firefighters Thursday and stranded up to 400 people in an RV park when flames burned to the edge of the only road out, officials said.

"Everybody is hunkered down here. They're fighting the fire around us. It's across the street from us," said Charles Van Brunt, a ranger at the station at the entrance to Silent Valley Club, the recreational vehicle park near Palm Springs. The residents were in no immediate danger, he said.

Authorities asked people in the RV park to stay put to leave the roads clear for firefighters. Hundreds of others in the area were forced from their homes.

Fire officials said the fire was deliberately set around 1 a.m. and offered a \$100,000 reward. Fire Chief John Hawkins said the arson "constitutes murder."

The Forest Service crew was trying to protect a house as dry desert winds of 25 mph or more blew a wall of flames down on them in the hills northwest of Palm Springs.

"They had left their truck to do structure protection when the fire overran them," said Forest Service

spokesman Pat Boss, adding the flames came down so quickly they had no time to retreat to their engine or use protective sheltering.

Three firefighters died at the scene, and two were hospitalized in critical condition. One of those two died several hours later. The other had burns over 95 percent of his body, Boss said.

The last time four firefighters died battling a blaze was July 10, 2001, fighting a fire in a remote canyon in Washington's Okanogan National Forest. The four became trapped by flames on a dusty dead-end road.

Thursday's deaths brought to 19 the number of California firefighters killed in the line of duty over the past year, according to statistics kept by California Professional Firefighters, a lobbying organization.

One other firefighter in the burned-out fire engine was critically injured, Boss said.

He said the Forest Service pulled all its personnel off the fire after the deaths so they could "gather their thoughts, say their prayers."

The fire quickly blackened more than 6 square miles and destroyed at least three homes. The weather service had issued a "red flag" warning for extreme fire danger because of the high winds and dry conditions.



SHASHANK BENGALI ~ MCT

**A Somali woman washes laundry** in a refugee camp in northeastern Kenya, on Saturday. About 14,000 Somalis have fled into Kenya since September because of the threat of civil war and strict rule by the country's new Islamic leaders.

## New deaths make October deadliest month for U.S. troops in a year

QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The number of American troops killed in Iraq in October reached the highest monthly total in a year Thursday after four Marines and a sailor died of wounds suffered while fighting in the same Sunni insurgent stronghold.

The U.S. military said 96 U.S. troops have died so far in October, the most in one month since October 2005, when the same number was killed. The highest monthly death toll before that came in January 2005, when 107 U.S. troops were killed.

The spike in deaths has been a major factor behind rising anti-war sentiment in the United States, fueling calls for President Bush to change tactics.

Polls show a majority of Americans

are opposed to Bush's handling of Iraq, and at a news conference in Washington on Wednesday, Bush indicated he shared the public's frustration even as he pushed back against calls for troop withdrawals.

"I know many Americans are not satisfied with the situation in Iraq," Bush said. "I'm not satisfied either."

Fighting continued Thursday with fresh clashes between Iraqi security forces and militia groups linked to major Shiite political parties, part of an ominous new trend adding to the violence wrought by the Sunni-led insurgency against U.S. coalition forces and their Iraqi allies.

At least five policemen were killed and 10 injured in fighting near Baqouba pitting Iraqi security forces against gunmen of the Mahdi Army militia, who are loyal to fiery anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, police spokesmen said.

Mahdi militiamen have flooded into the area 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, forcing large numbers of residents belonging to Iraq's Sunni Arab minority to flee their homes. Mahdi fighters killed scores of Sunnis in massacres last week in the nearby city of Balad, forcing U.S. troops to return to the area after Iraqi security forces were unable to stem the bloodshed.

The U.S. military said the five service members killed in volatile Anbar province included a sailor assigned to the 3rd Naval Construction Regiment. Two of the Marines were attached to Regimental Combat Team 5 and two others to Regimental Combat Team 7. All died from wounds suffered in attacks Wednesday in Anbar province, a hotbed of the Sunni insurgency.

Names were being withheld pending notification of their families.

### WIRE REPORTS

#### BAGHDAD

### Clashes between police and suspected militia-men kill 30, wound 42

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Fighting between police and suspected militia gunmen northeast of Baghdad on Thursday killed 30 people and wounded 42, the provincial police chief said.

The fighting around Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of the capital, marked the latest outbreak of bloodshed involving militants believed to be members of the Mahdi Army militia loyal to hard-line anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

The dead included 12 police officers and 18 militants, said Ghassan al-Bawi, police chief of surrounding Diyala province.

#### MOSCOW

### Supplies arrive at space station after glitch

MOSCOW (AP) - An unmanned Russian cargo ship successfully latched onto the international space station Thursday after Mission Control solved a glitch that had prevented the spacecraft from delivering supplies of oxygen, water and food — including roast quail and other gourmet fare prepared by a French chef.

The Progress M-58 spacecraft had docked smoothly with the station at 10:28 a.m. EDT, but a faulty antenna apparently prevented it from mooring completely, Mission Control spokesman Valery Lyndin told The Associated Press.

After three and a half hours of tense deliberations and discussions, controllers working by radio command moved the Progress about 16 inches back and then forward again to latch it onto the station, which is currently manned by U.S. astronaut Michal Lopez-Alegria, Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Tyurin and German Thomas Reiter.

"The crew has confirmed that the attempt was successful, and the ship has been latched on securely onto the station," Lyndin told the AP.

Russian Space Agency spokesman Igor Panarin had said the crew had enough supplies for a safe stay in orbit, even if the problem had not be fixed quickly.

#### AFGHANISTAN

### Afghan officials say dozens of civilians killed during NATO operation on south

LAY KUNDI, Afghanistan (AP) - Dozens of civilians were killed in a NATO military strike against suspected Taliban militants, Afghan officials said Thursday. Villagers fled the southern region by car and donkey, and hundreds attended a funeral for some 20 people buried in a mass grave.

The civilian deaths — estimated by Afghan officials to be between 30 and 85, including many women and children — are among the highest in any foreign military action here since the fall of the Taliban and could turn residents against the counterinsurgency campaign.

NATO said a preliminary review found that 12 civilians were killed in the clashes Tuesday in the Panjwayi district of Kandahar province, the Taliban's former southern stronghold. But the alliance could not say if they had died because of Taliban or NATO action.

Maj. Luke Knittig, a spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force, said up to 70 militants may have been killed in three clashes. The fighting took place in or around the villages of Lay Kundi and Mirwisa Mina.

Knittig said Taliban fighters attacked NATO forces, and that return artillery fire and airstrikes were aimed at militants.

Bismallah Afghanmal, a provincial council member, said fighters fled into civilian homes, which were then attacked by NATO forces.

## Bush signs fence bill as illegal entries shift to California

Suzanne Gamboa  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush wanted an exchange of workers with Mexico to bring order to the border but wound up signing a law Thursday that approves partitioning 700 miles of the United States from its southern neighbor.

The administration once talked of "orderly migration" — workers entering the United States and returning to Mexico or other countries when their jobs were finished. But political realities have replaced phrases like that with "border security" and plans for fences, surveillance cameras, unmanned aerial vehicles and watch towers.

Bush still wants a guest-worker program. But the toughest resistance to that idea has come from his own Republican Party — and has intensified as the mid-term elections have drawn near.

