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Murphysboro
woman takes
bite out of
boyfriend’s ear

PK’s quarrel turns into Tyson-Holyfeld reenactment

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In a unanimous vote, the U.S. Senate Jan. 1, 2004, will pass legislation to block unsolicited e-mail. unsolicited e-mail will be clearly labeled and have both a return physical address and e-mail address.

The legislation will go into effect Jan. 1, 2004, and will require all unsolicited e-mails to contain a toll-free number or valid return e-mail address that will allow recipients to opt out of receiving further unsolicited mail.

The new restrictions will apply to anyone who sends unsolicited mail through an Internet service provider in Illinois but will not hold the service provider liable for actions of the individual.

Anyone in violation of the new law will face fines of $250 or $50 per e-mail, whichever is of lesser value. The sponsor of the bill, said he began working on the text of the bill after receiving numerous complaints from consumers who sold their names and e-mail addresses were not removed after they filled out the necessary forms.

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Trick or treating greek style

Katysh Lilby, 5, eyes a bowl of candy after Omar Hattab, 2, takes a handful for his MIG or treat bucket at the Safe Halloween sponsored by the Inter-greek Council Wednesday evening in the Student Center. There were a number of activities for the kids including bowling, face painting, drawing and free candy.

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International students face problems with college expenses

International students may face tuition increase Jennifer Rios

Students attending universities across the states and country have faced tuition increases due to America’s current economic crisis. However, a tuition increase for international students at SIUC has presented a new concern for the students.

Although an increase in tuition has not yet been decided, the Board of Trustees is still discussing the tuition increase for international students to pay 2-1/2 times more than what in-state students are currently paying.

Both American and international students attended an open meeting Wednesday in the Student Center to discuss the tuition increase. Chancellor William Whitford spoke at the meeting to explain the possible tuition changes. International students share concerns about the possible tuition increase.

"I understand the financial problems SIUC faces, but the increase is still too high," said Fawad Alaaei, a graduate student in sociology from Kuwait and president of the Kuwait Student Association.

"A gradual increase would be much better than such a sudden charge," Alaaei said. "In reality, a lot of students from poor countries will not be able to study at SIUC because of the tuition increase," said Wan Napi, a recent graduate in sociology from Malaysia and president of the International Student Council.

International students often have more difficulties finding a job to help pay for college expenses because they are required to fill out a request form before they are allowed to have a job.

"Even if students decide to fill out a permit to get a job, we are only allowed to work a certain amount of hours," said Abdulkarem Elshikh, a third-year student in comparative English and political science from Sudan and president of the Arab Sudanese Association.

"Even if we do work, it is still not enough money to pay for tuition, books and rent," Elshikh said. "I also said international students face more difficulties finding a job because of the language barrier they often face.

With the language complications and limited amount of hours international students receive, American students usually have a better chance to create a job while attending college, Alaaei said. International students would be discouraged to attend SIUC if the tuition increase goes into effect.

"Currently the current regulations will affect international students’ decisions to go to SIUC," Alaaei said. "From what I know, the tuition is really high for international students in comparison to other schools.

"One dollar is nothing in America, but in poor countries people could eat for a month on one dollar," Wan Napi said. "Even a small increase could affect international students.

A meeting where international students discuss their concerns on the possible increase will also take place Nov. 7 in a location that will be announced at a later date.
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U.S. intelligence points to mastermind of troop attacks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) — The United States believes it has gathered intelligence pointing to the main financier and mastermind of attacks against U.S. troops in Iraq, according to sources cited by The New York Times on Wednesday.

Former Iraqi Gen. Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri is suspected of mastering the attacks, possibly with help from Iraqi regime officials and “foreign fighters,” sources said.

In the highest-ranking member of deposed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein’s who is still at large, Saddam’s chief of staff is also still missing.

al-Douri was the Iraqi military’s northern regional commander and a member of Saddam’s inner circle. He is

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No. 6 on the list of 55 most wanted Iraqis and the “King of Clubs” in the famous deck of cards.

Fugitive officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the capture of several suspected members of Saddam’s regime within the past week in northern Iraq provided the intelligence that pointed toward al-Douri.

Several suspects, including one said to be very close to al-Douri, said the general was increasingly linked to many of the attacks.

Authorities tracking down leads into recent bombings have previously said they suspected remnants of Saddam’s regime, foreign terrorists or the al Qaeda-finked group Ansar al-Islam of being responsible.

