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Army ROTC jumps off



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.

JASON JOHNSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students in ROTC rappel down Neckers

Christian Holt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 Elk 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.

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— Maj. Jeremiah Aeschleman

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

If cadets couldn't get over their fears of heights, they were sent to

the "bunny hill," a much smaller wall with a less steep incline.

Capt. Tim Wyant, who was supervising the "bunny hill," said every first-time cadet went down the

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Krajcir faces preliminary judge today

Kaite Kienast
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Today could mark the beginning of the end for a 25-year-old murder investigation.

Timothy W. Krajcir will face a judge today in a preliminary hearing for his alleged involvement with the 1982 murder of Deborah Shepard.

Krajcir, 62, is being charged with four counts of murder, one of which is a felony charge. Shepard was a senior at SIUC when she was murdered, Lt. Paul Echols said.

Recently discovered evidence linked Krajcir to Shepard's case. Echols, the lead investigator from the Carbondale Police, was unable to comment on the specifics of the evidence.

A warrant was issued for Krajcir's arrest Aug. 29, Echols said. Krajcir was already in prison for related charges — he was deemed a sexually dangerous person by the court in 1979.

The new evidence will be presented to the judge in Krajcir's preliminary hearing, Echols said. The purpose of the hearing is to inform the judge and the court of the evidence that has been brought up against Krajcir.

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High school students unfazed by accusations

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 other sources 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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Gumby's dodges Illinois cigarette tax

Local pizza delivery sold Ukrainian cigarettes without tax stamps

Barton Lorimor
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Illinois Department of Revenue and Federal Trade Commission may be the next customers interested in cigarettes sold at Gumby's Pizza.

A pack of Ukrainian Marlboro cigarettes purchased by the DAILY EGYPTIAN from Gumby's Pizza on Illinois Avenue was missing an Illinois tax stamp. The stamp's absence is in violation of the Cigarette Use Tax Act (35 ILCS 135), said Katie Ridgway, a spokesperson for the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The act makes selling cigarettes without a tax stamp paid for by a tobacco distributor illegal.

The Carbondale restaurant is the only Gumby's franchise outlet in Illinois selling cigarettes.

Employees at Gumby's Pizza in Champaign and Normal said they do not sell tobacco products.

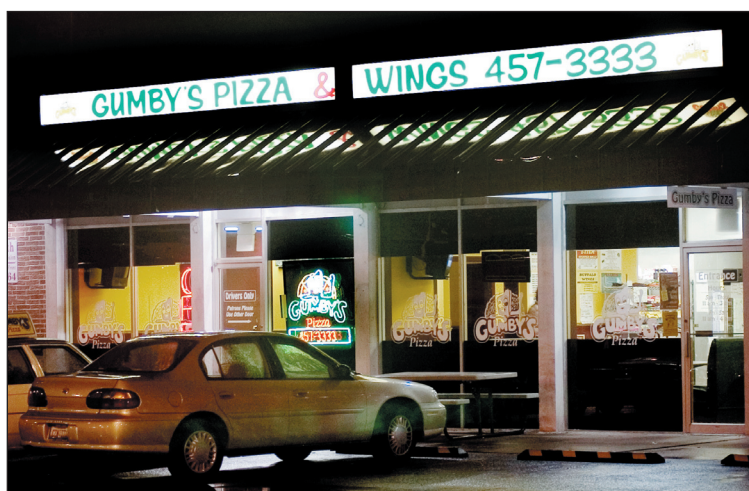
Anyone transporting cigarettes into Illinois for sale needs to pay the Cigarette Use Tax, Ridgway said.

"Basically, each carton of cigarettes needs to have the stamp," Ridgway said.

A branch of Philip Morris International in Ukraine makes the pack of cigarettes sold at Gumby's. David Sutton, a spokesperson for Philip Morris USA, said his company does not import Marlboro cigarettes intended for the international market into the U.S.

"Products such as this would be something outside of our distribution channels. The issue for these types of products is obviously a trademark violation," Sutton said.

The federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act makes the sale of cigarettes illegal if the retailer does not display a certified warning from the U.S. Surgeon General. Gumby's does not have such signage in their store or on



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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.

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An online translator indicated a health warning written in Ukrainian on the front of a pack of Marlboro MX4 flavor cigarettes purchased from Gumby's. The warning does not meet standards, Dizdul said.

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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siuDE.com Question: Now that the new iPod touch has been revealed, what do you plan to do with your old iPod?

I plan on selling it to the highest bidder.	5%
I'm not upgrading, who cares?	57%
I'm keeping them both.	3%
Touch what?!	35%

This is not scientific and reflects the opinions of only those Internet users who have chosen to participate. The results cannot be assumed to represent the opinions of Internet users in general nor the public as a whole.

Up next: The university may soon perform a study to test the effect of marijuana on human subjects and any correlation it has to nicotine. What are your thoughts?

A. What...I get paid? Dude, where's the signup sheet?
 B. I'm only going if munchies are provided
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CALENDAR

Noche de Gala
 • 8–11 p.m. today at the Student Center Ballrooms
 • Salsa night for the SIUC student body
 • Free admission and refreshments

'La table française'
 • 4:30–6:30 p.m. today at the Common Grounds Coffee House
 • Free admission
 • Contact John at 967-7930 for more information

Ultimate Saluki Challenge

• Today's Team Challenges:
 5–6 p.m. at the Campus Beach/ Boat dock
 7:45 – 8:45 p.m. at Greek Island
 11 p.m. –12 a.m. at the Boat dock
 • Saturday's Team Challenges
 7–8 a.m. at Touch of Nature Camp 1
 11 a.m.–12:00 p.m. at Touch of Nature Beach 2
 2–2:45 p.m. at Touch of Nature Camp 2
 4:30–7:30 p.m. at Touch of Nature High Ropes Course
 10:30–11:30 p.m. at Campus Beach
 • Sunday's Individual Challenges
 6–7 a.m. at Boat dock
 8:30–9:30 a.m. at Campus Beach
 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at Boat dock
 2:30–3:30 p.m. at Campus Beach
 • Come cheer on your own SIU students participating in the Ultimate Saluki Challenge!

