Student loan cut directly affects SIUC

By David R. Kazak
DE Assignment Editor

A Democratic victory in the Senate and a Republican victory in the House promises to be a day of victories in Congress as the two houses tackled their respective budget proposals.

Both budgets cut more than $10 billion in educational programs, all of which would affect SIUC students.

Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., attempted to restore most of the cuts in the Senate budget proposal, including Simon’s direct student loan program, which was to be capped at 20 percent of the total federal loan volume. The Simon Amendment, also sponsored by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., was narrowly defeated 51-49.

Another amendment, presented by Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., was the same as the Simon/Kennedy Amendment except it kept the 20-percent cap. That amendment passed unanimously.

The Kassebaum Amendment eliminates a provision that 31-percent loan volume charge universities would have had to pay to the government, maintains the current 3.1 percent interest rate to PLUS loans and reduces the government interest subsidy during the 6-month grace period after a student graduates.

Sen. Simon said today’s vote has caused mixed feelings.

“Some of the worst parts of the cuts are eliminated,” Simon said. “But it still leaves the 31-percent cap out. These would mean many of the schools which now participate in the direct loan program would have to leave.”

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City getting closer to goal of peace

Doherty tightens belt on Halloween celebrations

By Caryn Jane Atherton
and Alan Schnepf
DE Assignment Reporters

City officials say they have a message for parliants looking for a wild Halloween weekend in Carbondale: look somewhere else.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said Carbondale enacted the most strict set of Halloween rules in the event’s history this year.

Restrictions are to completely disassociate the holiday with Carbondale and SIUC, he said.

“We want to get to a point where we’re not considered about Halloween,” he said.

A riot broke out on the strip last year that led to the shutting of business windows, the flipping of cars and the smashing of people.

Taking last year’s ban on keg sales in Carbondale further, city officials made it illegal to possess a keg within the city. The rule went into effect Thursday and ends Oct. 31.

Bars and liquor stores on the Strip will be closed all Friday and Saturday. Restaurants on the Strip can open but will not be allowed to sell alcohol on Friday.

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Students find diverse ways of observing holiday

By Cynthia Sheets
DE Assignment Reporters

It is time for another Carbondale Halloween celebration, but while some students expect to spend the evening partying until morning,

others are planning for the full holiday in a year of steps, from dressing up as a pimp to treating it as just another day.

Jared Snider, a junior in art from East Chicago, Heights, said one of his friends is throwing a party for the holiday.

“I’m going to dress up as a pimp,” Snider said. “I went to a 1970s disco party and bawled my butt off. I think I’ll just wear the same costume.

“After we go to the party, we will probably go to a bar. I think this year Halloween will be a lot worse, because everything is going home. The city is closing down not only the liquor stores but shutting down social activities. It’s the law now, so it might be a little harder.

Jenna Jackson, a junior in prehumanities from Carbondale, said she plans to take her stick-throwing.

“I’m going to take them to the mall,” she said. “But we’re going to come early and leave early, because I don’t want to be a part of it. I’m going to be in Carbondale.”

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Inside: SIUC student has lunch with President Amir of Kuwait
**Lost Friends Found on Military Online**

*In Thursday's story, "Mortuary Science Alive and Well," mortuary science and health care management student Keisha Page's name was misspelled.*

The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

Contact the Daily Egyptian at 536-3311, extension 233 or 228.
Great is her reward ...

Carbondale minister honored for helping victims of AIDS virus

By Lori D. Clark
Daily Egyptian Reporter

A Carbondale minister recently received a Family AIDS Network 1995 Award of Merit for her work in revitalizing a local AIDS organization.

Judith Clausen was chosen as one of 63 Americans to receive the second annual award because of her work with the Southern Illinois Regional Effort for AIDS (SIREA). She is the president of the organization.

Clausen said SIREA was about to go out of existence when she became involved in revitalizing the organization about a year-and-a-half ago.

There was a tremendous lack of attendance by the Board members," she said. "I didn't want the people we serve to be left out; a lot of clients are dependent on us. So I volunteered to be president.

SIREA provides services to people with AIDS in Southern Illinois. Some of the services include case management, a support group for clients and caregivers and a buddy program that provides one-on-one care and counseling. The SIREA has about 40 volunteers working with people who have AIDS. The organization also does fundraising, has educational sessions for the public and sponsors speakers on the disease.