His White House signing ceremony for the new fence law — just 12 days before the Nov. 7 elections — gave Republicans something to point to as they try to convince voters their party would do a better job of cracking down on illegal immigrants and keeping criminals and terrorists out.

"We're modernizing the southern border of the United States so we can assure the American people we're doing our job of securing the border," Bush said.

The new law also gives the Department of Homeland Security up to 18 months to achieve "operational control" of the border, defined as preventing all illegal entries into the United States by land or water.

The bill didn't come with any new funding, and the \$1.2 billion Congress previously approved is not enough to build the full 700 miles of proposed double-layer fence.

A 14-mile stretch under construction in the San Diego area is estimated to cost \$126.5 million. Costs differ depending on terrain, environmental issues and whether private property is involved.

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said Congress will add more money each year to erect the fence.

"Within about three years, we should have about 370 miles," said Kyl, whose state would be virtually sealed from Mexico through fencing and other barriers.

Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Ralph Basham said the fence could take many forms, from chain link to solid wall, depending on where it is placed. The shape will be determined with the help of Boeing Co., which was awarded a \$67 million contract to install a high-tech "virtual fence" along 28 miles in Arizona.

# Some cities opt out of Lt. Gov.'s wireless program

Network maintenance issue causes cities to look elsewhere

**Alicia Wade**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mysteries still remain about the new wireless Internet network developing in Carbondale, but the grant the city is using to finance the project is not the only way for a community to get online.

The Illinois Main Street program headed by Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn awarded Carbondale \$17,875 earlier this month to establish a wireless

Internet system. This money will go to create wireless hotspots that will encompass 30 blocks of downtown Carbondale, with the potential to give the entire city free wireless Internet.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said specifications for the plan are being prepared, and the city should select a contractor within the next few weeks.

Under the Illinois Main Street program, Carbondale's Information Systems Division will operate and provide much of the maintenance for the network.

Other communities, such as Springfield and Aurora, have opted not to be a part of the Illinois Main

Street program and have found different ways to provide free wireless services.

In August, Springfield Mayor Tim Davlin announced a potential partnership between the city and AT&T to provide citywide wireless Internet access. Ernie Slottag, spokesman for Davlin, said Springfield had looked into being a part of the Illinois Main Street program but found it unsatisfactory for the city's needs.

"Their program only covered about two or three square miles downtown," Slottag said. "The city has to maintain it, and we don't know a thing about wireless."

He said Springfield paired with AT&T because the city would not be

responsible for management, repair and installation of the system. Also, the network would come with no investment from the city for expansion, as the goal is to have all of Springfield included in the wireless network. It would come at no cost to the city because of an agreement with AT&T that it would be allowed to use the city's infrastructure and electricity, according to a press release from Davlin's office.

Slottag said the equipment to support the wireless network would be attached to existing light poles in the city, similar to the method used in Aurora.

The timetable for the wireless agreement in Springfield was not

definite, but Slottag said he hoped the plan would be worked out in the next three or four months.

Aurora's wireless Internet network will be the first in Illinois to supply an entire city with access by spring 2007, according to the city's Web site. Choosing to pair with the companies MetroFi and Skypilot, it is able to maintain free service by having a one-inch advertising banner visible to users.

Several calls to Aurora's Information Technology Office were not returned.

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## SIUC students nominated for Emmys

**Aerial McCall**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A small, heavily heated room painted with oversized movie posters and personal pictures once described the workstation of student-run television show "alt. news 26:46."

This room is now described as the holding place of nine Emmy nominees — Jon Solits, Tim Wilkerson, Sean Brown, Jared Kagel, Kyle Tekiela, Adam Slutsky, Nicholas Karsten, Jordan Gzesh, and Andrew Mitchell.

Eight SIUC students and a recent graduate created segments and animated graphics that have been recognized by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, which is best known for the Emmy Awards.

Brown described alt. news 26:46, as a magazine-style news show that covers bizarre stories that would never be heard on regular news.

Wilkerson provided clarification to the meaning of the abbreviation "alt. news 26:46."

"It stands for alternative news that runs the show length of 26 minutes and 46 seconds,"

“It’s an honor to be considered a professional, and I’m only a sophomore in college.”

— Tim Wilkerson  
an alt. news 26:46 producer

Wilkerson said.

The magazine-style show has been nominated for and won Emmys and several other awards.

Sophomore students Wilkerson and Brown produced one of the segments nominated for an Emmy titled "The Sweatshirt Phenomenon," which explored the origins of the "COLLEGE" sweatshirt made famous by actor John Belushi.

The segment had an authentic feel with the occasional occurrence of comedy. Wilkerson and Brown identified people by their first and last names as well as their occupation, just as a typical television show would. But the wit comes when they identified one witness as "Tom College, known liar."

Kagel, recent graduate of SIUC, produced a noncomedic documentary titled "Parkour: Never Look Back" that examined a European-created extreme sport in which participants called traceurs

leap, vault and thrust themselves off of walls and rails.

Brown said creations like these come regularly in the uniquely organized office home to multiple students. He said the office may be messy and unattractive, but they are constantly working.

"There are a lot more guys than girls working here, and that may be because of the way the place looks, but we accomplish a lot," Brown said.

Student's work on WSIU-TV earned Emmy nominations in several categories during a ceremony on Sept. 21 in St. Louis. Winners will be announced Saturday at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in St. Louis.

"It's an honor to be considered a professional, and I'm only a sophomore in college," Wilkerson said.

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## Suspended student could face jail, fines

**Brandon Weisenberger**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Derrick Reese Jr., who was suspended from SIUC in connection with an Oct. 6 attack on campus, could face the possibility of more than 10 years in prison and \$50,000 in fines from criminal charges stemming from the incident.

During Reese's first appearance in Jackson County Court on Thursday, Judge Charles Grace set the possible penalties and Reese's preliminary hearing for Dec. 7.

Reese is being represented by Chicago-based attorney Keith Spence. Spence recently represented Sonja Chambers, the forewoman for the trial of former Gov. George Ryan who came under fire for omissions on her jury questionnaire.

Reese is one of nine Chicago-area freshmen appealing multiple-year suspensions from the university after SIUC authorities linked the students to the assault and robbery of a sophomore.

He is the only one of the group of nine students served with criminal charges. Reese and the other eight students were accused of several Student Conduct Code violations before their suspensions earlier this month.

Reese's father, Derrick Reese Sr., said his son was improperly identified as an assailant, and there was no evidence to indicate he took part in the attack other than being in a "large group of black males," which the victim said attacked him.

Reese is charged with robbery,

aggravated assault and mob action.

One of the responding officers stated that after a witness reported the victim's beating, he stopped a group of black males he had driven by shortly before the dispatch.

The victim, according to the report, identified his assailants as a "large group of black males."

After stopping the group, the officer reported the victim was escorted by ambulance to the scene of the stop and was asked to identify the attackers based on a clothing description.

The victim picked out Reese and two non-students, Jovan Lacey and Michael Zeigler. Lacey and Zeigler, along with freshman Corey Coakley, also face the same three criminal charges as Reese.

Coakley's status with the university and how he was charged as an attacker are unclear.

At the scene, the victim told police, "I'm only sure about them," in regard to Reese Jr. and the two non-students, and later said, "I'm sure those were in the group that beat me up."

The victim reportedly sustained head and facial injuries and was robbed of about \$100 from his wallet.