Kelley Hunt and Al Berman Concert and Workshops

• Concert is 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Old Baptist Foundation
 • Songwriting workshop is 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Old Baptist Foundation
 • Music Industry workshop with Al Berman is 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Old Baptist Foundation

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

Submit calendar items to the DAILY EGYPTIAN newsroom, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call (618) 536-3311, ext. 266.

NEWS BRIEFS

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 90 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 8 and 4, O'Neill said.

The woman used the name “give-me-anewlife” 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 these two crazy, unruly kids, and a white trash dream for two days. I get to take the money you bid with and do something nice for myself like sit in a roach motel for a day or two and sleep peacefully.”

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

Ill. expanding cancer screening program

CHICAGO (AP) — Illinois will expand its breast and cervical cancer screening program to cover all women without insurance in another move by Gov. Rod Blagojevich to increase access after his health care agenda failed in the General Assembly.

The expansion, announced Thursday and effective Oct. 1, will make screening and treatment available to 260,000 more women. They need only be uninsured to qualify — their income levels no longer matter, according to the governor's office.

“I wish we can say that this was legislation that we were able to pass in state government, but unfortunately with all the different dynamics that take place

there, sometimes the most obvious good things just don't happen,” Blagojevich said at a Chicago hospital before heading to Belleville, Mt. Vernon and Peoria to publicize the expanded program.

Lawmakers refused to pay for Blagojevich's agenda on health care, education and debt reduction with a business tax increase proposed by the governor, which would have been the largest tax increase in state history. So the Democratic governor has used his veto powers to cut \$463 million from the state budget and has promised to add or expand government health care services to the tune of more than \$400 million.

Blagojevich said expanding the women's cancer screening program could cost about \$50 million. His spokeswoman Abby Ottenhoff said that would be the total cost of the program if all eligible women get screened and treated.

Under the program, all uninsured women between the ages of 40 and 64 can get free mammograms and breast exams, and those between the ages of 35 and 64 can get pelvic exams and Pap tests to check for cervical cancer. Women 65 and over are covered by Medicare.

Jury ties defendants to murders at mob trial

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal jury blamed three aging mobsters for 10 murders Thursday, after an extraordinary trial that included a parade of colorful witnesses who exposed the seedy inner workings of organized crime in Chicago.

Jurors deadlocked on blame for eight other murders after eight days of deliberations in one of the biggest mob trials in the city's storied crime history.

But they held Frank Calabrese Sr., Joseph “Joey the Clown” Lombardo and James Marcello responsible for murder, increasing the maximum sentence each of them faces to life. Jurors deadlocked on the fourth defendant, Paul Schiro.

U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel polled individual jurors, and all said further deliberations would not help them come to a unanimous decision on the deadlocked counts.

The same jury convicted five men on Sept. 10 of taking part in a racketeering conspiracy that involved illegal gambling, loan sharking, extortion and a wave of mob murders going back almost four decades.

POLICE REPORTS

There are no items to report today.

CORRECTIONS

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REMINDER: Parking Decals Expire

If the SIUC parking decal expiration date on your vehicle or bicycle is 9/30/07 or earlier, purchase your new SIUC parking decal now while no waiting lines exist. Current '06-'07 parking decals expire midnight Sunday, September 30, 2007.

Parking decal applications may be filled out and printed from our website at either:

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Evergreen Afterschool offers more than daycare

Program exposes diversity and peace

Brandy Oxford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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

Sixty 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' work day.

"The after school program is our biggest activity," Jamie Corr, 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 Oreos 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 Shairi 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 Lana and her sister 6-year-old Dana Aleassa 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 and play without me hovering 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 paralegal 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.

"I think we'll go through withdrawals when we leave next year," Schaeffer said. "You know how they say it takes a village? That's what this is."

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Danielle Robinson, 14 months, looks at what is left of her ice cream cone Sept. 20th during an ice cream social at Evergreen Terrace.
DUVALE RILEY
~DAILY EGYPTIAN

Campus parking decals to expire on Sunday Sept. 30th

2007-08 decals effective after this Sunday

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN


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 price of red decals cost \$45 this year, a \$5 increase from last year.

Underclassmen are unable to obtain any decals but are allowed to

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- unexpired vehicle registration card, and
- student ID card or class schedule

- Blue decals (faculty and staff) cost \$90

- Red decals cost \$45

- Yellow decals are free

- Parking violations can cost up to \$75

Michelle Arras ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

receive a free yellow parking decal, which authorizes parking in areas by the SIU Arena.

Chris Spry, a sophomore from St. Charles studying radio-televisi-

on, 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," Spry said. "Is it that big of a deal?"

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

"It's so inconvenient," Spry 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.

Eric Roe, a junior from Decatur

studying engineering, said he has no problem with receiving a free yellow decal. Since parking at the Arena is not far from the Engineering building, where Roe spends the majority of his time, he doesn't see the point of purchasing a red decal.

"The red is kind of ridiculous," Roe said. "Because the engineering lot is so small, it's always full."

Libby Summers, a senior from West Frankfort studying art education, purchased a red commuter decal for \$45 because parking at the Arena is too far from her classes.

"I don't like to walk that far in the dark," Summers said.

But she was not happy with the price of her decal.

"I transferred from John A. Logan and parking was free there," Summers said.

Students needing new decals should go to the parking division with their valid driver's license, unexpired vehicle registration card, their student ID card or class schedule, and payment for decals.

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WIRE REPORTS

JENA 6

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

JENA, La. (AP) — A black teenager whose prosecution in the beating of a white classmate prompted a massive civil rights protest here walked out of a courthouse Thursday after a judge ordered him freed.