Clausen said many times people who find out they have AIDS decide to turn their lives around." It gives them (the clients) an opportunity to re-evaluate their lives," she said. "They want to live until they die, and they die.

Clausen referred to the story of a 68-year-old man who found out he had contracted the AIDS virus through IV drug use.

"He lived on the streets," Clausen said. "When he was diagnosed he was devastated. After, he began to look at the rest of his life and decided to devote the rest of his life to becoming an advocate for those with AIDS.

Clausen said the work helped establish the Southern Illinois HIV consortium. The consortium is a federally funded program that provides services through the Illinois Department of Public Health, located at the Jackson County Health Department.

"If it hadn't been for his efforts, the consortium wouldn't have happened," she said.

Clausen is also the minister of the Church of the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Carbondale. She said she was working at SIREA and being a minister keeps her busy.

"I work a lot," she said. "I think each job gives me a different perspective on life. I give to one through the other. Both are very rewarding."

SIREA was established in 1991 by four men with AIDS.

The men wanted to provide support for each other while they coped with the disease and dying. They eventually became a AIDS service provider. The four men have since died.

Clausen said she did not expect to receive the award for her work with patients.

"I was surprised," she said. "Of all the people in the county who do their work, this work, they chose me. It was not anything special."
Conduct codes in need of definition

MICHAEL ANZALDI MUST BE SIGNED IN relief after having his disorderly conduct charges dropped. Rob Roy’s complaint letter to Judicial Affairs never mentioned disorderly conduct in reference to Anzaldi’s letter. The editor that Roy said publicly

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University reaction to letter wrong

I wonder how many of my fel-
low SIUC students read the Oct.
24 Daily Egyptian article titled
"Published commentary lands
staring a hearing with Judicial".
It made me feel very much as
much disgust as I did. I am often
amazed at what the city of Car-
dward, and other city or school
institutions or organizations do
to students. Not only is it appar-
ent that one of these institutions
the University has the gall to
decide the freedom
of the press. But I do not know Mr. Anzal
d Mr. Roy. and I am not writing this
letter to comment on the charac-
ters of any person or persons con-
cerned with this issue. However, I am extremely
concerned that anyone can be brought up on any charges
because of that person's opinion. If Mr. Roy feels that the
comment in this article made his good name has
every legal right to file a civil
suit in court on that premise. This
case goes far beyond the
matter of Mr. Roy and Mr. Anzal.
In fact it threatens the
civil liberties of all Americans.
While I agree that the
University needs a Judicial
Affairs Office, I do not believe that they have the right to
charge someone on a free speech issue.
If the University has the rights to charge students when they speak
their minds and those opinions differ with the administration,
freedom of expression is in peril. What right does the University
have to bring charges against anyone who expresses their opin-
ions? Does the University have the right to intimidate students with
hearings and threats simply because they
express an opinion in the
campus press or any other press.
In my opinion, students are treat-
ed as the second class students by the
community, police, and in

Some cases the University. For
one and disgusted by the whining
and crying, the minority makes
about students.

I enjoy Southern Illinois and
the University. However, I am
tired of the ridicule towards stu-
dents from the institutions estab-
lished to serve the students and
community. I perceive the issue
of free speech as another attempt
to control the students and extend
the students. We as
students need to be very aware and
concerned about any group who
wishes to stifle free speech. A
message should be sent that this is
not acceptable. If anyone is
reprimanded for freely expressing
an opinion then freedom is
lost. One could only wonder what
"Thomas Jefferson would say if he
were alive today.

David G. McGraw
Graduate student, education.

U.S.-China relations improved by talks at United Nations

The Los Angeles Times

The chief result of this week's brief encounter between
President Clinton and China's President Li Peng in New
York seems to be they were able to avoid adding to the strain
that already weighs on relations
between their countries. These days that probably counts
as progress.

The couple of hours of conver-
sation may have cleared the
way for at least informal talks by
officials here on joint economic
issues.

The two sides appear to have
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trade talks, which are scheduled to begin in March. The
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the program.

In the House, the GOP defeated a Democratic alternative budget proposal 358-72.

The "Coalition" Budget Proposal authored by Reps. Dick O'Keeffe, D-Utah, and Robert Shuler, D-La., contained no cuts to educational programs.