All of the suspended students have denied taking part in the attack but acknowledge having been in the vicinity of the attack. Among the Student Conduct Code violations, SIUC officials reprimanded the students for not intervening or alerting authorities.

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THEIR WORD

## Enron CEO's sins will outlast jail term

Jeffrey Skilling, the former chief executive officer of Enron, may still be "the smartest guy in the room," but for the next couple of decades, that room is going to be a federal prison cell.

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Skilling's sentence, handed down Monday by U.S. District Court Judge Sim Lake, essentially ends the saga of Enron, the Houston-based energy giant that stole billions of dollars from investors, employees and California electricity ratepayers through an elaborate series of financial deceptions before finally imploding in 2001.

Despite the pain that it caused for many people, Enron's collapse did have a lasting positive impact: It prompted Congress

to pass the Sarbanes-Oxley reforms and set higher, across-the-board standards for corporate conduct and disclosure.

The subsequent prosecution of Skilling and top officials at other companies that misled the public, such as WorldCom and Tyco International, has also made it clear to corporate executives that they will be held accountable when they betray shareholders.

Silicon Valley firms are feeling Enron's impact with the current investigations and prosecutions of executives in the growing scandal over the backdating of stock options.

Some have argued that Skilling's 24-year sentence was too harsh. Enron's chief financial officer, Andrew Fastow, was sentenced to just six years in prison after cooperating with prosecutors. Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay's conviction was thrown out on procedural grounds after his death, making it difficult for victims to seek restitution from his estate.

The unrepentant Skilling, who as CEO played a key role in Enron's deception, got what he deserved. Millions of investors and ratepayers were affected by Skilling's fraud, and as Lake noted at Monday's hearing, "his crimes have imposed on hundreds, if not thousands, of people a life sentence of poverty."

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GUEST COLUMN



## Supplemental instruction

COUNSELING CENTER STAFF

Going to college is kind of like joining a gym. Sure, you can pay your membership fees, buy the cool workout clothes and fantasize about your soon-to-be-slimmer body. You can search the Internet for the perfect diet plan, contemplate the benefits of a low-carb lifestyle and resolve to eat right and exercise every day. But it is so easy to let little things interfere with the hard work that needs to be done. Surely you can't eat right or exercise when you have a cold or a minor ankle sprain!

It's the same with college. You pay tuition and fees, buy the books and fantasize about the great job you will get once you have that degree in your hand. You can select all the right courses, find a great internship and resolve to earn straight A's so that the job of your dreams (or the grad school of your choice) will pay top dollar to have you on their team. But it is so easy to let little things interfere with the hard work that needs to be done. How can you study with your roommate blaring music at 3 a.m.?

How can you achieve your goals — fitness or career — if you don't actually put in the hard work, a little sweat, some sacrifices and a lot of mental energy?

If you are serious about your fitness goals, you can hire a personal trainer. If you are serious about your studies, you can take advantage of a free service called Supplemental Instruction (SI).

Supplemental Instruction is an academic support service that utilizes peer leaders to facilitate group study sessions. Also known as PASS (for Peer Assisted Study Sessions), SI targets historically difficult courses — particularly those in the University Core Curriculum. The SI leaders who have been selected for these positions have been nominated by faculty members who know that the peer leaders have earned

an A or B in the course and have a firm grasp of the course material.

The SI leaders actually sit in on the target classes. This is beneficial because they know what examples the professor uses and know what has been emphasized for upcoming exams. Each SI leader offers at least two study sessions per week, which are free of charge and open for any student who is enrolled in the targeted course.

The study sessions are designed to maximize student interaction with the course material, as well as with each other.

Most students find that the discussions and exercises they experience in SI sessions are energizing and help with retention and recall of information for exams. Some SI leaders are highly interactive and bring flash cards or other learning tools to the sessions. Some SI leaders meet in computer labs where they help students navigate appropriate online resources. SI leaders also provide study guides to help students prepare for upcoming exams.

SI leaders participate in mandatory training where they gain skills in group facilitation, interpersonal communication, individual learning styles and generic study skills. As SI leaders advance, they have the opportunity to become Academic Coaches. Better known as tutors, Academic Coaches work individually with students who wish to improve academically (either by improving study skills or increasing their understanding of course content.)

Academic Coaches are available in the residence halls — again, free of charge. During the fall semester 2006, Academic Coaches can be found in Schneider Hall on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

To find out if you have an SI leader in your course, check out the SI Web site at [www.siu.edu/~pass](http://www.siu.edu/~pass).

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“ The vote is the most elemental right for American citizens. ”

Charlie Howe  
Green Party chair

## GUEST COLUMN

# Everybody's obsessed with Hillary

**Michael Goodwin**  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

She drives everybody wild. She makes men do dumb things. She makes women say stupid things. She's the straw that stirs the drink.

It's all about Hillary.

Fasten your seat belts. It's going to be a bumpy ride.

She's got a nobody opponent in her Senate race, and he can grab the front page just by saying she had plastic surgery. This from a guy who couldn't catch flies with manure, but he fires cheap shots at her and suddenly he's getting face time. He says he didn't say it. He probably thinks he didn't. Gremlins are her friend.

It's all her fault, but we shouldn't blame her. She can't help it if she has bewitched the whole country, pols especially. Newt Gingrich has fallen hard for her. Maybe that's why she's wearing a cross — to ward off the evil spirits.

She claimed Karl Rove was "obsessing about me" after George Bush's brain predicted she would win the Democratic nomination for president in 2008, then lose the general election because of "her personal philosophy and her brittleness."

Hey, give the guy a break. Rove can't stop himself. Neither can her Democratic rivals. Barack Obama is the latest one to go bonkers. A guy who served in the Illinois legislature and two years in the U.S. Senate now wants to be president. But it's all about her — he smells the doubts on whether she can win, so he figures, why not me? There are lots of good reasons — experience, for one — but what sense is there in trying to talk sense to a man under this woman's spell?

None. Just look at John Kerry. He almost became president two years ago by trying to stick to the middle of the road, but he's so haunted by her front-runner status that he's now

a wild-eyed liberal. It's all about her. She slides to the center, so he's forced to move left, into the desperate arms of the wackadoo wing.

You know she's enjoying watching him twist. Kerry was so frightened of Clinton's star power in 2004 that he tried to prevent her from speaking at the party convention. After protests made him look like a cad, he relented and said she could spend five minutes introducing her husband. She spoke for 11 and stole the show.

Then there's poor Al Gore, assigned to the political wilderness and Grade B moviemaking. He's been grumbling that he's the rightful heir to Dem leadership. After all, he was the vice president to the guy she was only married to. He doesn't get it. She's an alpha female. You'd think by now he'd know his place.

But no whole family has been driven to distraction like the Edwardses, with husband John and wife Elizabeth both cursed by

Hillary's spell. John Edwards has practically moved to Iowa, calculating that his only chance of getting the '08 nomination is to beat her there. It must drive him nuts that she doesn't even have to show up, sending Bubba to wow the pig farmers.

And Elizabeth Edwards proved Hillary can make women as crazy as men. "We both went to law school and married other lawyers, but after that, we made other choices. I think my choices have made me happier. I think I'm more joyful than she is," Elizabeth Edwards said. She apologized, but only after insisting she never said it, it was taken out of context, blah-blah-blah.

Damn demons again.

Face it. We are bewitched. It's all about Hillary.