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. Bell, one of the teenagers known as the Jena 6, still faces trial as a juvenile in the December beating in this small central Louisiana town.

"We still have mountains to climb, but at least this is closer to an even playing field," said the Rev. Al Sharpton, who helped organize last week's protest.

"He goes home because a lot of people left their home and stood up for him," Sharpton said as Bell stood smiling next to him.

"There's only one person who could have brought me through this and that's the good Lord," Bell told reporters later in front of his father's house.

District Attorney Reed Walters' decision to abandon adult charges means that Bell, who had faced a maximum of 15 years in prison on his aggravated second-degree battery conviction last month, instead could be held only until he turns 21 if he is found guilty in juvenile court.

The conviction in adult court was thrown out this month by the state 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal, which said Bell should not have been tried as an adult on that particular charge.

MYANMAR

Myanmar soldiers shoot at anti-junta protesters, killing at least nine people

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Soldiers with automatic rifles fired into crowds of anti-government demonstrators Thursday, killing at least nine people in the bloodiest day in more than a month of protests demanding an end to military rule.

Bloody sandals lay scattered on some streets as protesters fled shouting "Give us freedom, give us freedom!"

On the second day of a brutal crackdown, truckloads of troops in riot gear also raided Buddhist monasteries on the outskirts of Yangon, beating and arresting dozens of monks, witnesses and Western diplomats said. Japan protested the killing of a Japanese photographer.

Daily demonstrations by tens of thousands have grown into the stiffest challenge to the ruling junta in two decades, a crisis that began Aug. 19 with rallies against a fuel price hike then escalated dramatically when monks began joining the protests.

With the government ignoring international appeals for restraint, troops fired into packs of demonstrators in at least four locations in Yangon, witnesses and a Western diplomat said. Protesters — some shouting "Give us freedom!" — dodged roadblocks and raced down alleys in a defiant game of cat and mouse with soldiers and riot police that went on for most of the day.

WASHINGTON

U.S. flooded thousands of poorly tracked weapons to Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Bush and Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry clashed in late 2004 over the direction of the Iraq war, a rising Army star joined the debate.

Then-Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, head of a new command overseeing the training and equipping of Iraq's security forces, said headway was being made.

Tens of thousands of rifles, pistols, body armor, vehicles and radios, along with millions of ammunition rounds, had been delivered to Iraqis over a three-month period, he wrote in a commentary for The Washington Post six weeks before the presidential election.

The weapons and countless pieces of other gear, paid for with tens of millions of U.S. tax dollars, were indeed flowing — but as it turns out, not always to the right places or into the right hands.

In the rush to arm Iraqi forces against a violent insurgency, U.S. military officials did not keep good records. About 190,000 weapons weren't fully accounted for, according to one audit.

The accounting failures are at the heart of a broad inquiry by the Pentagon's inspector general, sharp questions from Republicans and Democrats in Congress, and complaints from officials in Turkey who claim that pistols used in violent crimes in their country came from U.S.-funded stocks.

Texting, Facebook are new security tools after Virginia Tech

Verena Dobnik
Ryan J. Foley

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — When a masked freshman came to campus at St. John's University with what police said was a loaded rifle sticking out of a bag, the school alerted students via cell-phone text messages within 18 minutes.

And when a suicidal gunman was reported to be on the loose at the University of Wisconsin, the school sent out mass e-mails and took out an ad on Facebook to warn students.

As the school year starts, colleges around the country are applying the lessons of Virginia Tech and using high technology to get the word out fast in a crisis.

"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 activated its new text messaging system just three weeks ago. The scare came on the same day that the student paper ran a front-page story on the system, under the blaring headline: "In case of emergency."

This week's incidents at St. John's and UW-Madison — both of which ended without bloodshed — underscore how campus security has changed since Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people on the Virginia Tech campus in April.

Cho shot his first two victims just after 7 a.m. More than two hours later, 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 lives 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-

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— James Pellow

executive vice president of St. John's University

messaging systems to communicate with students.

Omnalert, a company based in Leesburg, Va., saw its business surge after the Virginia Tech rampage. It is now supplying more than 250 colleges and universities around the country with instant messaging capability — a system called e2Campus.

St. John's purchased its inCampuAlert text-messaging system from a California company called MIR3 Inc. over the summer, also in response to the Virginia Tech slayings.

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 do it," said S. Daniel 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 not completely given up more traditional ways of communicating with students.

Last week, after two students were 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.

Lorenzo strengthens as it nears Mexico's coast

Miguel Angel Hernandez

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VERACRUZ, Mexico — Lorenzo strengthened into a Category 1 hurricane as it bore down on Mexico's Gulf Coast with powerful winds and rain, forcing authorities to evacuate low-lying coastal communities before its projected Friday landfall.

Officials canceled classes and set up temporary shelters on the coastline of Veracruz state Thursday, as the Mexican government issued a hurricane warning from Palma Sola to Cabo Rojo.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Florida said late Thursday that Lorenzo was forecast to strengthen further before hitting land in six to 12 hours near the small port of Tuxpan, and warned that "preparations to protect life and property should be rushed to completion."

As a steady rain drenched the area late Thursday, state authorities ordered the evacuation of at least 30 communities near several rivers and opened more than 60 shelters.

"The speed with which this storm is developing is forcing us to react as fast as we can," said Raulfo Marquez, Veracruz's deputy secretary for public safety.

The ports of Tecolutla, Tuxpan and Nautla were ordered to close by midnight, Veracruz's port authority said.

The mountain ranges and river areas in the Gulf state of Veracruz are dotted with villages connected by precarious roads and susceptible to disaster. Hurricane Dean brought widespread flooding to the area in August, and in 1999 a rainstorm caused floods that killed at least 350 people.

At 8 p.m. EDT, Lorenzo was centered about 75 miles east-southeast of Tuxpan and was moving westward at 6 mph, the center said. It had top sustained winds near 75 mph.

