**Gumby’s does not have such signage in their store or on the roof of Neckers.**

Cadet Josh Wolf left, helps Cadet Jerad Romine tie his rope harness as Maj. Jeremiah Aeschleman rappels down the side of Neckers. The rappel is an exercise that helps cadets prepare for basic training.

Students in ROTC rappel down Neckers

Christian Holt

Standing at the top of Neckers, some SIUC students had only two ropes keeping them from falling 60 feet. About 80 students of the Reserve Officer Training Corps spent part of Thursday rappelling from the roof of Neckers.

Cadet Shawn Bowden, a senior from Elle Grove Village studying Aviation, said while it was not his first time rappelling, the first step is still the scariest. “You end up dropping a foot or two so you feel like you’re falling,” Bowden said. “But after the first step it’s a piece of cake.”

Maj. Jeremiah Aeschleman said the rappelling exercise is an important part of the ROTC program because it builds character.

**We work on building self-confidence by helping them overcome their fears. Most people are afraid of heights on some level.**

— Maj. Jeremiah Aeschleman

“Products such as this require all packs of cigarettes sold at Gumby’s Pizza of Carbondale refused to comment on allegations that it is selling cigarettes without an Illinois tax stamp. The Cigarette Use Tax Act requires all packs of cigarettes for sale in Illinois to have a stamp.

An online translator indicat-

ed a health warning written in Ukrainian on the front of a pack of Marlboro Mx4 flavor ciga-

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Cigarette manufacturers must submit a plan before production of their product to the Federal Trade Commission, said Jackie Dizdul, a spokesperson for the FTC. The surgeon general’s warning must be specified in this plan for U.S. distribution.

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**High school students unfazed by accusations**

Allison Petty

Accusations of plagiarism against SIU President Glenn Poshard may have created a stir on campus, but local high school students said the allegations wouldn’t keep them from attending SIUC.

The results of an informal poll conducted by the Daily Egyptian of 100 high school students indicated a majority of respondents find plagiarism reprehensible but would not consider the allegations a factor in applying to SIU.

The Daily Egyptian analyzed Poshard’s 1984 doctoral dissertation and a report from an anonymous source last month and found 14 instances of text that appeared to be lifted from another source without being cited. Afterwards, the Chronicle of Higher Education reported it found similar instances of verbatim text without citation in Poshard’s 1975 master’s thesis.

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Woman tries to sell life on eBay

BENTON (AP) — A woman who offered two days in her “white trash dream” of a life for sale on eBay — including her two young daughters and depression medications — was reaching out for help, authorities said Thursday.

Benton Police Chief Michael O’Neill would not identify the woman, but said she is a 31-year-old resident of the town, about 95 miles southeast of St. Louis.

Authorities have asked the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to make sure the woman gets the services she needs to properly care for her daughters, ages 4 and 6, O’Neill said.

The woman used the name “guvmeanfool” in the posting on the eBay auction site earlier this week, urging readers to “please bid on my life so I can have some peace.”

“I’m on the verge of a complete breakdown,” she wrote. “What you get is to put up with two of these crazy, unruly kids, and a white trash dream for two days. I get to take the money you bid with and do something really for myself. Like put in a much motel for a day or two and sleep peacefully.”

The auction violated eBay policies and was taken down Wednesday, within 24 hours of its posting, said company spokeswoman Kim Flurey. She said an internal investigator was assigned to help law enforcement acquire any necessary evidence.

Jury ties defendants to murders at mob trial

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal jury Tuesday tied seven men accused in the 1989 slayings of Chicago mobster John Berman to a pizza parlor and a hotel, two days before the trial is set to begin.

The key witnesses in the racketeering trial, Sallie Schiro and Michael Lombardo, failed in the General Motors health care program saying they don’t qualify — their income levels no longer match what is required to cover all eligible women.

Women between the ages of 40 and 64 can get free mammograms and breast exams, and those between the ages of 15 and 40 can get pelvic exams and Pap tests to check for cervical cancer. Women 65 and over are covered by Medicare.

If you spot an error, please contact the Daily Egyptian at 536-3311, ext. 253.
Program exposes diversity and peace

Brandy Oxford

Belles full of ice cream and cookies make for happy kids — and parents.