*Michael Goodwin is a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for the New York Daily News*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Beware of the Student Conduct Code

DEAR EDITOR:

The past few weeks have certainly been an opportune time to ask some questions pertaining to SIUC's Student Conduct Code. While some of us are asking questions because we are obligated to, others are inquiring about the code to prevent falling under its broad terms.

Unfortunately, I have been learning about the code and Student Judicial Affairs because of an incident, which occurred off campus just a few days before the semester began. It has been an exhausting effort, and I am still left with unanswered questions.

How do students benefit from SJA and the Student Conduct Code? In my experience, it has been a snowball effect on one instance, which I would have liked to put behind me immediately. In fact, I received notice of my charges from SJA a week before I was to appear

in Carbondale City Court, where I was punished and fined (much more than \$250). Now, I am in the process of appealing the sanctions of my SJA hearing in order to continue as a successful student here at SIUC. Dealing with the city, as well as SJA, has sidetracked me from my responsibilities as a student, and I plainly wish to move forward hereafter.

I understand the university's concern to deal with student decisions that may be dishonest, irresponsible or unethical. The SJA, however, does not provide an appropriate or fair resolution to this problem. The code is unspecific, and the SJA procedures are arguably illegal.

I hope the SJA can learn to deal with student discipline problems more effectively. I would like to see a stronger effort in preventing student misconduct. Then, students would have

a better opportunity to learn about the code and how the SJA deals with violations. Clearly this would be a better way of producing and maintaining a safer, more productive campus environment.

I trust the nine students who were removed from campus will learn from their whole mess with the SJA and conduct code. I know that I have learned from my experience. Moreover, it is important for all students to familiarize themselves with the code and the long arm of the SJA. Until there is reform within the university, each student is not only responsible for his/her own actions, but for the possible harsh and unjust sanctions imposed by SJA.

**John Mallon**

junior from Oak Lawn studying mathematics

### Democrats care about students

DEAR EDITOR:

In early 2006, Congressional Republicans in Washington cut millions of dollars from the federal budget that would help students across the nation, and most importantly here at SIUC Carbondale, afford college. There are thousands of students on this campus receiving some sort of financial aid from the government. For years, the federal and state governments have made sure that scholarships and financial aid options were available for students who normally wouldn't be able to afford college. But Bush and the Republican's federal budget this year helped put a stop to that.

The budget proposed by the Republicans for FY 2006 involves massive cuts for education. There are over a half billion dollars of cuts, proposed by the Republicans in Congress and the

President, for higher education, even with rising college costs. Republicans refused to increase funding for Pell Grants in the new budget, and they have raised rates on student loans, costing students billions in additional dollars. The Republicans have left students high and dry when it comes to paying for college.

On the other hand, Democrats have proposed several plans that can help students pay for college. Democrats have issued plans to cut college loan interest rates in half to 3.4 percent, whereas Republicans in Congress recently passed a measure that makes students pay rates closer to 7 percent.

This new plan proposed by Senator Dick Durbin, a Democrat, will hopefully cut these costs for students. This bill is called the

Reverse the Raid on Student Aid of 2006, and Democratic legislators hope that it can save students around \$5,000 a year. Senator Durbin was quoted as saying that "New interest rates on student loans could make the ticket price of a higher education unaffordable and cost students the opportunity to get a college education."

The bottom line is that Democrats want to make education affordable for all students and all Americans, whereas Republicans want to keep college only for the extremely wealthy, which is not part of the American Dream the last time I checked.

**Dylan Burns**

vice president of College Democrats sophomore studying political science and history

### Energy healing not scientifically proven

DEAR EDITOR:

As a student studying nutrition and health, I am concerned about the "health" methods available on this campus.

Energy healing is a practice to improve your spirit and your actual physical health. However, is this practice at all proven? This seems to be a practice in which one feels bet-

ter and simply connects this feeling to that of crystals or massage. This practice has not been proven medically or scientifically. Is this program really a necessity that our student fees should support something such as this?

We recently have had a new, state-of-the-art Student Health Center. This practice could

be deterring people who need real medical attention from actually getting it. Shouldn't we be practicing true health methods and not just those based by unproven means?

**Michele Harness**

senior from Sutter studying food and nutrition

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Since the kick-start offered by Jabr, SIUC has gone from being the nation's fourth ranked institution in terms of international enrollment to being one of the countless universities affected by falling foreign numbers.

On Thursday, university officials set their sights on returning to the glory days.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz announced the formation of a new committee that will focus on what can be done to attract more international students and keep them at SIUC.

Dietz, speaking in the Student Center's International Lounge, invited administrators, faculty and staff, and foreign students to take part in the committee. The group, Dietz said, would look at ways to increase dialogue with overseas institutions, promote study abroad opportunities and seek input from international students on what they like and what could be done better.

"Our future is a multicultural future," Dietz said.

The task will not be an easy one.

Parallel with declining general enrollment, the amount of international students at SIUC is down for the fifth straight year. There are 1,149 international students enrolled, compared to 1,204 in fall 2005.

Since 2002, international enrollment has fallen by 384 students, according to the SIUC Fact Book.

The decline is a similar one for institutions across the country. U.S. universities lost

more than 21,000 students from 2002 to 2004, according to Open Doors magazine.

Coppi said a big challenge is the enhanced offerings of institutions in other countries.

India and China have increased the number of undergraduate programs at their universities, and the Mediterranean island country Cyprus has started 40 new colleges in the past decade.

England in particular is a competitor under Prime Minister Tony Blair's initiatives. The country offers full scholarships for students and has set a goal of having 100,000 new foreign students by 2010.

"It's different now," Coppi said. "We're trying to re-energize the interest in international education."

Throughout the year, Dietz said the international enrollment committee would hold regular meetings and events to stir interest on the issue.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said the southern Illinois region could be better promoted to attract international students.

"To come here to the cornfields and coalmines is to see a part of the country many international students never see," Wendler said.

The chancellor called international students a driving force in SIUC's goal to be a competitor in the global spectrum.

"We are an intellectual institution, and we want to change the world, but we have to know how the world works," Wendler said. "We do that through international students."

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"Very seldom you'll see a university of this size that has such a genuine, sincere compassion for its students," McMinn said.

He said the diversity of the student body is another thing that sets the school apart.

"I could walk through this Rec Center and take a trip around the world and never have to leave just by talking to the students from various countries," McMinn said. "It's truly an accurate reflection of what the world is that they're going to go into."

Assistant Athletic Director Jason King, who has worked closely with McMinn for the

past six years, said McMinn goes out of his way to help anyone he can on campus.

"Bill is just an unbelievable ambassador for the whole university because he really is a person that looks at how whatever needs to be done can affect the university and how he can best serve the university and the students," King said.

McMinn said he would continue to play racquetball and work out at the Rec Center after his retirement.

"I'll still have a chance to come in and interact with the students," he said.