The storm was expected to slam ashore with "dangerous and battering waves" as well as storm surge flooding of 2 to 4 feet, the center said.

Forecasters said the slow-moving Lorenzo could dump 5 to 10 inches of rain in Veracruz, with isolated downpours reaching 15 inches.

Meanwhile, Tropical Storm Karen weakened slightly in the open Atlantic Ocean. Karen's center was about 845 miles east of the Windward Islands at 5 p.m. and moving northwest near 13 mph.



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The Dawn spacecraft sits atop of a Delta II rocket Thursday as it blast off launch pad 17b at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

Congress votes to add 4 million children to health care program, veto fight with Bush looms

Kevin Freking

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Congress approved legislation Thursday that would potentially add 4 million children to a popular health care program, setting up a veto fight that President Bush probably will win but handing Democrats a campaign issue for next year's elections.

Eighteen Republicans in the Senate lined up with Democrats in voting 67-29 to increase spending on the State Children's Health Insurance Program, or SCHIP, from about \$5 billion to \$12 billion annually for the next five years.

The vote was enough to override a promised Bush veto. But supporters in the House, which passed the bill Tuesday, are about two dozen votes shy of an override. Both chambers would have to muster two-thirds majorities to win a veto showdown.

Overall, spending for SCHIP would increase to \$60 billion over five years in the unlikely prospect the bill becomes law — double what President Bush recommended.

Analysts projected the legislation would allow about 4 million of the estimated 9 million uninsured children in the United States to gain coverage.

Bush and most GOP lawmak-

ers say the spending increase is too large and would expand the program beyond its original intent. That intent was to help families with incomes too large to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to afford private insurance.

In a statement after the Senate vote, the White House said Bush "will veto this bill because it directs scarce funding to higher incomes at the expense of poor families."

Opponents of the measure said they support SCHIP, which was enacted a decade ago, and want to renew it before it is set to expire on Saturday. However, they said they could not go along with such a large

spending increase.

Republicans braced for criticism that they were being insensitive to low-income children who are uninsured through no fault of their own. They said the legislation was an effort to score political points and another step toward universal health care paid for by the government.

"Democrats are counting down the hours so they can tee up the election ads saying Republicans don't like kids," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "Meanwhile, they're using SCHIP as a Trojan horse to sneak government-run health care into the states."

SURVEY

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One reason for students' reactions might be their lack of knowledge about the situation, said Roy Kirkpatrick, principal of Christopher Community High School.

"They wouldn't know who Mr. Poshard was if he came up and hit them," Kirkpatrick said. "Now if they were in a college setting I could see where they would know who he was and that sort of thing, but I don't know that it's affecting them too much right now."

The paper survey, which was given to students from eight schools in southern Illinois, asked if the allegations would affect their decisions about where to attend college and what they thought should happen to Poshard if he were found guilty of plagiarism.

A majority of respondents — 66 percent — said the allegations did not affect their opinion of SIU. A combined 13 percent said they would not or might not attend SIU because of the accusations, while 22 percent said they had never consid-

ered attending SIU.

Students expressed more differences of opinion about what should happen to Poshard if he is found guilty of plagiarizing his dissertation and master's thesis.

The majority — 36 percent — said Poshard should lose his job if he plagiarized, while 32 percent said he should write a public apology and 27 percent felt another type of punishment would be appropriate.

Only 5 percent said Poshard should experience no consequences.

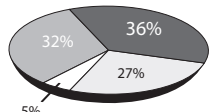
"I personally think that if the allegations are true, he should admit to his mistake and apologize to the public," wrote Tyler Deien, a senior at Salem Community High School. "I don't think someone should lose his job that he worked hard to obtain because of a mistake 24 years ago."

If the allegations had occurred last year, Wesley Phillips, a freshman from O'Fallon studying physiology, said he might have reconsidered his plans.

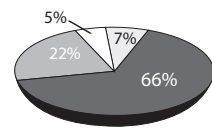
"I don't know if it would have changed my whole decision of

High school students surveyed on Poshard

The Daily Egyptian conducted an informal survey asking 100 high school students how they felt about recent allegations of plagiarism against SIU President Glenn Poshard. Poshard has been accused of plagiarizing sections of his 1984 doctoral dissertation and 1975 master's thesis. Below are the results of the survey, which encompassed students from different schools in southern Illinois.



1. If the allegations are true, what do you think should happen to Poshard?
- He should lose his job. Students aren't allowed to cheat, so he shouldn't be either.
 - He should be punished somehow, but he shouldn't lose his job.
 - He shouldn't experience any consequences, because it happened a long time ago; it isn't a big deal.
 - He should be forced to write a public apology but shouldn't lose his job.



2. How do these allegations affect the way you think about SIU as a potential college choice?
- I will not attend SIU because of these allegations.
 - I would rethink going to SIU now that its reputation may be tarnished.
 - I would consider going to SIU; these allegations don't change my opinion.
 - I have never considered going to SIU.

(Survey out of 100 High School Students)

DeAndre Elion ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

coming to SIUC, but it would have maybe made me rethink choices and look at everywhere else," Phillips said. "I think some high school students won't take it seriously and some others might. It depends on the person."

Victoria Valle, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, declined to comment on the issue, but in an e-mail wrote she thought high school students had many other things on their minds as they pondered their college choices.

Kirkpatrick said while students might not change their college plans because of the allegations, the school does cover the situation in class.

"I walked into class the other day, and that was a point of discussion in a current events class, talking about, 'Is this significant?'" Kirkpatrick said. "Much like downloading music, is that part of the culture that we're living in?"

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"Now the defendant, Krajcir, has the choice to go though that (preliminary hearing) so he and his attorney can hear the facts of the case or he can waive it," Echols said.

Waiving of the preliminary hearing would mean Krajcir accepts the facts that exist, Echols said. If waived, the case may either go to trial or be settled with a plea agreement.