Official said Wednesday that the number of only attacks against coalition forces is 33; double the figure in early September.

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High 78
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Missouri River Room in the Student Center

POLICE REPORTS

University

A window was broken found with a glass plate at 10:12 p.m. Monday at the Boomer II and Lounge. There are no suspects at this time.

A bicycle valued at $64 was stolen between 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Monday from the Neckers Building bicycle rack. There are no suspects at this time.

A wallet was reported stolen between 10:40 a.m. and 4:50 p.m. Tuesday at Morris Library. The suspect is described as a black male, 5’8”, 210 lbs., with short black hair. He was last seen heading north on Chouteau Ave. There are no suspects at this time.

Sherriff runs female chain gang

PHOENIX, Arizona (CNN) — Sheriff Joe Arpaio boasts that he runs the only all-female chain gang in history.

For the chief lawman of Maricopa County, which includes the 3 million residents of Phoenix and its satellite cities and suburbs, presiding over the chain gang fits his self-declared role of being "America’s toughest sheriff."

A year ago, al-Douri, the 8,000 inmates of the county jail system work seven days a week, are fed only twice a day, get nine hours of sleep a night, go to the bathroom in groups and are not allowed to speak to one another. They are not allowed to speak to one another.

Most inmates are serving sentences of a year or less for relatively minor convictions or are awaiting trial because they could not make bail.

They wear pink underwear and black and white striped uniforms. Around 3,000 inmates live in tents under the blazing Arizona sun in temperatures which last summer often exceeded 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Even in mid-October, it was over 100 degrees.

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New board members elected to SIU Foundation

Group, new members push forward to Southern at 150

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With two new members on the SIU Foundation Board, the foundation and the Office of Institutional Advancement are ready and eager to meet the goals set by Southern at 150 with a handshake and a smile.

Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement, said building positive relationships is the key to his campaign to improving donations to the University.

"We are bringing people together to advance their institution and involvement in the institution," McCurry said. "You can't just focus on the dollars. That's just the visible product."

Chancellor Walter Wendler outlined three targets for the department as part of his Southern at 150 plan, an outline of objectives for the University to reach by its 150th birthday in 2019.

Mary Kay Moore and Robert Richter were recently nominated to the SIU Foundation's board of directors to help the University achieve its fundraising goals.

Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor of Institutional Advancement, said he believes that Southern at 150 plan is a natural progression:

"We've always been interested in the giving portion of the fund-raising efforts." McCurry said. "We just do what I can to assist the University in its fund-raising activities."

With two new members on the board, McCurry said they can span over a several-year pay period.

Donations vary in where they are given, but he said 97 percent goes to a restricted purpose, such as a specific college or department.

However, McCurry said people tend to be more inclined to donate things that directly benefit and support the students, such as scholarships.

The remaining two targets of Southern at 150 are increasing the SIUC endowed endowment and increasing annual donations by 10 percent each year, with a goal of bringing in $50 million annually.

Even though the objectives were just released last spring, the effects of measures taken to achieve the University's goals can already be seen.

"We have consistent interest," McCurry said. "As a result, we have dollars that are rolling in."

A $5 million improvement from last year increased monetary donations to all-time high at $33 million.

However, with an alumni giving rate of only 10 percent, 8 percent below the average of SIUC's peer institutions, McCurry said they still have work to do, but the process is what is important.

"I start with relationships," McCurry said. "I don't start with dollars."
Halloween hijinks

Rachel and Cody Ward of Herrin have a sword fight while looking for pieces to complete Cody's costume for school at the Party Shop in Herrin. The Party Shop stays busy throughout the day as Halloween rapidly approaches.

PRSSA sponsors on-campus haunted house for Halloween

Campus Lake
Massac to provide safe Halloween for community

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Walking through Thompson Woods on an average night can be scary enough, but this weekend it will be even scarier.

The first haunted house, "Campus Lake Massacre," will take place Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. until midnight in Thompson Woods and Campus Lake. The admission will be $7 or $5 with a donation of a canned food item.

Sixty percent of the profits will be donated to the Women's Center, Children's Organ Transplant Foundation and ROSE, a breast cancer research center. The remaining percentage of profits will be given to PRSSA to reimburse expenses.

Along with PRSSA, the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and the Thompson Point executive board will be co-sponsoring the event.

The haunted house entrance will begin at the boat docks by the Engineering Building. A short and spooky boat ride will lead attendees to the haunted trails in Thompson Woods.

