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McMinn said he chose to retire Dec. 15 to pursue other goals, such as traveling and working to help the underprivileged throughout southern Illinois.

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Free movie: ‘Divided We Fall’
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Haunted and Gospels
7-9 p.m. today and Saturday at the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra and the Marjorie Lawrence Open Theater join forces to present this timeless classic.
Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

NEWSPAPERS

Sheila Simon to host golf scramble fundraiser Saturday
Carbondale mansion will host its annual fundraiser Saturday with a golf scramble at the Forks of the Creek Golf Course in Carbondale. Registration will be from 11 a.m. to noon at the course, and play will begin at 12:30 p.m. The fundraiser will be in favor of the Forks of the Creek Golf Club, 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 and metalsmithing auction, which will include its popular demonstrations and art auction.
The conference begins at 9 a.m. today in the blacksmithing studio in Pullman Hall with a student workshop taught by Ir a Sherman, a kinetic sculptor from Denver. He will teach us how to transform a sculpture.
On Saturday, activities will begin at 9 a.m. at 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 Farmer 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 jewelry. For more information, contact Kevin Bollenbaker at 314-346-6498.

Man who lied to FBI sentenced to 41 months in prison
CHICAGO – A federal judge gave a 41-month sentence Thursday to a 31-year-old men who pleaded guilty in July to telling the FBI about a fictitious terrorist plot.
Byrd is the company’s Chicago headquarters.
U.S. District Court Judge Edward Burke said she wanted to send a message that the incident was serious, even though Gilbert Romans is expected to serve the sentence concurrently with a 12-year state prison sentence for prior burglary convictions.
Romans, of suburban Northlake, was charged with making false statements and reporting a hoax terrorism threat.
Authorities said Romans 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 100A. According to police, the victim said he answered a knock at his door and was attacked by two men, one of whom 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 Lawrence Hall west side. According to police, the victim said he had been contacted by two of four unidentified black males. One victim-related and non-related art and crafts.

In the weather forecast, the low was 50°F and the high was 61°F.

Today’s weather to bring to you by...
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Four firefighters killed in wildfire

Gillian Flaccus
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WIRE REPORTS

BAGHDAD
Clashes between police and suspected militia members killed 30, wound 42
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Fighting between police and suspected militia gunmen northeast of Baghdad on Thursday killed 10 people and wounded 42, the provincial police chief said.

The fighting around Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, marked the latest in a series of battles involving militias believed to be members of the Mahdi Army militia loyal to hard-line Sunni cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

The dead included 12 police officers and 18 militants, said Ghassan al-Bawi, deputy commander of the Mahdi fighters.

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.

Forty-one of the deaths so far in October has been a major factor behind rising anti-American sentiment in the United States, fueling calls for President Bush to change tactics.

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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 service.

In August, Springfield Mayor Tim Davlin announced a potential partnership with the city and AT&T to provide citywide wireless Internet access. Emre 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.

“They program only covered about two or three square miles downtown,” Slottag said. “The city has to maintain it, and if 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 Springfield, similar to the method used in Aurora.

The timetable for the wireless Springfield was not definite, but Slottag said he hoped the plan would be worked out in the next 15 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 With a certain advertising banner visible to users.

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

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Aerial students nominated for Emmys

Aerial McCall
Daily Egyptian

A small, heavily attended room paired with oversized movie posters and personal pictures once described the workroom 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, Sezi Brown, Jared Kagel, Kyle Tkeiela, Adam Shtinsky, Nicholas Karsten, Jordan Greisch, 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, 26:46.”

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 cuteness that 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 documentary titled “Parkour: Never Look Back.”

Brandon Weisenberger
Daily Egyptian

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— Tim Wilkerson
an alt. news 26:46 producer

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

Technicians 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 cuteness that 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

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

Brown said creations like these have been recognized regularly in the nationally organized home office to multiple students. He said the office in St. Louis. Winners will be announced at a ceremony on Sept. 21 in St. Louis. Winners will be announced Saturday at the Hyatt Regency Hotel St. Louis.