Many children and their parents participate in everything from volleyball to ice cream socials and movie nights in Evergreen Afterschool, a program at Evergreen Terrace designed to bring together the housing community’s diverse cultures while providing free childcare in the hours between the end of children’s school and parents’ workday.

“The after school program is our biggest active,” Jamie Coe, Evergreen’s community aid, said. “We do homework and indoor-outdoor activities, basically games and crafts and stories and songs — depending on the day.”

On Fridays, the children choose a family activity, such as the welcome picnic at the beginning of the semester. Seanna Gayton, a sophomore from Peoria studying administration of justice, said her son and daughter love the program.

“Last Friday, it was an ice cream social and they had everything — different kinds of nuts and wafers, and chocolate chip cookies and Oreo and toppings — the kids just loved it,” Gayton said. “So, in addition to helping with homework and stuff, they also offer activities on the side.”

SIUC students pay for the program through the Campus Housing Activity Fee. However, the university pays the student workers in the program, who put in 10 to 15 hours per week.

Gayton said her children appreciate the diversity Evergreen’s community offers them. Her children have had the opportunity to experience unfamiliar foods, languages and styles of dress they were not exposed to in Peoria.

Nine-year-old Shahi Islam from Bangladesh said Evergreen Afterschool keeps her from having to stay home and be bored.

“My favorite game is Mancala — it’s from Africa,” she said.

Nine-year-old Latina and her sister Daria Alalee from Jordan attend the program together and said they enjoy playing games with their friends while their dad is at work.

Stephanie Schaeffer said she and her children are grateful that they now live in a safer community.

“I’m a single mother, so it’s been a blessing,” she said. “My daughter loves the fact that she can actually go outside as play without me horning because where we were at in Peoria, there were a lot of Chicago gangs and she wasn’t able to go out on her own and at eight years old she calls me embarrassing.”

Schaeffer, a senior from Chicago studying paradigms studies, said she did not allow her children to play off of their porch in Chicago, but allows them to play in Evergreen’s main office and on the playground, even when none of the employees are working, because parents and children watch out for each other, like a large family.

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Campus parking decals to expire on Sunday Sept. 30th

2007-08 decals effective after this Sunday

Madeleine Leroux

Finding parking on campus can be a nightmare, but not having the right decal could make the situation worse.

On-campus parking decals for the 2006-2007 term expire Sunday, and students are required to buy new stickers by next week or face the possibility of paying fines of up to $75.

Upperclassmen are eligible for red commuter parking decals, which enable students to park in areas all around campus, including lots by the Communications Building, Trueblood Hall and the Student Recreation Center. The prices of red decals cost $45 this year, a $5 increase from last year.

Underclassmen are unable to obtain any decals but are allowed to receive a free yellow parking decal, which authorizes parking in areas by the SIU Arena.

Chris Spy, a sophomore from St. Charles studying radio-television, has been unable to get his desired parking pass because he is one credit hour shy of being an official junior.

“It just sucks because I’m one credit hour behind,” Spy said. “Is that big of a deal?”

Parking at the Arena is just about the same as walking to class in the first place, Spy said.

“It’s so inconvenient,” Spy said.

“What’s the point of having a parking pass?”

The restrictions are due to traffic problems on campus, said Brian Mager, administrator for the parking division.

“The policy of distinguishing red commuter from yellow commuter parking privileges was revisited in the early 2000s,” said Mager. “The administration looked for ways to try to limit the number of vehicles traveling and parking in the core areas of campus. Consequently, the policy of red commuter parking privileges was limited to upperclassmen.”

At the same time, the parking division worked with the Student Center to get a shuttle bus to run every 20 minutes from the lots by the Arena to spots around campus, Mager said. The goal, he said, was to lessen the inconvenience to those with yellow decals.

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Teen released on bail after D.A. drops effort to try him as an adult

NEW YORK — A black teenager whose prosecution in the beating of a white classmate produced a massive civil rights protest here walked out of a courthouse Thursday as the charges against him were dismissed.