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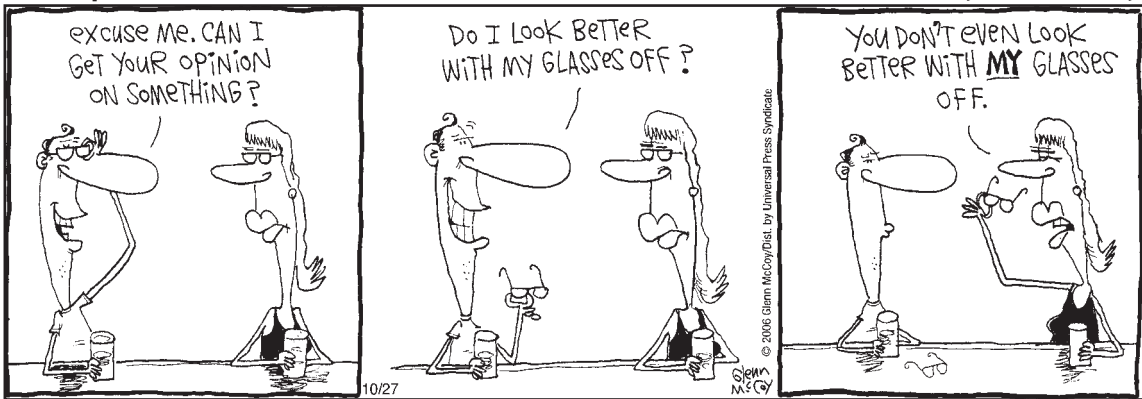


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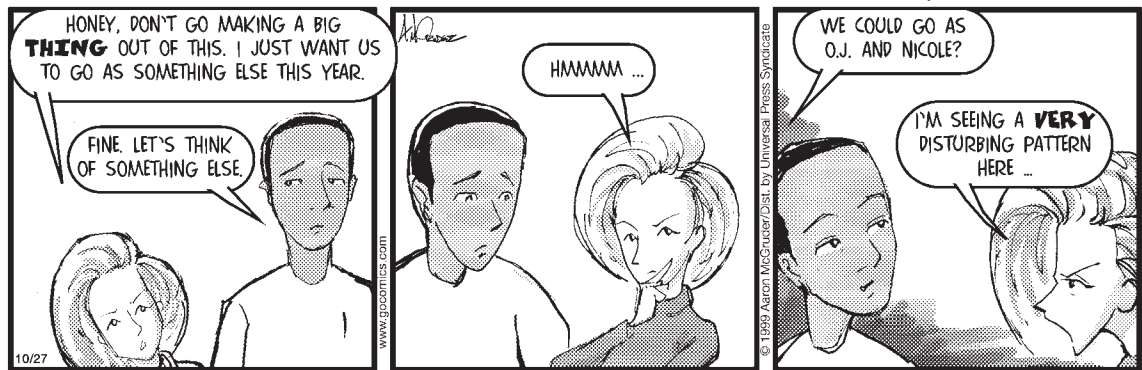
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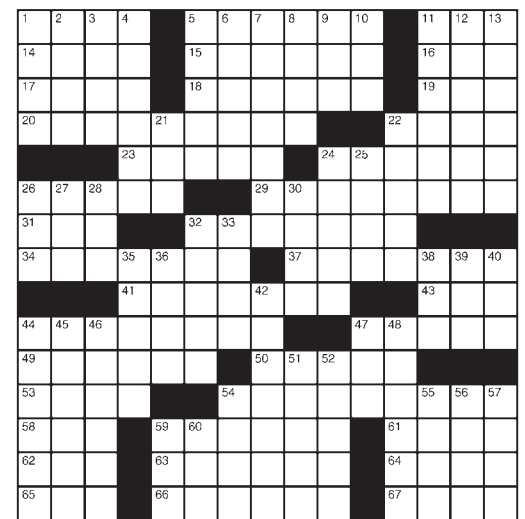
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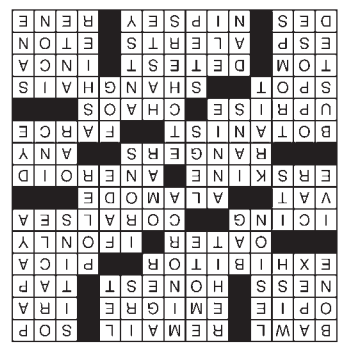
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 31 Large container  
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 34 Writer Caldwell  
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 47 Comic absurdity  
 49 Ascent  
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 62 Psychic letters  
 63 Periods of readiness  
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 67 M. Descartes



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 10 Permit to  
 11 Non-violent protests  
 12 Delphic prophet  
 13 Melonlike fruit  
 21 Purse  
 22 Raft mover  
 24 Dungeon restraints  
 25 Lose color  
 26 \_\_\_ gotcha now!  
 27 Train unit  
 28 \_\_\_ in the cards  
 30 Sharif of films  
 32 Broadway orphan  
 33 Tripod parts  
 35 Yellow-banded black snake  
 36 McKellen and Woosnam  
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 39 "Monsters, \_\_\_"  
 40 Use indigo  
 42 Artists using acid  
 44 Flat broke

**Solutions**



- 45 Take a stand against  
 46 Walks heavily  
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 51 Undue speed  
 52 Unable to sit still  
 54 Part of a dance  
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 56 Religious figure  
 57 Of sound mind  
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**Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is an 8** - Seeing your future isn't all that difficult to do. You just decide where you're going and how to get there, and then start walking.  
**Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 5** - You have enough toys to last you for a while. This time when you go shopping, be practical. Buy things that will help you increase your income.  
**Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is an 8** - Conditions are good for both listening and expressing your opinion. Take the time and have the patience to communicate.  
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**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 6** - There's no shortage of money. It's all around you and more is being generated every minute. Get in on the action.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is an 8** - You're tough, and that's how you teach your students to be. Inside, you're a marshmallow, though. And, of course, they already know that.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 5** - Somebody's leaning on you to do something you promised. You've meant to do it for long enough. Stop thinking about it; take action.  
**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is an 8** - Your friends are more than people you can talk to about your dreams. They're people who help you make your dreams come true, and vice versa.

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**Level:** 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

**Solution to Thursday's puzzle**

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**DRIHNE**  
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**HEERIT**  
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**Ans:** ○ ○ ○ ○ ○    ○ ○ ○ ○ ○    ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BERTH GOUGE ACTING JIGGLE  
 Answer: When the old friends met, it was — "TOUCHING"

## CROSS COUNTRY

# Salukis compete in MVC championship Saturday

**Matt Hartwig**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU men's and women's cross country teams enter Saturday's Missouri Valley Conference championship on a roll.

But the Salukis must overcome some of the MVC's toughest competition to meet its goals of winning the conference championship. Indiana State University represents the top men's team while Wichita State University boasts the best women's squad.

Head coach Matt Sparks said his teams don't need to run their best times to finish second or third but will need a strong performance to win outright.

"It's a young group of athletes, but over the season they grew up quickly," Sparks said. "We just have to stay consistent Saturday, and we have a real shot at winning."

The men's team is coming off a fourth-place finish at the Bradley Classic, in which freshman Jeff Schirmer won the first individual title of his career.

Meanwhile, sophomore Mohamed Mohamed comes into the meet fully healthy after sitting out at Bradley and could contend for the individual title.

Mohamed said a top-three finish by the men's team is realistic as long as they have a well-rounded effort.

"It's definitely going to be one of the hardest meets of the season," Mohamed said. "Not a walk in the park by any means, but we have a shot at winning it."

The women's team has a well-balanced attack as well.

Sparks said the lack of a feature runner on the women's side may be a good thing because the team will run as a pack.

The women's team won the Bradley Classic by a landslide using

a collaborative effort and will try to carry its momentum into Saturday's meet.