"It just depends on whether we actually go through with the preliminary hearing. If we go through the preliminary hearing I will take the stand and I'll testify what lead us to Krajcir and what evidence there is," Echols said.

If Krajcir chooses to waive his preliminary hearing, the evidence against him will remain confidential until the case is resolved.

If convicted of murder Krajcir could face 40 years in prison with a 20 year minimum sentence, said State's Attorney Michael W. Wepsiec.

"He's also charged with felony murder, if convicted of that he could face potentially natural life," Wepsiec said.

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GUMBY'S

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The Cigarette Use Tax Act credits responsibility of a cigarette's sale to its merchant as well as distributor. Such legislation is the reason eBay, Inc., a popular online-auction service, restricts the sale of tobacco and urges traders to abide by governmental laws.

The first 56 results in a search for Marlboro MX4s on Google.com were Web sites offering the sale of cigarettes.

"It's impossible to know how these cigarettes would've been shipped," Sutton said.

A hyperlink from the Gumbly's Franchise Web site to a menu specified for the store in Carbondale does not mention the sale of tobacco.

Gumbly's manager Jim Lerette canceled an interview with the DAILY EGYPTIAN citing concerns about previous experience with the press at the Gumbly's Pizza in Normal.

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Three women claim cop abused them after gay pride parade

Mike Robinson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Three women claimed Thursday in a federal lawsuit that an off-duty Chicago police officer roughed them up and called them names because of their sexual orientation after this year's gay pride parade.

"This case is another example of the corruption, cover-up and brutality that is festering inside the Chicago police department," said attorney Dana Kurtz, who filed the suit for damages on behalf of the three women.

Named as defendants in the lawsuit filed on behalf of Kelly Fuery, 36, Debra Sciortino, 32, and Nicole Tomaskovic, 25, were the police department, officer William Szura and two Illinois state troopers.

According to the lawsuit, the incident began when a vehicle driven by Fuery came upon a car moving at 30 mph in the left lane of Interstate 55 after the June 24 parade.

Fuery beeped her horn and Szura responded by slamming on his breaks, speeding up and switching lanes, making it impos-

sible to pass, the lawsuit said.

Fuery was forced to the shoulder where Szura allegedly screamed and spit at her. The women claim "he stuck a large silver handgun in (Fuery's) stomach, causing her to fear for her life."

When Sciortino tried to step in, Szura shoved her and she fell, the lawsuit said. When Tomaskovic drove up in another car and tried to help, Szura allegedly placed her in a choke hold.

A few minutes later two state troopers arrived and when Szura identified himself as a police officer the three women were

arrested and charged with battery. Kurtz said the battery charges are pending.

It was not immediately clear if Szura had an attorney and his telephone was unlisted. Police spokeswoman Monique Bond said the matter was under investigation.

Illinois State Police spokesman Master Sgt. Brian Ley said that since the investigation was pending there would be no comment.

Besides unspecified money damages, the suit asks the court to issue an injunction barring any further such behavior.

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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 and an example of action for the sake of action. Not only did it divert resources away from the just war in Afghanistan, where real terrorists had been living, but it also irreparably 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 servicemen 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 hamstrung 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
senior studying plant biology and zoology

War protesters use their liberties

DEAR EDITOR:

I am responding to Cody Mueller's letter of Sept. 25. With all due respect for your military experience, you are mistaken in assuming anti-war demonstrators "don't even realize what is going on with the war and why." To the contrary, they work hard to get information that isn't simply government propaganda.

You are also wrong to conclude that protesters don't support the troops. They distinguish opposing the war from opposing the troops. You and many others conflate these because Americans were taught to do this during the first Gulf War. It was government strategy in order to gain support for a war about which many people felt uncertain. "Support the troops" really meant "support the war." But many of us can see these are two different statements. We can and should oppose the war because it was based on lies, has created more enemies for the U.S., has not brought freedom to Iraq (what U.S. intervention of this sort has ever brought democracy anywhere?), has killed

and maimed tens of thousands of Americans and hundreds of thousands of Iraqis and has threatened our own democracy, which now tolerates torture, keeping people in jail for years without trial and spying on U.S. citizens.

If you had listened as you passed by, you would have heard expressions of sincere concern about the many costs of the war. First Father Brown spoke eloquently about the links between war and racial injustice at home, and the last speaker was a veteran who spoke with great emotion about her concern for the troops, particularly the care they receive when they return home. Why not question the government's priorities and "support" for the troops when you read about the horrible conditions in VA hospitals?

My plea to you is not to see anti-war demonstrations as personal attacks. They're not. Protesters are people who feel a duty to use what precious liberties we have, not just talk about them. I grew up during the Vietnam War, and even then protesters carried signs that said "Support the troops — bring them home."

Robbie Lieberman
history professor

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 also 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 "rest your minds from issues that plague you" and you can keep busy while "anxiously waiting for the answers to the questions you hold most dear."

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WORDS OVERHEARD

"If it is a requirement and they take his degree away, I guess he would then lose his job, which would make this resolution meaningless."

Dylan Burns
USG senator
on the resolution the USG passed to support Poshard but not plagiarism

STUDENT COLUMNS

A trained officer is a good officer

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The job of a police officer is one that places an individual in highly stressful and dangerous situations. This, however, does not serve 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 with police brutality is not racism, but the use of excessive force.

People of all colors and creeds have been dealt with violently by the police. However, it is also 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 2001 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 maim or kill a suspect; it is to subdue them for arrest. Even when someone violently resists arrest, the officer has

the responsibility of restraint. 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 out of 26,556 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 unreported.

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 do their part to help, too.

Organizations such as Copwatch routinely monitor police by using police scanners and cameras to document arrests and serve as a deterrent to excessive force. This problem needs to be addressed systemically, before the next pregnant mother or drunken college student ends up as another statistic.