Mychal Bell’s release on $45,000 bail came hours after a prosecutor confirmed he would no longer seek an adult trial for the 17-year-old. A grand jury this summer had charged him in the beating of the 16-year-old. ‘‘There’s only one person who could have killed that boy, and that person is me,’’ Mr. Bell said as he stood smiling next to his lawyer. ‘‘I’m only the one who could have killed that boy and that person is me.’’

District Attorney Richard Brown decided to drop the adult-county case against Mr. Bell who had faced a maximum of 15 years in prison after he accepted second-degree battery conviction last month, instead of could be held for six weeks or time for a trial, or he would have faced possible adult charges.

As the school year starts, colleges around the country are updating their weapons of Vigilant Tech and using high technology to get the word out fast.

‘‘This was certainly a surprise. No one thought that we would be testing this latest technology this quickly for an emergency,’’ said James Pellow, executive vice president of St. John’s. ‘‘The 20,000-student Roman Catholic school in Queens switched to new text messaging system just three weeks ago. The scare came on the same day that the student paper ran a news story about the new system, under the blaring headline: ‘In case of emergency’.”

This week’s incidents at St. John’s and UW-Madison — both of which made smooth bloodshed — underscore how campus security has changed since Seung-Hui Cho went on the Virginia Tech rampage in April.

Cho shot his first two victims just after 8 a.m. The next two hours, he massacred 30 people in a classroom building across campus. It was not until 9:26 a.m. that the school sent the first e-mail to students and faculty. An investigative panel concluded that live could have been saved if alerts had been sent out earlier and classes canceled after the first burst of gunfire.

Since then, hundreds of schools administrations have installed text messaging systems to communicate with students.

The system sends a message not only to cell phones, but also to digital signs in public places like student unions or dorms, as well as to computers, PDAs and beepers.

‘‘Nearly every major college and university in the country is either in the process of implementing a text message warning system or seriously considering doing so,’’ said David Carter, senior vice president of Security on Campus, a nonprofit organization based in King of Prussia, Pa., that pushes for safer college campuses.

School officials have had complex gone up more traditional ways of communicating with students.

Last week, after two students shot and wounded at Delaware State University, campus police and residence hall advisers knocked on doors and told students to stay in their rooms, and warnings were posted on the school’s Web site and at dorms.

But it is clear that schools are taking advantage of every innovation they can.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opposing the war, not the troops

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter from Cody Mueller about the war protest walk out. First, I would like to commend Cody for his service to the United States, as the son of a Coast Guardsman, and the brother of a Marine and two sailors. I understand and admire the dedication of those who choose to serve. Second, I agree with Cody that the walkout protest was essentially pointless. However, I adamantly disagree with Cody’s view that being against the war in Iraq is the same as being against supporting the troops.

As a matter of national policy and social justice, I think the war in Iraq is a terrible mistake. Not only did it divert resources away from the war in Afghanistan, whose real terrorists had been living, but it also irrevocably damaged the nation of Iraq and subjected its people to the ravages of criminals and terrorists who previously had nothing to do with Iraq. I support all the branches of the Armed Forces, and I do as much as I can to get Congress and other officials to ensure all of our service men and women receive the training, equipment and care they deserve for their service. I don’t claim to have an answer for the military problems in Iraq, but I know that even when popular support was high for the war in Iraq, the federal government still hamstringing the military by refusing to provide it with the equipment and political support it needed to secure real victory in Iraq.

The time has come to support our troops by ending the mess that Congress and the president made in Iraq. Then, when the troops who served come back remember they are people doing a hard, often thankless job, and maybe thanking them for their effort and commitment can make it a little less thankless. So, thank you, to all of SIU’s veterans.

Adam Mikolajczyk
war studies/plant biology and ecology

DE staff should post schoolwork

Dear Editor:

The Sept. 19 Daily Egyptian editorial finally convinced me that members of your staff are experts in defining and interpreting plagiarism, and are competent to judge anyone accused of this.

So, I believe we need to learn from your total mastery of writing. I recommend the creation of a Web site where we can read every paper written by you (the editorial board and artist) in every class you have taken at SIU. A deadline of 12 hours from the time of publication of this letter seems reasonable for your work to be posted on this Web site. For those of us who may need more examples, I suggest every paper you turn in from now through your academic studies at SIU as well be available as you complete the assignments. The purpose of this Web site would serve to document your complete innocence in never omitting quotation marks or referring to a source without formally citing it.