Shazad Mehta, a senior in public relations and president of PRSSA, said he is hoping the new event will bring a good turnout.

"Nothing like this has ever been offered before," Mehta said. "I think it will be a success." Mehta said he hopes this event will give the University a better reputation by sponsoring a safe Halloween event. "There is a bad reputation that SIU has been given for Halloween, and we are hoping to combat that image," he said.

"We want to give the school a positive image for keeping Halloween safe," Eric Haley, a senior in public relations and vice president of PRSSA, said. Mehta is excited about the haunted house and expects it to be successful in future years.

"I am a huge fan of haunted houses," Haley said. "And this one will definitely give people a scare." Mehta and Haley said the community has made this event possible through support, donations and funding.

The Carbondale City Council provided $300 of helping to PRSSA for costumes, decorations and props.

Haley said the Recreation Center was extremely helpful in providing the property for the event to take place.

Lou "businesses and restaurants have also donated money and services to the haunted house. Haley made it a point to mention how important the community and University were in helping PRSSA sponsor the haunted house.

"We couldn't have done it without them," Haley said.

The haunted house will include different sections and rooms, which are each uniquely themed in hopes of creating a scary atmosphere.

Mehta and Haley would not give out specific details of the event because they want to keep it a surprise for those planning to attend.

"They both guaranteed the haunted house would be a scary event where 'nightmares would become reality,'" said an article in News Briefs.

Day of the Dead celebrations gain popularity in the United States

Diane Smith
Knight Ridder Newspapers

FORT WORTH, Texas (KRT) — A frisky family plays on a sandy beach as a pirate ship drifts by. But what appears to be a typical scene from a Caribbean getaway is not; these figurines have skulls instead of faces.

Nearby, bikers make tillotons and a figure of a skeleton platters, or gunnysack. Stands guard. Like the haunted houses, they're giving skulls for heads.

The images fill the shelves of La Mariposa gift shop in Dallas with the eerie mix of death and ceremony that marks the Day of the Dead.

Many Mexican immigrants and Mexican-Americans celebrate the holiday Saturday and Sunday with altars honoring deceased loved ones. The tradition is intriguing cultural lines, fueled largely by a growing Hispanic population that is less in Latin American countries such as Peru, have similar festivities and artwork. Through the years, those traditions merged with the Catholic commemoration of All Saints Day and All Souls Day Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

These two days are when Day of the Dead activities take place.

"In Mexican culture, there is an attitude toward death that it is something to be accepted," Trevino said. "It's a tradition to make fun of death.

In the Mexican cities of Oaxaca, San Cristobal de las Casas and Patzcuaro, the traditions are spectacular for their beauty and richness, experts say. In Patzcuaro, souls are helped across a lake in a boat with filled with flowers and candles.

Family and friends in the United States and Mexico build altars in their homes to honor the life of someone who has died. The altars are often adorned with portraits, religious icons and colorful decorations. Often, the person's favorite foods are included.

'Shoppers at area Mexican import stores said interest in the Day of the Dead has slowly increased in the past decade. A lot of people that buy it are surprised by how strange it is," said Michael Garza, manager of the Plaza del Sol shop in Fort Worth. "A lot of people buy it because they are trying to get back into their culture."

Many non-Hispanics become initiated with Day of the Dead art while visiting Mexico as tourists. The artwork turns up more and more in import stores and in novelties such as "El Dia de Los Muertos." Singer-Latina Williams' album "Essence" has a female skeleton on the back cover.

"Its huge. Its coming cultures," said Candy Hailey, a manager at La Mariposa. "It's another excuse to go out.

At La Mariposa, fancy skeleton ladies called "Catrinas" are fixed up along shelves near Mexican Novely sets. The store stocks sugar skulls and papel picado festive paper with Day of the Dead images cut into it.

Dallas native Kelly Howell recently surveyed places at La Mariposa while shopping for a birthday present.

"Her Frightful Birthday had a Day of the Dead theme, and she planned to sign her gift, "Happy Birthday, Catrina!"

"I like it. I think it's fun," she said.

Malikah Lindenhof, owner of Miami-based Lobelzohn, said she has carried Day of the Dead novelties for several years, including molds and margaritas used to make sugar skulls. In recent months, the demand has exploded.

"I have gotten orders from Japan, Canada and all over the states," she said.

Much of the interest comes because the holiday takes place near Halloween. But unlike the scareness associated with Halloween, the Day of the Dead is for recognition and acceptance of death as a natural part of life, lessons and admonitions.