Continuing to step up, Rep. Samantha Wootsley declared despite its defeat, the proposal "only goes to the heart of the issue of negotiations for an expected presidential veto of the GOP budget proposal."

"We think this is a real alternative to the Republican budget," Wooley said. "Its priorities are much closer to what the people want. It just makes more sense."

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Anti-alcohol groups urge Clinton to ban beer ads that target youth

Los Angeles Time

If anti-smoking advocates have their way, the cigarette ads flouting local laws will be banned. But if the camel is out of the bag, so too should the Budweiser ads and free Space Invaders video games that disapprove of the ads. Those are the arguments in a lawsuit, they say, that minor citizens be banned.

On two separate fronts, the fight is on to stop what many have noted may help persuade young people to take up smoking, possibly augmenting the health risks with alcohol-control activities helping to ease the success of anti-smoking campaigns as a springboard.

But it's clear that drinking is still regarded as one of the two evils and that an anti-alcohol campaign must be launched to wage a major war. In a major victory for anti-smoking forces, President Clinton announced in August a plan to discourage youth from smoking by allowing the Food and Drug Administration to classify tobacco as an addictive drug. Under this approach, cigarette vending machines, advertising deemed intrusive to youth and tobacco company sponsorship of sporting events could be prohibited.

But within weeks of Clinton's announcement, a consortium of health groups, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National PTA and the National Council of Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, filed a letter to the president asking him to "demonstrate consistency by eliminating alcohol ads and marketing that target youth."

President Clinton has taken a big step, but there is another legal product for people over the age of 21 that has consequences that aren't benign and that we should take a look at as well," said Sara Kaysen of the Washington, D.C.-based Coalition for the Prevention of Alcohol Problems. "I think there are parallels between alcohol ads and cigarette ads. The alcohol industry knows just as well as the tobacco industry that if people don't start using their product by a certain age, they won't become consumers of those products."

But while it may seem logical to ask, "If tobacco is bad for kids, isn't alcohol bad?" there are many reasons ads and marketing materials for alcohol may persist for many years, even for those who don't drink.

According to the FDA, nine out of 10 smokers start in the childhood or teen years. Among high school seniors, about 31 percent smoke, according to the 1995 University of Michigan Survey Research Center report. Of the 3,000 children who begin smoking each year, 1,000 will eventually die of a tobacco-related disease.

Two anti-abortion groups named in class-action suit

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—A lawsuit on behalf of all abortion clinics and personnel was filed Thursday in Oregon seeking federal court protection from attacks by two anti-abortion groups that, the lawsuit alleges, have promoted killings and violence at abortion clinics across the nation.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Portland, is the first of its kind--seizes the tools of both anti-abortion groups in conducting a "campaign of terror and intimidation" against providers of abortion services.

The suit seeks more than $200 million in damages.

The class-action lawsuit also seeks an injunction against the two anti-abortion groups—the American Coalition of Life Activists and the Advocates for Life Ministries—to prohibit them from distributing posters of physicians and a list of abortion providers dubbed "The Deadly Doctors." The suit alleges that the posters and lists have forced doctors to move from their homes, and that the posters have caused physicians to live in fear and feel compelled to wear bulletproof vests.

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not plan to make the trip again this week.

"I'm kind of burned out on the reality TV," Williams said. "Halloween will be just another day, I don't do anything to do with Halloween."

Sonya Monon, a sophomore in recreation from Rock Island, said, "I cannot go home this weekend because no one will be there."

"I have nothing to do in the area," Monon said. "This is the first year I've been home there."

"If I would be home for Halloween, that would be a different story, but I'm probably going to work and there is always a party I can go to."

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Questions remain in train-bus crash that cost 5 young lives

The Washington Post
FOX RIVER GROVE, Ill. — School bus No. 103 was late Wednesday morning, a total 20 minutes late as it lumbered across the tracks of a commuter rail line in this small community 40 miles northwest of Chicago. Seconds later, for reasons that remained unclear late Wednesday, a high-speed express train slammed into the rear portion of the bus, killing five high school students and injuring about two dozen others.

The accident, which shattered the calm of a sunny fall morning, occurred at 7:19 a.m. in heavy rush-hour traffic that may have contributed to the fatal collision. Witnesses said the bus was heading north on a narrow two-lane road, was preparing to turn left on a four-lane highway at a traffic light that is about 40 feet beyond the railroad crossing.