Perhaps this will give you something constructive to do so you can “set your minds from issues that plague you” and you can keep busy while “ambitiously waiting for the answers to the questions you held most dear.”

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WORDS OVERHEARD

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Dylan Burns
1/2 senator
on the resolution the USG passed to support Fisher but not plagiarism.
A trained officer is a good officer

REPORT ON POLICE USE OF FORCE

The job of a police officer is one that places an individual in highly stressful and dangerous situations. They, however, do not need to be used as an excuse for racially motivated violence. Any instance of racially motivated police brutality needs to be properly investigated. At the same time, judgments and condemnations need to be reserved until the incident has been properly investigated. All too often, the problem of police brutality is framed as primarily a racial problem. The larger issue is not racism, but the use of excessive force. People of all colors and creeds have been dealt with violently by the police. However, true minorities disproportionately are treated with excessive force. In 2000, Seattle police Tasered Malaika Brooks, who was 8-months pregnant. She received serious burns and emotional damage from a device that puts out 50,000 volts of electricity because she refused to sign a ticket. Racism may have played a role in this particular incident, as she was African-American. But racism is ultimately institutional, and no law can change that overnight. What can change is the departmental policy that does not properly teach officers to use restraint when dealing with pregnant women. Excessive force is a much larger problem than just an officer’s racial prejudice. The increase in incidents of excessive force cuts across racial divides.

A U.S. Department of Justice report on police use of force released in 2003 indicates that in 1999, “approximately 422,000 people 16 and older were estimated to have had contact with police in which force or the threat of force was used.” While many of these people were armed and dangerous, it is not the job of the officer to main or kill a suspect, it is to subdue them for arrest. Even when someone violently resists arrest, the officer has the responsibility to restrain. Johnny Law does not have the authority to be Judge Dredd. Currently, it is difficult to determine the exact extent to which excessive force is a problem. A report from 2006 shows that about 265,556 citizen complaints about excessive use of police force among large U.S. agencies, about 2000 were sustained. And incidents of excessive force, much like those of sexual assault, all too often go unrevealed. Nevertheless, there are ways to try and combat excessive force today. Training officers to properly use force as well as having proper incident investigation is key. Preventative measures such as proper health care and counseling are also important. The stress of an officer’s job can cause problems like posttraumatic stress disorder, that, when not properly treated, could manifest on the job. Finally, citizens can have their part too to help. Organizations such as Copwatch run routinely monitor police by using police scanners and cameras to document arrests and serve as a deterrent to excessive force. This problems needs to be addressed systematically before the next pregnant mother or drunked college student ends up as another statistic.

O’Connor is a junior studying political science.

Guis Bode says: The DE is looking for student columnists and wants you to apply. Want to make your opinion heard on a university policy? Is something important on your mind? Do something about it.

Facebook: A risky place for a Greek

FACEBOOK PROFILE OF GREEK

Five of your friends have received a tequila shot! Click here to send your friend a drink! If you don’t do this right away, there might not be a problem here, but many of the people who send and receive these “drinks” are under 21. This application, however, may be the lesser of two evils Facebook is creating. Not to knock Facebook — I’m on it a few times a day (along with half of America) — but a lot of people don’t use it responsibly. Although it has a lot of great aspects, it has also created countless problems for some college students and especially Greeks. Facebook has made it possible to catalogue your entire life for anyone to see. There might not be a problem with that, but for most students nationwide, it means pictures of shots and keg stands. More often than not, it will escalate to profile pictures of 40-ounce beers and a bunch of large beer bongs. To paraphrase a marketing campaign, what’s happening in Carbondale is no longer staying in Carbondale. But hey, it’s not like anyone but students actually check your profile, right? Don’t be mistaken: Adults can see it! If you have no security settings in place. This provides a special problem for Greeks because we are supposed to be setting an example. Not to say you shouldn’t have fun, but showing the world how you spent your Friday night may not coincide with the beliefs of your organization.

If you’re older than 21, don’t think you’re off the hook. Future employers aren’t going to hire you based on how many beers you can shotgun or how many times you have worn the towel of Franca. Anyone can get on Facebook now, so you better believe companies will be scanning your profile before they hire you. I know of a few teachers who have been fired due to party escapades in their profile.