SIU has a number of runners who are capable of top-20 finishes, including seniors Sarah Rinker and Cherylynn Schilling. The team will also look for top performances from freshmen Nefe Williams and Aseret Dokubo at the meet.

Throughout the season, Dokubo has been one of the team's most dependable young runners.

Dokubo said the team is going into the weekend with its sights on winning the conference championship.

"Personally, I want to be in the top 15," Dokubo said. "However, the main goal is for the team to win with personal goals becoming second."

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# Thorpe takes one-stroke lead over Kite at Schwab Cup Championship

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SONOMA, Calif. — Jim Thorpe was back in his familiar spot atop a Champions Tour leaderboard in wine country Thursday, taking a one-stroke lead over Tom Kite with a 6-under 66 in the opening round of the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

Thorpe, who won the season-ending tournament in 2003 and owns titles in two additional Northern California events, holed a 70-yard wedge shot for an eagle on the second hole. He rode that momentum to the early lead, with a \$2.5 million purse and several season-ending awards still up for grabs among the field of the tour's 29 top players.

Thorpe loves the straightforward holes and temperate weather at Sonoma Golf Club, and he parlayed his familiarity with the course into another strong start.

"There's just something about it," said Thorpe, who won both the now-defunct Transamerica and the Gold Rush Classic at nearby courses in 2000. "I've always played pretty well on the West Coast for some reason. I think the ball runs toward the (San Francisco) Bay."

Craig Stadler and Bob Gilder finished two strokes back at 68, while Schwab Cup standings leader Jay Haas was among six players four strokes

behind, including defending champion Tom Watson and Hale Irwin.

Haas and Loren Roberts are the only players with a shot at the \$1 million annuity awarded to the winner of the Schwab Cup's season-long points competition. Roberts shot a 71, and almost everyone still is in contention for the tournament's \$440,000 first prize.

Count Thorpe and Kite among the tour stalwarts who think Sonoma is a perfect spot for the tour's finish — and not just because players get to enjoy world-class wine and dining after every round.

"We play a lot of great venues, but this is probably the best golf course we play all year long," Thorpe said. "If you come in here not playing well, this golf course can eat you up, but if you're playing well, you can make a lot of birdies."

Thorpe did just that, following up his dramatic eagle with three more birdies on the front nine. He added two more after the turn, hitting just 23 putts all day — and finally seeing improvement in the putting problems that have dogged the 57-year-old Thorpe all season.

Kite played three dynamite holes around the turn to keep himself in contention early in a tournament where he blew a five-stroke lead on the final day to Mark McNulty in 2004. Kite holed a wedge shot from 57 yards for

an eagle on the ninth, then birdied the 10th before adding another eagle on a 97-yard wedge shot on the 11th.

"That was a very enjoyable stretch," Kite said. "When you play three holes and you have one putt, and that's a 2-footer, that's kind of strange."

Stadler stayed in contention despite "marginal" play on the back nine. The Walrus has spent most of the season near the bottom of the Champions Tour's leaderboards, and he acknowledges getting more enjoyment out of son Kevin's burgeoning career than his own efforts.

"I will be very happy when Sunday gets here, put it that way," Stadler said. "It's been a very interesting year. I've had a lot of weeks when I shouldn't even be on a golf course for a lot of reasons."

Haas leads Roberts by 126 points in the Schwab Cup standings — the second-closest race in the award's six seasons. Haas and Roberts also are neck-and-neck for the money race champion's Arnold Palmer Award and the Byron Nelson Award, given to the player with the lowest scoring average.

The winner of this tournament gets the biggest share of the second-largest purse on the Champions tour. A strong finish also could secure the tour's Rookie of the Year award for David Edwards, Eduardo Romero or Scott Simpson.

## FOOTBALL

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Clays said the Salukis would need vast improvement on third down situations for a chance to win — both offensively and defensively.

"We need to play better on third down because we haven't got people off the field on defense and haven't converted on third down offensively," Clays said. "If we play better on third down Saturday, I think we will have a good chance at winning."

Clays said the Salukis' lack of third down success on offense is a result of third-and-long situations that force the Salukis to divert from the run.

Defensively, though, he said SIU has done a good job of forcing opposing offenses into third-and-long situations but have failed to come up with the big pass stop.

"It is a little frustrating," Clays said. "But pass defense is the hardest to teach to players who haven't played. There is a lot of grass out there, and once you get more expe-

rienced, you find out what areas you need to be in."

Some experience that will not be on the field come Saturday is that of senior Jordan.

Jordan suffered damage to his left MCL in the Salukis' loss to Western Kentucky and is expected to miss at least two weeks. Surgery on the ligament is uncertain at this point.

Wims said the defense would miss Jordan's ability on the field and personality on the bench.

"I'm missing him already," Wims said. "He has a lot of energy that he brings to the defense. He is a leader out there."

Junior Trevor Moe and sophomore Justin Thurston will be expected to play in Jordan's absence.

Moe has played in seven games this season and has started the last two while recording 36 tackles. Thurston has played in five games for eight tackles.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## National Hockey League game wrap-ups

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Sabres are making their historic start look easy.

Maxim Afinogenov pumped in a goal and assist, Ryan Miller stopped 29 shots and the perfect Sabres beat the New York Islanders 3-0 Thursday night to win their 10th straight game and match the best start the NHL has ever seen.

Afinogenov set up Ales Kotalik's first-period goal and scored one in the second. Miller did the rest for the Sabres, who tied the 1993-94 Toronto Maple Leafs — the only other NHL team to jump out 10-0.

The Sabres can break the record at home against Atlanta on Saturday. Buffalo, which fell one win shy of the Stanley Cup finals last season, has a team-record 15 consecutive regular-season victories.

By the time Jason Pominville stretched the lead to 3-0 early in the third period, the sparse crowd of 8,861 at Nassau Coliseum had already grown frustrated with the home team. Boos and groans were easily heard, as were the many saves that thumped off Miller's pads and blocker.

## PHILADELPHIA

Flyers 3, Thrashers 2, SO

Peter Forsberg and Simon Gagne each scored in a shootout, lifting Philadelphia over Atlanta, making Flyers coach John Stevens a winner in his NHL coaching debut.

After Johan Hedberg had 29 saves in regulation and overtime for the Thrashers, he was pulled for Kari Lehtonen. The Flyers jumped all over the goalie change, with Gagne and Forsberg scoring on the Flyers' first two shots.

Vyacheslav Kozlov, who scored in regulation, had the only shootout goal for Atlanta on its first shot. No one else could slip one past steady Antero Niittymaki, who had 27 saves.

Luc Robitaille and Forsberg scored in regulation for Philadelphia.

Bobby Holik and Ilya Kovalchuk scored for the Thrashers.

## EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

Devils 2, Panthers 0

Martin Brodeur tied Hall of Famer Jacques Plante for fourth place on the NHL shutout list with 82, and the Devils snapped a three-game losing streak with a win over Florida.

Zach Parise and Patrik Elias scored power-play goals to support Brodeur's 29-save effort. The win came a day after the Devils held a team meeting after the defensive-minded club gave up 15 goals in the three games.

Brodeur probably had to make about six good saves in posting his second shut-

out of the season. His best was a sprawling stop midway through the first period on a rebound attempt along the ice by Ville Peltonen. Brodeur also stopped Gary Roberts in close on two stuff attempts during the first of the Panthers' two power plays.