But the bus had not completely cleared the crossing when the signal lights began to blink and the crossing gates lowered, with one student hit the ground, it was estimated. The bus remained on the tracks. The train, rushing toward downtown Chicago, slammed into the back of the bus. The rear left of the bus. The force of the collision tore the bus body from its frame and turned it around, so that when the body of the bus came to rest on the tracks, the rear left of the bus was facing south. The steering wheel remained attached to the front.

Officials of the Union Pacific Railroad, which owns the tracks and operates the trains for the local commuter rail agency, said the train engineer had begun emergency braking procedures but estimated the train was still traveling at 60 mph when it hit the bus. The train came to a stop about one-half mile east of the crossing.

Jim Homola, who was in his pick-up truck taking his two children to school, was in traffic when the accident happened. "I looked to the left and could see the express coming," he said. "In a few seconds, it was over."

The five victims of the crash were all students at Cary-Grove High School, located in the nearby town of Cary, Ill., and ranged in age from 14 to 16. Four were boys who were pronounced dead at the scene of the accident; a girl died at a nearby hospital.

The damage will be done. We now have to release the bodies," said the driver, a 54-year-old woman, who was not known to them and was not connected to the bus. She said the bus driver was slightly injured, was a longtime school employee with an excellent employment record.

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White House falls in line with court order; timber harvest released

The Washington Post
WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration, conceding that it had run out of legal options, Thursday directed federal land management agencies to release for harvest millions of acres of old-growth forests in the Pacific Northwest that it had sought to leave uncut to protect wildlife.

The directive followed a decision late Wednesday by a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals denying the administration a stay of a federal district court ruling. The panel issued last month, upholding a federal judge's decision that the timber industry's contention that the sale is required under a law approved by Congress as signed by President Clinton last summer.

"The administration's loss is a victory for those who want more careful management of old-growth forests in the Pacific Northwest," it also validates the warnings of environmentalists that Clinton's success to timber provisions in last summer's budget resolution legislation.

At stake in the court decision is some 230 million board feet of timber—enough to build 23,000 average-sized homes—that had been kept from sawmills during the early 1990s in order to protect threatened wildlife, primarily the marbled murrelet, a sea bird that nests in old growth trees.

"We fought it to the bitter end and this is the bitter end," said Peter Copeland, deputy assistant attorney general. "The damage will be done. We now have to release the sales."

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Cedar Lake roll over causes red tint in city water, not dangerous

By Alan Schnepf
Daily Egyptian Reporter

If your water has an odd reddish tint to it, do not worry, a city official said Thursday.

Jim Davis, manager of the city water service, said the concentration of Manganese Oxide, a chemical that naturally appears in certain water supplies, increased in the city's water service, said the concentration of Manganese Oxide, a chemical that naturally appears in certain water supplies.

The water service is working to recover its water system, and Davis said the concentration of Manganese Oxide is expected to return to normal levels soon.

People should refrain from doing laundry, however, if their water is discolored, he said. If someone does do laundry with discolored water, it will not significantly harm the water supply system, he said.
Ten steps to carving a pumpkin masterpiece

The Washington Post

Whether you use a pattern from a kit, adapt a drawing or try a freehand design, the pumpkin carvers we consulted had one basic bit of advice: Go for it. Think beyond the classic gourds-a-lantern or jack-o'-lantern on the doorstep and imagine the possibilities of turning the humble vegetable into an uptown, glowing goonda on the dining-room table.

Kids can see a great source of imagination and help create the design even if they're too young to do the actual cutting. (Good advice for carvers of any age. While using a knife and a cutting tool, always cut away, never toward, yourself.)

Furnmage through kitchen drawers and basement workshops to gather tools to bring your vision to light.

1. Picking the pumpkin: Look for an unbruised pumpkin with firm, smooth skin and even coloring. Lighter-colored pumpkins tend to have firmer fruit and are easier for children to carve, but they deteriorate sooner. If two pumpkins are about the same size but one is noticeably heavier, choose the one that weighs less; it's likely to have a thinner shell and be easier to carve.

2. Deciding on a design: Whether you're using a pattern from a kit or following your imagination, choose a design suited to your squash's size and shape. A long morose face won't work best on a chunky circle. If your design is the wrong size, use a photocopy to enlarge or reduce it to fit. Either way, if pumpkins are softer and easier to carve than the hard, firm squash, go with pumpkins; the shells of which can be thick and prone to crack. For these tough little squash, you might need to plug in the electric drill and create your designs with power tools.