"It's a nice job," said Ray Groszmann, owner of La Mariposa.
Carolyn Wilkey of Chicago talks with a paramedic after being hit by a car while riding her bike. The incident happened around 5 p.m. on the corner of Main and Wall Streets. Wednesday afternoon. Wilkey suffered minor bumps and bruises but was up once they knew it's an advertisement, Wilkey said. Some elements of freshman education that money goes into the program and who are constantly evaluating the university and comparing it to other academic institutions on follow.

Cassandra Baeten
The Daily Vidette

NORMAN (U-WIRE) - Illinois State University has been named one of only 12 founding institutions for the national project "Foundations of Excellence in the First Year of College." ISU has been nationally recognized for excellence in freshman education," associate provost Jan Shane said. ISU is one of only two large comprehensive universities to be chosen, the other being Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, Shane said.

This project was sponsored by the Policy Center on the First Year of College and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Shane said.

The project will develop a model of excellence for the first-year college.

This model can be used by public colleges and universities in their approach to educating new students, Shane said.

This two-year project was funded by grants from the Lumina Foundation for Education and The Atlantic Philanthropies, Shane said.

"We are proud to be selected for AASCU participation as a founding institution," Provost John Presley said.

"The selection demonstrates the excellence of our freshman experience at ISU and it affords us the opportunity to help define further improvements for first-year education around the country," Presley said.

Criteria for selection included a strong campus commitment to the first year and readiness to engage in evaluation and improvement, Shane said.

The freshman education excellence at ISU really refers to the entire freshman experience; educating students inside and outside of the classroom, Shane said.

"This whole package is unique for an institution of our size," Shane said.

Some elements of freshman education that put ISU ahead of other institutions are the academic excellence, the residence hall experience and student life activities such as Connections, Carroll State and Panegy, Shane said. The Foundations of Excellence project has involved many public colleges and universities across the country in identifying the Dimensions of Excellence that constitute a model first-year, Shane said.

Twelve institutions were selected through a competitive application process to continue work with the Policy Center and its research partner, the Center of the Study of Higher Education at the Pennsylvania State University. Shane said.

Over the next 15 months, the 12 chosen universities will further refine and pilot use of the Dimensions, a template or model for other universities, Shane said.

These 12 institutions will help develop standards institutions can follow.

There is a task force for each of the 12 what will systematically meet to discuss ways to change, grow and develop, Shane said.

This project is unique because Student Affairs works so closely with the academic affairs, Shane said.

"We see this as an opportunity to change and improve," Shane said.

Colleges and universities will measure their effectiveness in recruiting, retaining, housing, orienting, supporting, advising and teaching new students, Shane said.

Research shows new students who are successfully integrated into college are more likely to graduate.

Colleges work hard to create a first-rate first-year experience to meet that graduation rate, Shane said.

After research and creating the model, universities will then be able to make improvements that will increase student learning, success and persistence to graduation, Shane said.

Each of the 163 universities involved sent application packets describing their first-year experience to meet that graduation rate, Shane said.

Assessments are based on how well a university sticks to their values, how much money goes into the program and who attends freshman classes, rather than how high of a GPA or ACT a student has, Shane said.

Special Parking hours will be in effect for visitors at Southern Illinois University Carbondale from 2:00 a.m. Friday, October 31, through 7:00 a.m. Monday, November 3, 2003. Visitor hours these days are 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Vehicles without an overnight parking decals may NOT park from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. in Lot 106 on Wall Street).

ALL VEHICLES WITHOUT A PARKING DECAL WILL BE TICKETED AND TOWED FROM CAMPUS DURING THIS TIME AT THE OPERATOR'S EXPENSE.

Special Visitor Parking Hours

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Carbondale

Support for rape victims

As 18-year-old female S.U.N.C. student reported she was sexually assaulted in the early hours of Oct. 17. Unfortunately, she didn't report the rape until Tuesday night. Now it is highly unlikely the police will be able to gather enough evidence to arrest him.

This semester, the Voices section has been devoted to a variety of issues, but one that has come up time and again is rape. Many readers and columnists have already debated where the fault lies. What has been left out of the argument is so many rapes go unreported and unprosecuted and what a victim can do following a rape to better assure that her violator will be brought to justice.

According to treenoutrach.com, victims of rape should write down as many details as possible while waiting for the police to arrive. Preliminary in speech, mannerisms or dress are helpful to police. As dirty as she may feel after being raped, bathing or even changing clothes or cleaning up her appearance can be considered destroying evidence and can hurt a criminal case.