It also doesn’t bode well for our Greek system if you have your friends right next to beer pong and getting wasted under your interests. Again, I’m not saying everyone here does it. But I have seen it, as I sure others have. Obviously this kind of drinking is dangerous, but it also shows a lack of respect for yourself.

With new applications such as videos and beer pong, consumers of Facebook are putting racy to illegal activities on the Internet for all to see. And now Google is including Facebook profiles on its search engine, so if you have no security settings turned on anyone in the world can know anything you post. Security settings are a big help. If you don’t want to take the pictures from last Saturday night off your profile, at least limit their access to your friends. While you may be bitten by a zombie or a weedseed on Facebook, don’t let the popular application known as naivety catch up to you.

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Rage in the cage

Former Saluki football player contains aggression with cage fighting

Alejandro Gonzalez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Editor’s note: This is the second of a three-part series tracing former SIU football player Natu Visinia. He is slated to fight in an upcoming cage fighting event in Carbondale. The DAILY EGYPTIAN will cover Visinia’s training and fight leading up to his battle with Colombian fighter Alejandro Gonzalez.

There was a point in Natu Visinia’s life when he thought he was tougher than everyone.

But toughness doesn’t win fights — training does.

Visinia, a former lineman for the SIU football team, will participate Saturday at 8 p.m. in the first mixed martial arts event in Carbondale history. It will showcase 12 cage fights, where amateurs test their skills in the ring at the Sports Blast complex.

In 2005, Visinia was charged with battery after an altercation at a bar on Carbondale’s Strip. He said the fight started with a drunken argument between he and a friend, and was broken up before anyone got hurt.

“Coming in my freshman year, I brought in that street mentality,” said Visinia, who was raised in East Los Angeles. “I thought I was tougher than everybody.”

Visinia said the incident was not the reason he left the SIU football team the same year. He left because mixed martial arts was his calling.

“Any aggression Visinia has, he uses in the ring,” said Tim Fickes, Visinia’s trainer and event coordinator, said a major part of Visinia’s training involves sparring with a variety of fighters. He said Visinia knows his own strengths and when he practices with other fighters, he doesn’t hurt them.

“I have no hesitation letting Natu work with my wife or a child,” Fickes said. “He’s kind of like a big teddy bear.”

Visinia’s girlfriend Amanda Cunningham, who graduated from SIUC in May with a degree in fashion design, said he has a sweet side to him not seen by many. She said she has trouble watching his fights.

“I believe in him,” she said. “He never gets too badly hurt, so I hope it stays that way.”

If Saturday’s fight ends like most of Visinia’s fights — in a knockout fight — his girlfriend won’t have anything to worry about.

But Visinia doesn’t have a perfect record.

He lost one fight in June to Brandon Reinbold in St. Louis. Reinbold, a 33-year-old doctor giving up a career in pharmacy to train at Kansas State University, won the fight.

He also took home a broken nose and a few broken ribs.

Reinbold said if Visinia wants to win Saturday’s match, he needs to use his powerful punches to free him from submissions.

Visinia, the Salukis’ starting left tackle, said Visinia is still a good friend, and thinks mixed martial arts fits him perfectly.

“You have to be a crazy-psycho person to do that sport,” he said. “Natu fits it. That’s him.”

Marquez said when he met Visinia, he could tell Visinia loved to fight. Marquez said his friend has a fire in him that’s right for the sport.

That fire has helped immensely in his training.

In fact, Visinia said he has lost more than 30 pounds in the past week because of a fever.

“I’m probably going to take a bottle of Tylenol, and hopefully that will kick it out,” he said. “Although he’s sick, he continues to train.”

Visinia is preparing for the Battle at the Blast, which will be held at the Sports Blast athletic complex on Saturday.

He’s got to fight through the tough times,” Reinbold said. “He’ll come out a winner every time as long as he keeps that mind.”

Visinia said he needs to stay focused, stay healthy and picture a victory in his head — but that’s the easy part.

“The toughest part of the fight, for me, is waiting for the fight,” he said. “The toughest part is now, just days away and you’re just anxious to get in there.”