3. Making the first cut: The first hurdle is getting inside. Cutting through a pumpkin is more difficult, but cutting off the bottom helps a gourdm sit. After it's carved, it can be set right over the candle and cut a hole to accommodate the bulb, then light the candle inside (tinfoil makes a good candle holder) and light it. Covering cut surfaces with petroleum jelly keeps them fresher.

4. Digging in: Scoop out seeds and stringy, with a toothpick when you're ready to make the eyes and mouth. A hole at the top helps a tippy pumpkin sit. The thinner the wall, the easier it is to carve. If you're using a pattern from a kit or your own, trace the outlines with a toothpick and then take the kit pumpkin with straight pins. Transfer the design to the gourd with a needle and poke pin holes along the outlines. You can also draw directly on the pumpkin. Pens or pencils soaking too long can crack the shell. Drain and dry well before lighting again.

5. Using a pattern: If you're using a pattern from a kit or your own, trace the outlines with a toothpick or poke pin holes along the lines. You can also draw directly on the pumpkin. Pens or pencils are best but press gently; they make dents. Many felt-tip markers tend to smear and are hard to clean off. If you really want your carved pumpkin to last a while, put it in a plastic bag and store it in the refrigerator. As a last resort, you can revive a withering pumpkin by soaking it in water for a few hours, but it will be to cut, so scrape away until the side you plan to carve is an inch thick or less. You can go for special effects by scraping until some areas bo - "the transparent, but don't go too far or you'll make a mess of the shell. Check the thickness by pushing a straight pin through the wall.

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9. Alternative Riffing: Electric lights work well instead of candles. Pumpkin Masters suggests a 25-watt candelabra bulbs for maximum brightness, lower wattage if they're going to be left on for long time.

10. Keeping critters away: Experts we consulted had a few suggestions for protecting pumpkin designs for the doorstep. Discourage squirrels and other nibbling critters from making a meal of your creation by sprinkling it with Tabasco sauce or cayenne pepper. That should do for all but the most adventurous eaters.
Saluki Volleyball

Spikers beat Billikens, look to MVC foes

By Michael Deford
Daily Egyptian Reporter

"Not in our house you don't," cried the SIUC women's volleyball team as they secured a 3-0 win against Northern Illinois University Wednesday night.

After losing its first match, 15-7, the Salukis came back strong to defeat the Billikens in the next three matches 15-8, 15-16, and 15-11.

However, in hopes of sending the match into a fourth set, the Billikens made a run in the final match after being down 15-6.

"We were struggling but to no avail," said assistant coach Bodey Revels in the game helped ensure a Saluki victory.

"But we lost the game itself," Revels said, as the Billikens defeated the Salukis.

"We stuck in there and we did not give up. No one is going to beat us on our home court. That's our motto."

Hansen contributed 12 kills to help place the Salukis in perhaps their best match of the season.

Five spikes reached double figures in kills, with senior outside hitter Heather Herdies leading the pack with 13. The spikes had a solid 346 hitting percentage in the third game of the match.

Defense also played a key role in the contest as SIUC gathered 73 digs. Senior outside hitter Beth Bell led all spikers with 10 digs. SIUC improves its overall record to 13-8 on the season.

The spikes are 10-4 in the Missouri Valley Conference and host the Valley's two top teams this weekend — Northern Illinois and Drake.

The other day, the New York Times revisited the day of Go For Ward's death and ran three of the pictures.

"I really don't think that was necessary," said Badgett, who had the photos for the story that went with the photo.

Badgett said that he is trying to put the death of Go For Ward behind him, but of course he never will. No one who was there that day will ever will.

There were four more bloodthirsty photos of the horse run, hundreds of people with faces filed out of the track after the New York Yankees game. Go For Ward's death was a double hit.

In the Breeder's Cup Sprint, run about an hour before the final, there had been a spill on the turf, and two horses had died, one of them a heart attack.

In the fourth race of the day, King, Miss, was let loose, and Badgett hadn't had any worries.

The 43-year-old trainer's career has been defined since 1989, the loss of Go For Ward.