While being interviewed by the police, a rape victim must try to remain as calm as possible. Embarrassing questions will be asked, but they are not asked in order to build a case. After being interviewed, victims should request to be admitted to a hospital — where more embarrassing questions will follow — for further examination.

Once the rapist is caught, victims have the right to decide whether or not to prosecute. This decision can only discourage a rapist from attacking again. Reporting and prosecuting a rapist is no doubt a hard thing. It will bring bad memories and pain flooding back.

While we highly encourage all rape victims to report the crime to the police, we understand the pain and guilt that comes from doing so. By not reporting a sexual assault, then the rapist will continue to attack.

Our Word

COLUMNS

Kenningsology is back

By Kodee Kennings

The D.E. is a newspaper. It is the best newspaper and I like it. Lots of people work for it and they are really smart. They make the paper every day but not weekends.

I have a huge bunch of friends at the D.E. They are Michael, Jen, Jack, Lance, Zach, Jerry, Ethan, Adam, Amber, Geoff, Shone, Move and Todd.

Michael used to write sports but traded it in for being the editor. He's the boss of the newsroom. He's kind of like the Vice President. He just cancels and faxstays. He wins awards.

Jen and Zach sit about football. They get to sit in the press box right up high so they can see all the game. Then they write about what they see and use really big words. They get a vocabulary that's amazing.

Ethan writes about golf. They should give him something else to write about because golf is boring.

Todd has sports editor job. He makes the jermaine rite. Adam covers volleyball. They foil a lot so his stories are always the same.

Jack makes people give him money. He sells space for ads and then wants money. He keeps the paper alive. Jack shares his stories and tells people his way of thinking. He uses a solder.

Lance is the general manager and hires people. He and Kodee (Kodee's the chief editor) read the newspaper everyday and finds mistakes. I don't think he finds many mistakes. Kodee is a really hard task master.

Jerry is Jack's boss. He takes the money to the bank.

Moore (Moustafa) is a guy. He sits about September 11th. He sits off as well as.

Geoff used to ride bike and be quiet. He has many jobs and a girlfriend. He's not French (Kodee believes anyone with a girlfriend will eventually French kiss her, thus becoming French). He's a copy editor and he looks for mistakes. He's also a kind of boss.

Amber is a girl rite. She ricks lots of stuff. She ricks about drugs.

These views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

The D.E.

Words Overhear!

"It was a Halloween prank. We were going to give it back. The Murphysboro Police took it too far."

Adam Arroz

S.U.N.C. student

on his arrest Monday after playing a holiday prank.

Quote of the Day

"I want to stand by my country, but I cannot vote for war.
I vote no." 

**COLUMNISTS**

**How valuable is human life?**

Aperception of moral acts has taught humanity in such numbers of people that they have forgotten what it is to be humane and what it means to ask the questions, which answered, would lead them to understanding what it means to be human.

Many have stepped respecting human life their own and their own's...itudes. These individuals...ens from the U.S. Central Command.

Just because a U.S. general's count doesn't mean the number of deaths accompanies the death toll, it's not to say it's a bigger, bigger...

The United Nations has been tracking the number of civilian Iraqis...of foreign administration's forces. In Afghanistan, the new American...the initial U.S. military actions.

DEAR EDITOR: My brother... prolific. He is also a patriot. My mother... cupid's arrow. He is also a patriot.

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Cedar fire burns into history books as most destructive in history of California

Jennifer Lin
Knight Ridder Newspapers

EL CAJON, Calif. (KRT) -- The winds of death were in Control Tuesday as the Cedar fire began to spread, forcing people to flee for their lives as the flames raced through neighborhoods, destroying homes and businesses.

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He and his wife, Maria Shriver, had a private lunch with her uncle, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and her mother, Eunice Shriver, who is scared to implement Banner.

"I know if he was still there, we would still be there," Millissohn said. "I know he was there for those days without sleeping." For firemen, it was his first.
Napster returns with pay-to-play

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MADISON, Wis. (U-WIRE) -- When the innovative software application known as Napster first ignited the "file-sharing" trend in 1999, consumers celebrated the birth of "free" music for all. Napster was put to death three years later by the Recording Industry Association of America in its famed copyright infringement lawsuit, but a new class of peer-to-peer file-sharing services sprang up that include Kazaa, Aimster, Mythbear, the Gnutella Network and BearShare.