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SIU alumnus Natu Visinia trains with a punching bag on Aug. 7 as part of his workout routine. Visinia is preparing for the Battle at the Blast, which will be held at the Sports Blast athletic complex on Saturday.

Mixed martial arts heavyweight Natu Visinia jokes with girlfriend Amanda Cunningham, a 2007 alumna in fashion design, at their house Wednesday night. The tattoo on Natu’s right arm reads “Samoan Truth,” which can be translated as Samoan Truth.

James Dunn — DAILY EGYPTIAN

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Lock of hair may solve mammoth questions

Randolph E. Schmid
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Attacking several tons of woolly mammoth with stone-tipped spears must have taken extraordinary courage — and ancient people left paintings to prove they did it.

Now, scientists are approaching mammoths in a different way, extracting DNA from their dense coats in an effort to learn more about them.

Mammoths are extinct, of course. No one knows if the cause was climate change, hungry Neanderthals or something else — but they left behind remains, often frozen in the tundra.

Attempts have been made to sequence their DNA from frozen animals, but that can be complicated by contamination.

Researchers report in Friday’s edition of the journal Science, however, that mammoth hair seems to be an excellent source of well-preserved DNA.

“It is important to understand the genetic makeup of an organism before it went extinct,” explained lead researcher Stephan C. Schuster of Penn State University.

They try to understand the relationship between different groups of animals, especially ones that are highly endangered, to learn whether those might face a similar fate, said Schuster, an associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology.

“We want to use this to sequence (the DNA from) museum specimens and therefore help to understand the evolution of species by using museum collections that date back several hundred years,” Schuster said.

Indeed, the technique could be used to measure the DNA from specimens collected by naturalists such as Charles Darwin, Alexander von Humboldt and Carl Linnaeus.

The DNA collected from the hair is much cleaner and much less damaged than that from other parts of the mammoths, he said, so it is more economic to sequence it.

Schuster explained that keratin, the hard covering of hair, could protect the DNA. Hair also can more easily be cleaned of contaminants such as bacteria.

“When people thought of sequencing DNA from hair, the usual assumption was that the material must come from the hair root, which contains recognizable cells, because the hair shaft appears to be dead,” co-author Webb Miller, also at Penn State, said in a statement.

“However, we now know that a hair shaft consists essentially of DNA encased in a kind of biological plastic,” said biology professor Miller.

Several of the hair samples investigated were up to 50,000 years old. One of the samples came from the first specimen ever recorded, the so-called Adams mammoth, found in 1799 and dug out of the permafrost between 1804 and 1806.

“We plan to use hair and other keratin-containing body parts, such as nail and horn, to unravel the secrets of populations that lived long ago, so these populations can send a message from the past about what it might have taken for them to survive,” Schuster said.

“This discovery is good news for anyone interested in learning more about how species of large mammals can go extinct,” he said.

Learning the DNA sequence does not mean that the ancient animal can be cloned or somehow resurrected, Schuster said, adding “this is science fiction.”

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This event is sponsored by a grant from The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and a partnership with the National Association of Schools.
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Kall said he's not worried about making a statement by blowing out the Senators. "Sahkis' got the best NL Central leaders out the playoffs, and it's the Marlins again. Make the playoffs." Rogers said.

"You don't look down at a guy's age because every guy has fight in them," Randle said. "Some guys progress faster than others, some guys can just go right in and play, and they have experience. We've been playing forever with a lot of guys come to college and ball out." SIU's defense held Arkansas Pine Bluff to 57 rushing yards on Sept. 22, but the Golden Lions did notch 242 passing yards.

Saluki sophomore cornerback Craig Turner had two tackles against Arkansas Pine Bluff, and blocked a field goal attempt. Turner said he expects Indiana State to spread the field, and SIU will need to handle the plays. Turner has broken up two passes and recovered a fumble this season, so he said he can do a lot more for the Salukis.

"I have high expectations for myself," Turner said. "To come out and make a big statement like that. I'm aiming for it every game."

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MIAMI (AP) — Sweep by lowly Senators, the Chicago Cubs shuffled out of town Thursday with this consolation: If they make the playoffs, they won't face the Marlins again.