The legendary Go For Ward Stable, which campaigned some of legendary trainer's best horses, was a staple of the track.

Badgett spent about $30,000 trying to clear it up, after his horses tested positive for cocaine.

Saturday, for the 11th Breeders Cup, and it's no different, said Badgett. "We've been here since 1990, but since 1990, Badgett is finally back with a horse. Fitch, a 3-year-old colt owned by John Ed Ambrose, is 20/1 to win the $2 million Turf."

Even the Newport, 3-year-old colt owned by Lawrence Realization, so he bet on the horse to be a winner.

"We're just taking a big chance hunting him," Badgett said. "But it's a wide-open race, and the way it is going to play out depends on how it is going to go."

"We've had rain, but it's starting to get dry. I'm going to be stiff, which my horse is going to love."
Coaches hope surprises continue at MVC meet

by Chad Anderson
Daily Egyptian Reporter

When the cross-country season started this fall, both the women's and men's teams were in search of a new coach. For both squads, that search would be a rebuilding year.

Both women's coach Dan DeNoon and men's coach Bill Cornell lost their top runners to graduation, and came into the season with an abundance of inexperienced freshmen.

DeNoon said the outstanding duo of Janine Mariner and Denyelle Dadekie, who might have been the best duo aside from the Missouri Valley Conference champs, were both lost. "I knew I had some talented young runners, but I didn't think we could compete with the quality and experience of Illinois Valley," he said.

To the surprise of DeNoon, the team has come together in the last few weeks, and he has found his team is one of the most physically fit teams he has ever had.

"The question is, will the maturity rise to the same level as the fitness level?" DeNoon said. "We have four runners running the same 4000s as Jennie from last year when she was at her peak."

DeNoon said the biggest movement for the team has been in the performances of freshmen Shurleen Downing and sophomore Marilyn Reed.

"Over the last five weeks, we've shown a lot of improvement. I think Kirk Rice's coaching at the Mark Twain Foods Invitational showed the team that if I can do it, we can do it," he said. "I think Shurleen is the best No. 5 runner out of any college in the nation, and Rauna Lattin has helped with her strong performances lately."

Sophomore co-captain Kelly French, who finished 10th in the conference last season, has set a goal to finish in the top-10 this year. She could not compete in the conference for the team because he was injured in conference, and she was able to compete for the team last season, but not this fall.

"We all just pulled together in practice, and that's a lot of competition among ourselves," she said. "The freshmen are gaining a lot more confidence lately."

For the men, junior Stelios Mameros will be defending his MVC Individual Championship title from last season, while leading a talented group of young runners into the post-season.

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Cornell's team's outlook was similar to DeNoon's. He had a core of returners, but he had a lot of young runners, as well.

"I knew we were young and talented," he said. "Honestly I thought we would have to watch out for Northern Iowa and Illinois State, and I knew we were bad, but Neil has really done a hell of a job, given us some young and having his freshmen (Jeremy and Joseph Parks) a few times."

"DeNoon's team, Cornell has seen his freshmen contribute more than he anticipated."

"The freshmen have run in the top six of my expectations, and think they are all really confident," he said. "They seem to be handling the pressure real well, and they are coming up strong.

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The freshmen runners Andrew Fooks, Jeremy Parks, and Joseph Latte will need to produce strong performances for a positive Saluki showing, and they are capable of that.

"I'll do anything I can to do it," he said. "But, I don't like buying that monkey on our backs."

"It's tough to tell who is going to be more nervous about the race. Cornell said he has not slept well for quite a while, but Jeremy Parks said he is really not nervous right now, and does not expect to be before the race."

"I had a dream that we only finished four runners," Cornell said. "I've seen runners break on the starting line."

Jeremy Parks said he is calm because he has refused to think about the race to much.

"Since we're expected to win, that pressure is on," he said. "(when the gun goes off) I'll mainly be thinking about getting out front, being comfortable, and trying to get the team out front early."

Cornell said the leadership of DeNoon is the key for his team.

"They (the younger runners) have learned to judge their pace off of each other."

"For Bojan Vudovic, Jack Obitz, Mike Miller, and Billie Fink, Break is not a time for visiting family and friends or sleeping."

Three members of SIUC's men's tennis team will spend their time training at the Rolex Regional Tournament in Wichita, Kan., today through Monday.

In the tournament, the top players in the region play in a chance to qualify for the national Rolex Tournament.