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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.

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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Their Word

Supplemental instruction

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 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. 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.
**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 SBUC’s Student Conduct Code. I give some of us asking questions because we are obligated to, others are asking because the code to prevent falling under its broad terms. Unfortunately, I have been learning about the many SBUC and AFSCME students. I know of an incident, which occurred on campus just a few days before the semester began. It has been an exhausting effort, and I am left with unanswered questions.

How do students benefit from SJA and the Student Conduct Code? In my experience, it has been a harmful effect on one instance, which I would like to put behind me immediately. In fact, I received notice of my charges from SJA a week before I was to appear in Charleston City Court, where I was punished and fined (much more than $250). Now, I am in the process of appealing to prevent the threat of my SJA hearing in order to continue as a successful student here at SBUC. Dealing with the city, as well as SJA, has sidetracked me from my responsibilities as a student, and I plan on_movements to take myself forward here.

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 an alpha/stronger in preventing student misconduct. Then, students would have a better opportunity to learn about the code and how the SJA deals with violations. Clearly, such an effort would be a better way of producing and maintaining a safer, more productive campus environment.

The tru ma that students were removed from campus will learn from their white more tru ma in 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 hazard and unjust sanctions imposed by SJA.

John Mannon
junior from Oak Lawn studying mathematics

**Democrats care about students**

In early 2006, Congressmen Republicans in Washington cut millions of dollars from the federal budget that would help students across the nation. In a move important here at SB! Charleston, afford college. There are thousands of millions of students across the country who would get some of this financial aid from the government. For years, SBUC instructors have made sure that scholarships and financial aid options were available for students who normally would not be able to afford college. But tens of millions of dollars thesis, the Republican’s federal budget this year helped put a stop to that.

The budget proposal by the Republicans for FY 2006 involves massive cuts for education. There are over a billion dollars of costs 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 the 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, the Franklin Democrats have proposed several plans that can help students pay for college. Democrats have issued plans to cut interest rates on student loans, whereas Republicans in Congress recently passed a measure that makes student interest rates pay off 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 Revenue Reconciliation Act of 2006, and Democratic legislatures hope that it can save students around $5,000 a year. Senator Durbin was praised as saying that “New interest rates on student loans could make the ticket price of a higher education substantially and cost students the opportunity to get a college education.”

The bottom line is this: Democrats do not to make education affordable for all students and all Americans, whereas Republicans want to keep the cost of the dollar and the only way is not part of the American Dream the last time I checked.

Dylan Burns
vice president of College Democrats

**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 overall health and your actual physical health. However, this practice at all proves? This seems to be a practice in which one feels better and simply connects this feeling to that of crystals or massage. This practice has not been proven medically or scientifically and program really a necessity that our student facilities should support such therapy.

We recently had a new, state-of-the-art Student Health Center. This practice could be detrimental to 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 Hammes
senior from Slaton studying food and nutrition

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**Guest Column**

**Everybody’s obsessed with Hillary**

Michael Goodwin
New York Daily News

She drove everybody wild. She makes everybody laugh. Things. She makes women say stupid things. She’s that one that stirs the drink. It’s all about her. Fasten your seat belt. 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 she didn’t say it. He probably thanks she didn’t. Greenwich is lightning hard. It’s all her fault. We shouldn’t blame her. She can’t help it if she’s has bewitched the whole country. pols makes women say stupid things.

Her especially. Newt Gingrich has fallen. Suddenly he’s the straw that stirs the drink. Fasten your seat belt. It’s got a light. She can grab the was the party convention. After protests made him look like a crook, he vanished and said he would spend five minutes introducing her husband. She spoke for 11 and stole the show. Then there’s that poor Al Gore, con- cerned about the political wilderness. It’s more than just he’s going to be the righteous heir to Dem leadership. After all, he was never married to her only married. He doesn’t get it. She’s so great. She’s so great. She’s so great. She’s so great. She’s so great.