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Facebook: A risky place for a Greek

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Five of your friends have received a tequila shot! Click here to send your friend a drink!

Now if you're 21 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 abnormally 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 are looking at your profiles, especially 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 upon how many beers you can shotgun or how many times you have won the Tour de Franzia. 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 letters 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'm sure others have too. Obviously this kind of drinking is dangerous, but it also shows a lack of respect for your organization.

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.

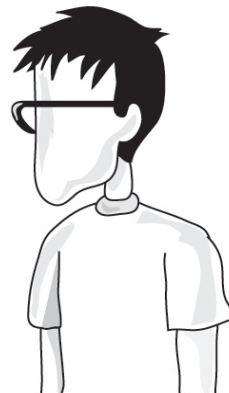
Security settings are a big help. If you don't want to take the pictures from last Saturday night off your profile, at least limit their access to your friends. While you may be bitten by a zombie or a werewolf on Facebook, don't let the popular application known as naiveté catch up to you.

Sophie is a junior studying radio-television and journalism.

Anyone can get on Facebook now, so you better believe companies will be scanning your profile before they hire 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 tracking former SIU football player Natu Visinia. He is slated to fight in an upcoming cage fighting event in Carbondale. The DAILY EGYPTIAN will

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.

"When you start getting too aggressive, you start losing your mind and losing your focus," he said.

Former football teammate Darren Marquez said Visinia, who has a 7-1 record in his career, was made for the sport.

Marquez, the Salukis' starting



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 "Somoa Mone," which can be translated as Samoan Truth. JAMES DURBIN DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 worked so hard to excel in the sport that he overtrained. He said he has lost more than 10 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.

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 strength 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 Visinia fight.

"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 — 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 31-year-old doctoral student studying pharmacology 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.



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. JAMES DURBIN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

"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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Sgt. 1st Class Shad Lewis makes the final check of a cadet before sending him over the side of Neckers.

RAPPEL

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bunny hill to get familiar with how rappelling works.

"The bunny hill helps cadets become more comfortable and reassures them and gives them confidence," Wyant said.

Aeschleman said despite fears, there is almost no way for students to fall.

"Safety is a paramount concern," Aeschleman said. "That's why we've got two lines. Each line is anchored to a different point."

He also said one line is enough to get a person down safely — the extra line is added for comfort. There is also a person waiting on the ground — called a "belay man" — who Aeschleman said could stop a falling cadet.

Wyant said one thing he sees often is peer pressure.

"People see their friends doing it and think, 'Wow, I can do that too,'" he said.

Bowden said one of his favorite parts of ROTC is the camaraderie.



JASON JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Under the instruction of Sgt. 1st Class Shad Lewis, a cadet slowly begins his descent over the edge of Neckers. The exercise is one of many that ROTC cadets undergo as they prepare for basic training.

"Most of these guys I've only known for about a year, but I definitely consider them my good friends," Bowden said.

But Bowden said money was also an important factor in his joining the program.

"They offered me a federal schol-

arship," Bowden said. "That pays for my tuition, and then I get a monthly allowance."

"As a senior, I'm getting \$500 a month to go to class," he said.

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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 such naturalists 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 untangle 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."

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

Main funding for the research was from Pennsylvania State University, Roche Applied Sciences and a private sponsor.

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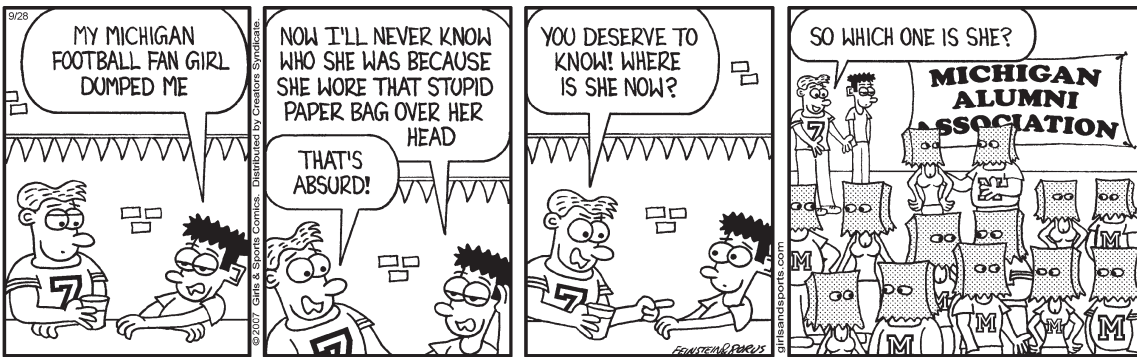
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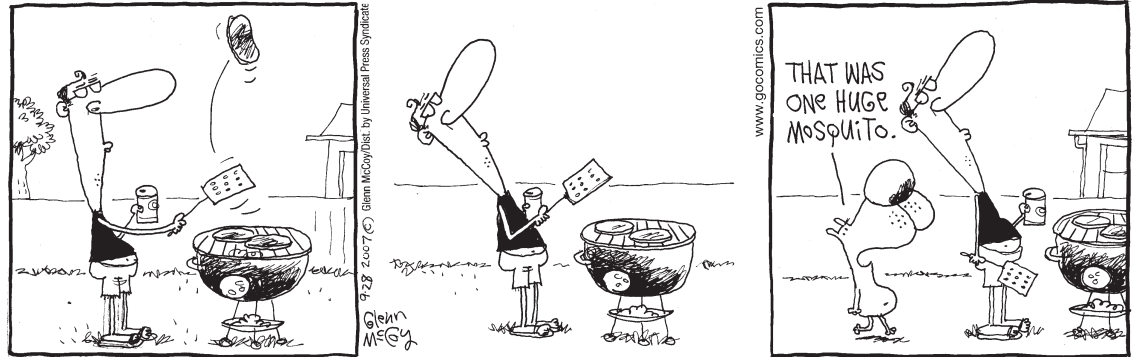
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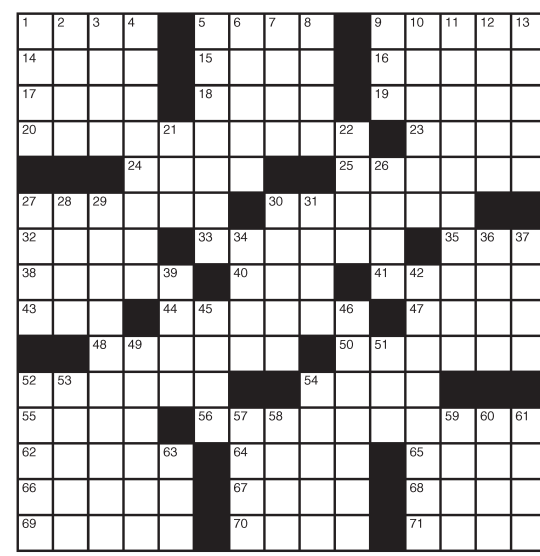
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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — The money you've been waiting for is coming very soon. The temptation to spend on treats will be huge. Get a few, but don't blow the whole check.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — You don't have to rely on another to get the answers you seek. You can find them for yourself. This also lets you know whom you can trust.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Spend more time in contemplation. You have lots to think about. Don't think so? Well, give it a try. Slow down and smell the roses. Start with fifteen minutes.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — You're meeting new people and taking on new projects, and this is good. You won't be shy about letting them know how you feel, and that's even better.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Collect information from friends who have been there and done that. No need to tell them your plans exactly. Get them to share their experiences.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — You're gaining confidence, and you're getting ready to try something you've always wanted to do. But wait! More planning is required.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — You can advance remarkably a little bit at a time. Or you can take a great leap forward. Do the latter. Tell the world what you want, so they can help you get it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — The stable, cuddly, solid type makes good partners for you. Find a person who speaks with body language more than verbal, and you'll have a good match.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — The work you've been postponing is beginning to pile up. Unfortunately, it's necessary for you to do some of it. Put off the fun and games for a couple of days.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — You've put together enough of the pieces to visualize the whole picture. Don't take action yet; you'll have more support from friends if you wait.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — An argument breaks out between several hardheaded types. Unfortunately, you're one of them. Even if you explain carefully, don't expect them to all understand. Some will get it later.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Take care of an urgent matter at home, before it gets any worse. Heard this before? So? The good news is your life's getting easier.