The winner of Novakovic holds the title of College Tennis Association National Indoor Champion. Although Novakovic is not a National Collegiate Athletic Association sponsored event.

Each team's ranking from last year's Region 5 action determines how many players are sent to the tournament. Schools which finished higher in the region are allowed to send more players than schools who finished lower.

The University of Kansas, which was ranked fourth out of seven schools in the region of last season, is sending six players to the competition. SIUC was ranked ninth but still allowed to send five pairs.

Players are excited about the single-elimination tournament and say it will be good experience in competition in the future.

"We've never played in the Rolex before," junior Senior Vukanovic said."

"It's my senior year and it's a good way to go out," senior Brian Etkin said.

"I'll be picked to select to play in the tournament."

"I'm just a big tennis fan. We'll get the ball and don't worry about anything else."

"I'm excited," said Vudovic, a Wichita native, said he was excited about the competition.

"I'm excited about it. It's going to be a tough match."

"I'm more excited, but I don't feel too much pressure."

"In my opinion, it's just another match. You just play the ball and don't worry about anything else."

"I'm looking forward to it," he said."

"I'll just be at a high level. Will be a lot of good tennis. We'll see if we can do it."

"I'll do anything to win. I'm a real beggar. I don't like losing in any game."

Some hoopers deserve more than class credit

by Gene Wojcikowski
The Sporting News

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Tiger to a 16-13 record with victories over Radford, Mississippi State and Florida.

Not bad for a team that begins the season with an exhibition with the always-tough Marathon Oil. Harris averaged 25.3 points, 4.6 assists, 4.1 rebounds, and 1.9 steals.

"Better yet, he survived an adrenaline that included selling drugs in school and overcoming the death of his mother to cancer.

-University of California, Irvine, Wake Forest, Providence, and Villanova.

-Four Big West opponents can fall in.

-University of Milwaukie was third nationally in scoring defense.

-Notre Dame Center Bob Todd Fuller. Had he played in any conference, he would have been a starter for the ACC last season. Fuller wouldn't be on this list. His averages of 16.4 points and 8.5 rebounds were lost in the glare of league that included Rasheed Wallace, Cherokee Parks, Tim Duncan and Smith.

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Dawgs set to collar Leathernecks

SIUC tries to climb above .500 mark once again at Western Illinois

By Doug Darno
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Another challenge awaits the Dawgs. The football Salukis will look to rebound from their 13-0 loss at Northern Iowa when the Dawgs take on high-flying Western Illinois in Macomb Saturday.

SIUC (2-2-1) is currently third in the Gateway Conference and is looking for its first conference victory on the road.

Saluki head coach Shawn Watson said his team is another step in improving as a ball club.

"We've found it hard stopping conference foes defensively, being outscored 103-26 in four conference games," Watson said. "While the Leathernecks do have the pass-""

Watson is the second in total offense plying 152 yards per game, while Twyman leads the Gateway is receptions with five catches a game and is second in receiving yards, averaging 77 yards per contest.

Overall, the Leathernecks are tops in the conference, gaining a total of 226 yards through the air.

"The Salukis, who faced Northern Iowa star receiver Dedric Ward a week ago, will try to collar Twyman Saturday. Wad it up the Dawgs last week for 200 yards receiving."

"He's (Twyman) a very good receiver - a little bit different receiver than Dedric," Watson said. "That, I think I am one of the best teams to stop him this year.

"I think this kid here at Western is as good as receiver as there is in the league. I don't know if he has the speed that Dedric does, but he's a good route runner, gets great separation off of his break and has great hands, so he has excellent ball skills.

"While WIU is proficient at throwing the football, the Leatherneck running game is the worst in the league, averaging just 70 yards per contest."

Watson said WIU's lack of a strong running game is what hurt them in the loss to the Panthers, and as a result, they are looking for their first conference victory.

"They know we are going to walk in the box and rush it first and pass it second," Watson said. "Last week we were not able to run-action pass, so it didn't help us run fullsprout defensive pass, which has helped us in the past.

"I hope to be able to do a little more of that in this game."

Western Illinois (1-3, 3-4) is coming off a 13-6 loss against cellar-dwelling Southwest Missouri State last weekend.

The Leathernecks are scoring 27 points a game, second in the league, but are having trouble finding a way to win.

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