But no whole family has been driven to distraction like the Edwards, with husband John and wife Elizabeth both caused by Hillary’s spell. John Edwards has practically moved to Iowa, calculating this is just the chance of getting the VP nomination is to beat her there. It must drive him nuts that she doesn’t even have to show up, sending Ribbon to wig the pig farm.

And Elizabeth Edwards proved Hillary can make women as crazy as men. She 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 mean more than she is. Elizabeth Edwards has been. She apologized, but only after insisting she never said it, even taken out of context, blab-blab-blah. Damn demons again. It’s all about Hillary.

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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.

“Till I leave, I’ll still have a chance to come in and interact with the students,” he said.

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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 SIU dropped 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 586 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 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,” Coppi said.

“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.

“Come here to the comfields and comolines 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.

“How are we going 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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By Linda Black

Today's birthday (10-27-06). This year is about honing your skills, so you become a master. You've got the talent, so practice, practice, practice.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 6 - You're a warrior at heart but you don't always have to be stirring up excitement. The more you have stashed away in the bank, the fewer emergencies. It's OK to have security. It's like a well-packed parachute.

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 nerve to communicate.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6 - While you're doing one job, you're thinking about another. Cut down the distractions and be very careful when you're driving.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is an 8 - Take a break. You've been working overtime for weeks. Do something special, just for you, and don't feel guilty about it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is 5 - It's not what you say, it's what you do that's important now. Let your actions express your love this time.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 9 - Pay attention to the person who's trying to explain. Don't assume you know it all. You don't, yet.

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. It's meant to do for long enough. Stop thinking about it, take action.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is an 8 - Four 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.
The SIU men’s and women’s cross country teams enter Saturday’s Missouri Valley Conference championships on a roll.

But the Salukis must overcome some of the MVC’s toughest competition to meet its goals of winning the conference championship. Include 16 entrants. Up to five runners from the top seven teams while Wichita State University boasts the best women’s team.

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.”

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FOOTBALL

Clay appointed 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 gotten people off the field on defense and been converted on third down offensively,” Claeys said. “If we play both of those on third down Saturday, I think we will have a good chance at winning.”

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“Thorpe was back in his familiar spot into the weekend with its sights on the hardest meets of the season,” Claeys said. “If we play better on third down success on offense is a personal goal becoming second.”

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How they huddle soon. “I also think we will see Bledsoe back in the up decent numbers for the Cowboys, but the noise known as T.O. I think Romo will put first-time starter, is fully prepared to play with Parcells or the Cowboys. Nobody, especially a cooker that is the Ohio Valley Conference; he knows all about pressure on big stages. As for Romo’s got himself the opportunity of a life-time in Dallas, and that’s smart, he could be Tom Brady v2.0, complete with a Bledsoe advantage of that. If he can avoid the pass rush and take time off the clock, he should be fine. “Pressure? Romo played in the pressure cooker that is the Ohio Valley Conference; he knows all about pressure on big stages.

The #19 Salukis will look to break their two-game losing streak as they travel to Missouri State University (5-2, 2-2 Gateway) at Missouri State University (1-7, 0-4 Gateway) Saturday, Oct. 28.

When: Saturday, Oct. 28
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Where: Plaster Field, Springfield, Mo.
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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 line-backer Patrick Jordan to an injured medial collateral ligament, or MCL. The Salukis remain confident in their ability.

The Salukis’ problems caused the team to shrewdly 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.

“I think 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 blazing our butt. Kill’s stance for the game remains in question after he suffered a seizure Sunday morning in Carbondale. He was admitted into Memorial Hospital 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.

Kill’s absence will not make the trip to Springfield, Mo. Tracy Claeys, SIU’s defensive coordinator, will act 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 for a fourth consecutive Gateway title.

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

“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-out 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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VOLLEYBALL

SIU volleyball hosts home matches

Scott Mieszala

DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 (17-7, 9-2 MVC) tonight and Bradley University on Saturday. Both games are slated to start at 7 p.m. at 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.

Winkeler said the team played poorly at Northern Iowa and needed to play more cleanly tonight.

“It was one of our worst passing matches of the season,” Winkeler 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.

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