## BOSTON

Canadiens 3, Bruins 2

Andrei Markov scored the tiebreaking goal with 1.2 seconds left, giving Montreal a victory over Boston and prompting a shower of garbage from the Bruins fans that convinced the officials to wave off the final two ticks of the clock.

Cristobal Huet stopped 34 shots for Montreal, which has won eight of nine against its longtime rival, including the last six in a row. Michael Ryder and Chris Higgins also scored for the Canadiens.

Zdeno Chara and Phil Kessel scored for Boston.

## OTTAWA

Senators 7, Maple Leafs 2

Dany Heatley extended his goals streak to four games with his fourth career hat trick and Jason Spezza and Joe Corvo each had five points, leading the Senators over the Maple Leafs.

Heatley, who became Ottawa's first 50-goal scorer last season, got his first goal of the game early in the second as the Senators scored twice within 17 seconds to take a 3-0 lead. He scored two goals 1:17 apart late in the second, both set up by Spezza and Corvo, to help Ottawa extend its lead to 6-2.

Corvo, Spezza, Mike Fisher and Antoine Vermette all scored for Ottawa.

Bates Battaglia and Jeff O'Neill netted goals for Toronto.

## TAMPA, Fla.

Lightning 5, Hurricanes 1

Martin St. Louis broke his own team record for the three fastest goals, completing a hat trick in a 6:17 span of the second period in the Lightning's win over the Hurricanes.

St. Louis also set the previous mark against the Hurricanes, scoring three times in a 9:43 stretch of the first period in a 5-4 victory Jan. 15, 2004.

Ruslan Fedotenko and Vincent Lecavalier also scored for the Lightning, who have won four of five. Marc Denis made 23 saves.

Stanley Cup champion Carolina, 4-2-1 in its last seven games, got a short-handed goal from Eric Staal with 5:15 to play. Cam Ward was replaced by former Lightning goalie John Grahame after allowing four goals on 21 shots through two periods.



**SALUKI ATHLETICS**

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# Saluki Insider

## Saluki Banter

Dallas Cowboys head coach Bill Parcells named Tony Romo as the team's starting quarterback for Sunday's game with the Carolina Panthers. Parcells' move sent veteran starting quarterback Drew Bledsoe to the bench. Can Romo handle the pressure of playing with Terrell Owens and is this a good decision for the Cowboys?



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"Pressure? Romo played in the pressure cooker that is the Ohio Valley Conference; he knows all about pressure on big stages. As for Owens, all Romo has to do is throw every ball his way and never miss him when he's open. I predict a 158.3 QB rating with 17 TD passes to T.O."

"I don't think this decision will pan out for parcells or the Cowboys. Nobody, especially a first-time starter, is fully prepared to play with the noise known as T.O. I think Romo will put up decent numbers for the Cowboys, but I also think we will see Bledsoe back in the huddle soon."

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"Romo's got himself the opportunity of a life-time in Dallas, and if he's smart, he could be Tom Brady v2.0, complete with a Bledsoe benching. If he can avoid the pass rush and take advantage of throwing to T.O., Terry Glenn and Jason Witten, and just block out any T.O.-related rant or story, he'll be fine."

### SALUKI "Quote of the Week"

#### Arkee Whitlock

"Coach Kill is a strong guy, and it ain't his time right now. It's a slow process, you know, the seizure process is a slow process. We don't want to be too dramatic about it. We don't want to get everybody down. The worst thing you could do is come out here and be down and kind of feel sorry for yourselves and go out there and get your ass whooped on Saturday. Coach Kill wouldn't want that; he doesn't need to be thinking about that."



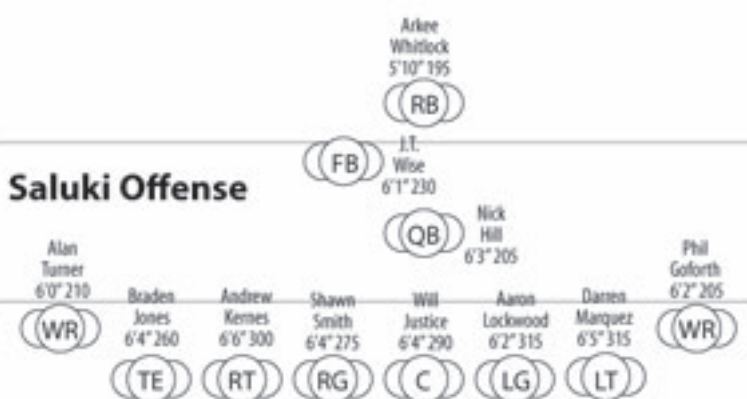
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## How they compare

The #19 Salukis will look to break their two-game losing streak as they travel to Springfield, Mo., to play the Missouri State University Bears.



Team Offensive Stats	SIU	MSU	Team Defensive Stats	SIU	WKU
First downs	141	124	Tackles (solo + assisted)	504	609
Rushing yardage	1,678	916	Sacks for loss (no.-yds.)	42-200	38-139
Avg. rushing per game	236.7	156.7	Interceptions-yds.	2-7	6-146
Passing Yardage	949	1,267	Forced fumbles	4	9
Att.-comp.-int.	112-65-2	202-115-9	Fumble recoveries-yds.	4-0	8-14
Average passing ypg	135.6	174.6	Blocked kicks	0	0
Total Offense	2,627	2,313	Yards allowed per game	324.3	370.2
Average per game	375.3	289.1	Points allowed per game	19.2	27.8



### #19 Southern Illinois University (5-2, 2-2 Gateway) at Missouri State University (1-7, 0-4 Gateway)

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 28  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Plaster Field, Springfield, Mo.  
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**The word on the Salukis...**  
SIU has now lost two straight for the first time since the end of the 2003 season. The Salukis are looking for a win to continue their 49-week streak in the top 20 of the Division I-AA polls. SIU's head coach Jerry Kill will not be coaching this game after suffering a seizure Sunday morning.

**The word on the Bears...**  
Missouri State University hopes to capitalize on home-field advantage Saturday, as the Salukis are 5-9 all-time playing at MSU. The Bears also hold an edge in the overall passing game, throwing for 174.6 yards per game and allowing 182.5 yards per game through the air. However, Missouri State has allowed 12 passing touchdowns, compared to SIU's six.

#### Position-by-position breakdown:

**Quarterback** - Nick Hill threw for 71 yards last week against Western Kentucky, accounting for one of his three season lows. Hill also notched a 78.31 efficiency rating and ran for eight yards. He will be looking for a rebound performance, both running the ball and passing it, to return the Salukis to the win column.

The Bears have used three quarterbacks this season. Sophomore Garrett Congdon and freshman Tyler Horner have both taken snaps after starter Matt Krapfl was lost to a season-ending knee injury. Horner played better in his turn at quarterback, but Congdon is expected to start.

**Running Back** - Arkee Whitlock was held under 100 yards for the first time this season last week, but that doesn't look to be the case this week. Whitlock has rushed for more than 100 yards in 14 of his last 19 games, and the Bears' rush defense is ranked sixth in the Gateway Football Conference. MSU has allowed 187.8 yards per game on the ground, so Whitlock should be taking advantage of that.

Michael Cooper is the leading rusher for the Bears, carrying the ball 123 times this season for 487 yards and three touchdowns. Gerald Davis, who possesses a higher rushing average than Cooper, will spell Cooper. Both backs will be needed to go anywhere on the Salukis' third ranked rush defense in the Gateway Conference.