"We've got to start winning the Marlines again," said Cubs closer Ryan Dempster said. "They came out and flat-out beat us. We didn't envision a sweep."

Following Wednesday's game, Cubs second baseman Mark DeRosa acknowledged his team might be famous only for having a franchise with a history of failure, invited comedian and Cubs superfan Bill Murray to hang out behind the batting cage before Thursday's game.

"I didn't help. But the Cubs denied team tradition is working against them. "We're not worried about history," Lee said. "I understand the history but we're not还挺. I just say we're in between the lanes, we're not thinking about the history of the Cubs.""
What a Londoner uses for a “line” — 2007 "tellar bear premier 4 ile up.

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Warm orange New Guinea

Jakina Hill

If the bright orange walls of the Morton May Collection could talk, they would tell stories of weaving off evil spirits, the smells coming off platters as pancakes and dumplings are cooked and tales of how community disputes used to be settled.

The Morton May Collection is on display at the University Museum. The display has been available to students, faculty and Carbondale residents since April 2 and will conclude this Sunday. Totem poles are just one part of about 44 pieces being shown. The totem poles, though, are nothing similar to the ones children made with cereal boxes in grammar school. Along with speaking chairs and sagu platters, amongst other things, the totem poles give insight into the culture of the people of Papua New Guinea.

SIU students Emily Bartok and Lindsey Baker and museum exhibits designer Nate Steinbrink transformed the south hall of the museum into a cultural experience.

Bartok, a senior from Eldorado studying history, said a year ago she decided to do an independent study with Steinbrink for her minor in museum studies.

Bartok said after she got the OK from Steinbrink to go in the archives, the Morton May collection began taking shape.

“I picked the ones that I liked best and thought looked the coolest,” Bartok said.

Morton May is the man Midwesterners have to thank for department stores such as Famous B枥 and Marshall Fields, which have since changed to Macy's due to the acquisition of the stores in 2005 by former Federated Department Stores, Inc.

May traveled the world and collected the pieces on display.

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Both Baker and Bartok took special interest in the speaking chairs that were used to settle disputes of the Papua New Guinean people.

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How they compare

No. 7 Southern Illinois
Salukis (4-0) vs. Indiana State
Sycamores (0-4)

When: Saturday, Sept. 29
Time: 12:00 pm. EST
Where: Memorial Stadium in Terre Haute, Ind.

Broadcast: Mediacom (Carbondale) and Fox College Sports (FCS) Atlantic, 91.1 FM (radio), www.saliswks.com (audio-Web cast and DirecTV). The word on the Salukis…

The Salukis begin Gateway competition as the worst team in the conference and average the most points per game in the nation at 40.8 while allowing only 14.5 points per game.

The word on the Sycamores…

The Sycamores begin Gateway competition as the worst team in the conference and the only team with a losing record. They have allowed 38.5 points per game and scored only 13.5 points per game.

Position breakdown

QUARTERBACK: SIU quarterback Nick Hill is the second most efficient quarterback in the FCS with a rating of 164.7. He has thrown for 913 yards, 11 touchdowns and no interceptions in four games. Indiana State quarterback Reilly Murphy has an efficiency rating of 91.5 and has thrown for 494 yards, two touchdowns and five interceptions in four games. ADVANTAGE — SIU

RUNNING BACK: Three SIU running backs have recorded more than 190 yards rushing, with starting back John Fandile leading the way with 260 yards on 43 attempts. Backup running backs Dep Kem and Larry Norman have rushed for 196 yards and 191 yards respectively. Only one Indiana State player has logged more than 100 yards on the ground — running back Bryan McCulley, who has 144 yards on 27 carries. Backup Robert Bannister looks to pass the century mark with his own 97 yards on 21 totes. ADVANTAGE — SIU

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SIU brings on the Gateway

Scott Mieszala  Daily Egyptian

Even though Indiana State is the only team in the Gateway Football Conference to come off a losing season, SIU football coach Jerry Kill isn’t thinking any less of the Sycamores.

Indiana State, which hosts the No. 7 Salukis on Saturday at 12:07 p.m. EST to begin the Salukis’ conference schedule, is just the next team on the board for Kill.