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Warm orange New Guinea

Jakina Hill
DAILY EGYPTIAN

If the bright orange walls of the Morton May Collection could talk, they would tell stories of warding 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 sago 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 Barr 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.

Baker, a graduate student from Fort Wayne, Ind., studying anthropology, said she spent a lot of time in the library researching individual pieces.

Steinbrink credits Bartok and Baker with the successful outcome of the exhibit.

"I just kind of oversee the gallery," Steinbrink said. "It was her job to design the exhibit."

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



JASON JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Morton May collection in the University Museum boasts 44 pieces of art from Papua New Guinea, including tools, chairs, totem poles and masks. Every piece carries a special significance and history of the Papua New Guinea culture.

"I like the story behind them," Baker said.

Many cultural idiosyncrasies are told through the artifacts, such as how birds symbolize survival and protection from enemies and famine. Even common American traits such as sticking out your tongue as

a sign of aggression can be discovered in the wood carvings of the Papua New Guinean people.

The May exhibit with its orange paint and low lights is a beautiful and warm welcome from the stark white walls that play background to the other exhibits. Bartok said pick-

ing the color was easy part as orange is her favorite color.

"I liked it, went for it, and it turned out all right," Bartok said.

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Music, music and more music

Eugene Clark
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Adjacent to the all-popular Hot Topic and Gap clothing stores, the University Mall will soon be filled with culture, history and a whole lot of music.

The Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit, in conjunction with the Illinois Humanities Council and the Carbondale Community Arts, will make its fifth stop in Carbondale from Sept. 29 to Nov. 10. The events are hosted around the University mall food court.

"The New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music" exhibit, up for more than a month, displays the

history of American forms of music such as jazz, blues and gospel with lectures, listening stations and live performances.

Robbie Davis, project director for the Smithsonian Museum on Mainstreet Project, said the main purpose of the Smithsonian traveling project is to give communities a chance to access resources the Smithsonian has collaborated over the years and combine them with local history from individual communities.

Davis said the exhibit takes something we are all familiar with — music — and introduces the real history of all types.

"You can see how one musical genre has kind of had impact on

another and how they build on one another, they learn from one another and these new forms of music kind of spring up," Davis said.

Gayle Klam, coordinator of the exhibit on the local level, said in this sense, the information happens to be the roots of American music in conjunction with many years of history pertaining to southern Illinois music.

Klam said many unique genres of music began in America including Blues and Country. Hearing other forms of music and seeing how they overlap is one of the ways in which other forms of music begin.

"All modern music, whether it be hip-hop or folk songs or ballads or rap, or you name it, it's all derivative,"

Klam said.

Davis said The New Harmonies Exhibit is probably one of the first national exhibitions that brings out so many variations of music and is special in the sense that it is within the Museum on Mainstreet Program so the collaboration of local and national music is incorporated very well.

As the site coordinator of "The New Harmonies" exhibit, Klam made it one of her main duties to sprinkle some southern Illinois flavor onto the exhibit.

Mike Hernandez, CEO of MCEB firm — a museum exhibit development firm said the Carbondale Community Arts and the Illinois Humanities Council — hired his

museum company to expand on the exhibit by adding components of the southern Illinois local music history.

Hernandez said he produced text panels and constructed hard exhibit pieces and also diorama pieces to display in store windows to help enhance the overall local history aspect of the project.