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FOOTBALL

## Salukis look to get back on track

Distractions don't phase Salukis as they focus on Missouri State

**Brian Feldt**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Salukis haven't hit the panic button quite yet.

Not even after two consecutive losses, the absence of head coach Jerry Kill and the loss of starting linebacker Patrick Jordan to an injured medial collateral ligament, or MCL. The Salukis remain confident in their ability.

The Salukis' problems caused the team to invest extra focus into the game plan for Saturday's 1:30 p.m. game at Missouri State University.

Senior defensive end Lorenzo Wims said the team followed Kill's lead despite his absence.

"We were pretty focused out here because that is what he would have wanted," Wims said. "He wouldn't want us on the field and thinking of him and not getting better, so we were out there just busting our butts."

Kill's status for the game remains in question after he suffered a seizure Sunday morning in Carterville. He was admitted into Memorial Hospital of Carbondale on Sunday afternoon before being transferred to St. Louis on Tuesday, where he was under the care of a neurology specialist.

Kill remained in St. Louis at press time.

Should Kill not make the trip to Springfield, Mo., Tracy Claeys, SIU's defensive coordinator, will act



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**Saluki running back Arkee Whitlock runs through the defensive line during the Saluki football game against Western Kentucky on Saturday evening at McAndrew Stadium.**

as interim head coach during Kill's absence.

A loss Saturday could potentially knock SIU out of playoff contention and would surely kill the Salukis' hopes of a fourth consecutive Gateway title.

Junior quarterback Nick Hill said the team's goals are still within reach.

"We can still accomplish everything we want to do," Hill said. "We can get into the playoffs. But it all starts with a win on Saturday."

Missouri State (1-7, 0-4 Gateway) could be a springboard for SIU to climb back over the .500 mark in conference standings.

The Bears rank at or near the bottom in nearly every offensive and defensive statistic in the Gateway and are still without a conference win this season.

The Salukis, though, do not anticipate a blow-off game.

"They don't play like a 1-7 team as far as their effort," offensive coordinator Matt Limegrover said. "All I know is that they can play hard and that (MSU head coach Terry) Allen is going to have them ready to play regardless of what their record is."

Limegrover said for the Salukis to win against the Bears, the team would have to finish tackles and play hard the entire game — something the Salukis haven't done the last two weeks.

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FOOTBALL

## It's not the first time

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The Salukis have been here before.

The situation, unfortunately, is one the Salukis (5-2, 2-2 Gateway) know all too well as they head to Missouri State for Saturday's 1:30 p.m. game.

In 2005, they sat on two losses after dropping a home game to a lower-ranked Illinois State, 61-35. They hit the road to take on a basement dweller, winless Indiana State, with the season on the line.

They did it without head coach Jerry Kill running the show after suffering a seizure.

Fast forward to 2006.

SIU sits on two conference losses after dropping its Oct. 21 home game to Western Kentucky, 27-24. The team must rally, as it did on the road against winless Indiana State in 2005, with an old-fashioned beat down of the Bears (1-7, 0-4).

Last season, Kill acted as a sideline consultant in SIU's 42-20 win over the Sycamores, but as of Thursday, Kill's status for Saturday's game remains a mystery.

There is no mystery as to what the Salukis need to achieve this weekend.

A loss to the clawless Bears most likely puts SIU's playoff hopes to bed.

And smart money says the Salukis' odds of winning their fourth consecutive Gateway title look like a long shot if they stumble Saturday.

Simply put, SIU cannot lack leadership despite Kill's absence.

Coordinators Matt Limegrover and Tracy Claeys — who lead the offense and defense, respectively — have worked out the details of functioning from the booth without Kill.

"Unfortunately, we've rehearsed this before, and this isn't something that we need to stay up late at night and have a lot of meetings," Limegrover said.

Linebackers coach and coordinator Tom Matukewicz has acted as the on-the-field representative of his booth-bound brethren in the past and will fill that role again.

The coaches should be set.

Now, it is up to the players.

How the Salukis react to their latest setback will determine the course of the team for the remainder of its 2006 schedule. It will also show how much of Kill's lessons on leadership have stuck with the team.

Senior running back Arkee Whitlock said the team knew how to respond to Kill's absence and was ready to play.

"We're real focused on this game. Our backs are against the wall, we can't go backwards," Whitlock said.

But they can look backward in time if they need a lesson on how to bounce back from a pair of tough losses.

VOLLEYBALL

## SIU volleyball hosts home matches

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This weekend is crucial to the SIU volleyball team's hopes for qualifying for the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament.

SIU (10-11, 5-6 MVC) sits in sixth place in the conference right now — the spot needed to qualify for the MVC Tournament.

The Salukis will host Northern Iowa University (17-7, 9-2 MVC) tonight and Bradley University on Saturday. Both games are slated to start at 7 p.m. in Davies Gymnasium.

Earlier in the year, Northern Iowa handed SIU what might have been its worst loss of the season, in which the Salukis were swept in three games.

In the first match against the Panthers, SIU committed seven service return errors to Northern Iowa's one.

Winkler said the team played poorly at Northern Iowa and needs to play more crisply tonight.

"It was one of our worst passing matches of the season," Winkler said. "This week we've been working a lot on ball control."

Senior middle blocker Johannah Yutzy said the match against Northern Iowa has more than playoff implications. SIU hasn't beat the Panthers since 1993.

"I know it's also going to be a big night for the seniors because we haven't beat them," Yutzy said. "This is our last chance at it, so we're laying everything out on the court this weekend."

Yutzy said outplaying Northern Iowa and capitalizing on the Panthers' weaknesses will be critical for delivering the win.

"They're a very, very big team," Yutzy said. "If we outwork them, out-hustle them, we might not be stronger or necessarily bigger, but if we can put the ball down, they're not as well on defense as they are on offense."

After Northern Iowa, the Salukis will turn their attention to Bradley.

"As far as Bradley, we've experienced success against them," Winkler said. "Our middle did really well, we had a good performance by about four of our players, so we're looking for that again."

Winkler said SIU tends to perform better when the opposition only has two key players. The Braves fit the description.

Winkler said she plans to minimize Bradley's outside hitter Kelly Niemeyer by serving the ball to her early and often.

"She's not as good when she has to pass the ball and then hit it at the same time," Winkler said.

As for Bradley's other threat, outside hitter Amber DeBroux, Winkler



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**Saluki rightside hitter Haley Hann, left, blocks the oncoming ball with middle blocker Chandra Roberson during a drill in practice Tuesday afternoon in Davis Gymnasium.**

said she will be looking for the left side of SIU's front line to shut her down — specifically outside hitters Kelsie Laughlin and Kristie Berwanger.

Laughlin, a freshman, enjoyed a career night last match against Bradley by recording 20 digs and has also been working to improve her offense the last few weeks.

"I've been working on my hitting for the past couple of weeks," Laughlin said. "Coach has been working with me on really exploding on my

approach. Hopefully that will carry over to the game."

Two wins this weekend would solidify SIU's chances of making the MVC Tournament, while two losses could slide the Salukis out of contention altogether.

Winkler dubbed the match against Bradley as a must-win to stay in the hunt for the postseason.

"We need to beat Bradley to keep our contention alive," Winkler said. "It's an important, critical match."