“TI’m approaching them just like I approached when we played in the playoffs. We worked the same amount of hours and put the same amount of preparation,” Kill said. “The tough thing is, keep making sure your kids mentally approach like you do as a coach.”

The Sycamores (0-4) have been outscored 154-54 this season, and on Monday announced the firing of its head coach Lou West, who went 1-25 while with the Sycamores.

In 1980, when he was 9-105-1 as Indiana State’s coach from 1980 to 1987, was named interim head coach.

Indiana State lost its last game by a score of 54-20 to Eastern Illinois on Sept. 22, while the Salukis trounced Arkansas Pine Bluff 59-3 on the same day.

Saluki senior running back John Randle returned to action last week, scoring a touchdown in the second quarter and finishing with 124 all-purpose yards.

Senior cornerback Craig Turner takes down Northern Illinois tailback Justin Anderson with the help of linebacker Stephen Franklin.

Senior wide receiver Phil Godforth had three receptions for 74 yards against the Golden Lions, also catching a 33-yard touchdown late in the first quarter.

Godforth said it wouldn’t matter if the Salukis (4-0) were to start conference play against Indiana State or the undefeated Northern Iowa Panthers.

“I guess you could call them a lesser opponent, but at the same time, it’s the next team on our list, and it’s conference,” Godforth said. “We’ve been training to get into conference slay for four weeks.”

Salukis look to improve despite lack of players

Megan Kramper  Daily Egyptian

Even with a shrunken roster this season, players on the SIU men’s tennis team aren’t counting themselves out.

The men will begin play Friday at the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Individual Championship in Omaha, Neb., with just five players on its roster.

After losing three key players — including Redzina Lajina and Sergio Sanchez to graduation, and Karl Nilsson returning to Sweden, his home country — the Salukis are looking to gain ground without their Nos. 1, 2, and 3 ranked players last season.

Coach Dann Nelson said the team was in a position to take second place in the conference last season but the loss of a couple key matches cost the team in the end as it finished fifth in the MVC.

Nelson said fall play is important but more individualized, and the goal for the fall season is taking home hardware this weekend at the MVC Individuals.

“It’s something that hasn’t been done here in a really long time,” Nelson said.

Senior Felipe Vilaesloen will fill the No. 1 position this year after he compiled a 4-2 MVC record and 13-6 individuals record last season.

Nelson said Vilaesloen will be a leader for the team and hopes he will have his best season yet as a Saluki.

Vilaesloen said he looks to make every match competitive despite the challenge of having only five players on the team.

Junior Hugo Vidal will play in the No. 2 position after transferring in from the spring from Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Tex.

In his first semester, Vidal had a 13-3 singles record and was originally put in the No. 6 spot for the Salukis, but Nelson said he kept improving and ended the season as the No. 3 player.

The Salukis added one player to the roster in freshman Chase Miller from Edmond, Okla., whose father was Nelson’s college coach at Oklahoma Christian University.

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Men’s tennis five hold high hopes

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Salukis prepare to take on rivals

Megan Kramper  Daily Egyptian

Long bus rides don’t bother the SIU volleyball team.

This weekend alone the Salukis will travel roughly 580 miles by bus to play conference rivals Missouri State and Wichita State today and Saturday, but the players are more concerned with the destination than the journey.

Last season, the Salukis were swept in three games by both teams, but junior setter Erica Bartruff said the new season brings new hope.

“I kind of put that in the back of my mind, and coach has placed our heads that it is a new season and we’re a new team,” Bartruff said.

Freshman Jennifer Berwanger said the team would have to bring its best game against the conference foes but is confident the Salukis (10-4, 4-1) will come home victorious.

Berwanger was named MVC freshman of the week after her performance against Evansville on Monday.

The Salukis will travel to Wichita, Kan., to take on the Shockers, who are led by sophomore outside hitter Emily Stackman with 4.21 kills per game and junior libero Kelly Broussard, who records 5.72 digs per game.

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Volleyball

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Freshman hitter Jennifer Berwanger serves the ball against the Evansville Aces during Friday’s match at Davies Gymnasium. She was named the MVC Freshman of the Week for her efforts during the 3-0 Saluki victory.}

See BANTER, page 15: Which underdog with triumph this weekend?