"The information has a general component to it, talking about the big names of music and history and what the local information has done is actually personalized it," Hernandez said.

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Sycamores Defense

Team	SIU	ISU
First downs	109	58
Rushing yards	916	440
Avg. rushing per game	229	110
Passing yardage	990	556
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Average passing ypg	247.5	139
Total offense	1,906	996
Average Per game	476.5	249

Team	SIU	ISU
Tackles (solo+assisted)	286	350
Sacks for loss (no-yds.)	7-56	2-12
Interceptions-yds.	7-116	1-0
Forced fumbles	3	8
Fumble recoveries-yds.	4-30	6-81
Blocked Kicks	2	1
Yards allowed per game	313.5	478.5
Points allowed per game	14.5	38.5

Saluki Defense

Marty Rodgers 5'10"180 (SS) Chauncey Mixon 6'1"215 (OLB) Brandin Jordan 5'11"215 (MLB) Trevor Moe 6'1"235 (OLB) Clayton Johnson 5'10"190 (FS) Brandon Williams 5'9"180 (CB) Jereme Gainer 6'0"225 (DE) Larry Luster 6'0"310 (DT) Andre Tillman 6'0"285 (DT) Devon Reese 6'3"235 (DE) Craig Turner 5'10"195 (CB)

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

When: Saturday, Sept. 29
Time: 12:07 p.m. EST
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The word on the Sycamores...
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Position breakdown

QUARTERBACK: SIU quarterback Nick Hill is the second most efficient quarterback in the FCS with a rating of 184.7. 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 Randle leading the way with 260 yards on 43 attempts. Backup running backs Deji Karim and Larry Warner have rushed for 198 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 Barcliff looks to pass the century mark with his own 97 yards on 31 tries.
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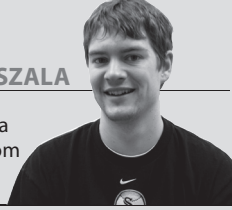
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"The biggest upset for Cinderella fans is South Florida won't even keep it close at home against the lightning fast Mountaineers in tonight's sole college game. In related news, former Mountaineer Pacman Jones will wake up in a Tampa holding cell Saturday morning reeking of gin, cheap perfume and regret."

"My upset is the Cubs won't choke, and that goes against historical odds. The Brewers play the Padres, so the Cubs will be safe unless they lose out. Of course I hope this doesn't happen, especially with the chance to see two surprises — Milwaukee and the Rockies — in the NL playoffs."

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"I'm going to take Brazil over Germany in the women's world cup. After easily upsetting the United States and its 51 game win streak, I think its safe to say Brazil will likely dominate in the finals."

GUEST COMMENTATOR: KATIE McNAMARA

"Notre Dame over Purdue. I mean, come on, Notre Dame's got to win sometime."

— SIU junior softball pitcher Katie McNamara



QUOTE OF THE DAY

Jerry Kill



"Nick's playing well. It's one of those things where I'll get greedy if there's one or two bad passes, like, 'Oh, what's going on?'"

— SIU football coach Jerry Kill on senior quarterback Nick Hill, who has completed 69.4 percent of his passes for 913 yards and 11 touchdowns in four games this season.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered? E-mail: editor@siude.com

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Elswick is only 40 digs away from breaking SIU's all-time career dig record, but said she isn't too worried about whether she makes history during the weekend.

"It just depends on how the team does on how I do — it all kind of flows together," Elswick said.

The Salukis will return home on Oct. 5 and 6 for matches against MVC rivals Drake on Friday and Creighton on Saturday. Both games begin at 7 p.m.

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FOOTBALL

SIU brings on the Gateway

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Even though Indiana State is the only team in the Gateway Football Conference with a losing record, 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.

"I'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.

Dennis Raetz, who was 94-105-1 as Indiana State's coach from 1980 to 1997, 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 58-3 on the same day.

Saluki senior running back John Randle returned to action last week, scoring a touchdown in the second



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Senior cornerback Craig Turner takes down Northern Illinois tailback Justin Anderson with the help of linebacker Stephen Franklin Sept. 8.

quarter and finishing with 124 all-purpose yards.

Randle injured his ankle on Sept. 8 at Northern Illinois, and sat out the following game at Southern Utah.

The senior running back said his confidence improved with his performance against Arkansas Pine

Bluff, but he won't be overlooking Indiana State.

"We can get beat any week," Randle said. "It's not really like their team is not out there competing. They're competing and doing the best they can do — they're just coming out on the short end of the stick."

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

Goforth 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," Goforth said. "We've been rearing to get into conference play for four weeks."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Men's tennis five hold high hopes

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 Rodrigo Lima and Sergio Sanchez to graduation, and Karl Nilsson returning to Sweden, his home country — the Salukis are looking to gain ground without their No. 1, 2 and 5 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 tak-

ing 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 Villasenor 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 Villasenor will be a leader for the team and hopes he will have his best season yet as a Saluki.

Villasenor 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 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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VOLLEYBALL

Salukis prepare to take on rivals

Megan Kramper
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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 in 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, 2-1) will come home victorious.

Berwanger was named MVC freshman of the week after her performance against Evansville on Friday when she recorded her third double-double of her career with 14 kills, 12 digs and one block assist. She was the first Saluki to receive Valley honors in five years.

First up for the Salukis is Missouri State (14-2) — the top team in the MVC with a perfect conference record after four games.

Senior outside hitter Jamie Adams and right side Sarah



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.

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Thomas lead the Bears in kills, and senior setter Katelyn Panzau is averaging 11.8 sets per game.

"They have three key players that we're going to need to do a good job defensively on," coach Brenda Winkler said.

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

The Shockers are 11-4 overall and third in the conference with a 3-1 record going into the weekend.

Elswick said she is confident the team will be ready to play with the tough competition this weekend.

"It'll definitely even out the floor," Elswick said. "We're going to make it competitive, and I definitely think we can beat both of these teams."

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