At the peak of its power, Napster boasted over 85 million users, and when legal troubles forced Napster CEO Shawn Fanning to resign in 2002, it was clear that the millions of users were not just going to go away as the RIAA had hoped. In September 2003 survey of over 40,000 computer users conducted by the consumer research firm NFO Group showed that nearly two-thirds -- 64 percent -- of all U.S. households with internet access had at least one digital music file on their hard drives, and more than half of that group had 100 such files.

Now, just one year after the original Napster was officially retired, a new peer-to-peer version of the software, named Napster 2.0, was scheduled for release Wednesday. The new software is available for free, and Napster 2.0's beta version comes with a number of new features, including unlimited downloading and personal radio, as well as embedded video and MP3 support.

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Building for the Future

Harvest Celebration, new manager give residents of Cornerstone Place a reason to hope

story by DREW STEVENS • photos by AMANDA WHITLOCK

One day in early October, Allison Hogan passed by Cornerstone Place and noticed broken windows, boarded doors and a worn exterior.

She wondered why people were living in sub-par conditions while a building across the street had a ‘bright spot’ award, given by the city of Carbondale to those who clean up and improve landscaping.

Hogan, a senior in social work and a member of the Social Work Student Alliance, called the manager of Cornerstone Place, Vanessa Webb, and asked if the residents needed a clothing and food drive and sponsored a Harvest Celebration for the residents of Cornerstone Place Sunday.

Jeanne Chesnut, SWSA faculty advisor, said this project was Hogan’s brainchild.

“There was an elderly resident who lives there who needed a cane, as his was taped in several places,” Chesnut said. “She took it upon herself to go to Shawnee Mission and get him a new cane and some blankets. It just goes to show that one person can truly make a difference.”

Hogan said because of the eagerness of the social work students and the support from faculty, nearly 80 people took an interest in helping the residents.

“If it weren’t for the social work department at SIU, I would have never felt like I could make a difference,” Hogan said.

The volunteers gave a wish list to residents of Cornerstone Place to indicate any clothing items they needed.

Since then, Hogan said the social work student lounge in Quigley Hall was packed with clothing and food donations.

According to Hogan, 25 students from SWSA participated in Sunday’s Harvest Celebration at Cornerstone Place.

Belinda Kyles pulls on a plastic bag before beginning to categorize donations.

Allison Hogans. Akesta Luckett, 17, paints Allison Hogan’s face during the Harvest Celebration. Hogan, a senior in social work and a member of the Social Work Student Alliance, initiated the idea of offering assistance to the residents of Cornerstone Place. It took approximately three weeks for the social work students, and others who helped contribute, to complete a food and clothing drive for the celebration.

Johnecia Kyles helps clean up the room where children were painting pumpkins and playing games all afternoon. Oct. 26’s Harvest Celebration was an afternoon filled with games, food and fun for the residents of Cornerstone Place. Volunteers and members of the Social Work Student Alliance mingled with residents until the completion of the event, which lasted from 2 until 5 p.m. SWSA and other volunteers helped residents with painting projects and also in the celebration of play games and make snacks.
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The Illinois Housing Development Authority is providing funding for a $5.4 million remodeling project that has begun in the 76-unit apartment complex. There will be new siding, roofs, doors and windows.

The interior will also be replaced, including renovations to the floors, doors, appliances, plumbing, electrical fixtures and kitchen cabinets. The William Worn Architects of Chicago will oversee the remodeling.

"It's changing," Houghlan said. "Since Webb came in, things are slowly changing. Things are going to get better."

The project includes 41 efficiency apartments, 24 one-bedroom units, eight two-bedroom units and one three-bedroom unit. In addition, there will also be a 1,300 square-foot community room and a 2,000 square-foot office.

Webb said there will be a playground and picnic area for the children to enjoy.

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The neighbors and other residents in Cornerstone Place were treated to food and beverages like pizza, cupcakes, hotdogs and fresh fruit.

The Social Work Student Alliance put together a food and clothing drive to give to the residents of Cornerstone Place. In addition to painting on the walls, children could paint on their faces and go home with stuffed animals, facepainting, and treats.

"We had to fix our own stuff," Greene said. "Everybody was on their own."

One resident, who preferred to go unnamed, said there were suspicious activities in the apartment complex. The resident also recalled a woman with six children living in a one-bedroom apartment.

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Webb said there are plans for SWSA to sponsor parenting, homework and mentoring classes for residents of Cornerstone Place.

Zammorow Luckett, a junior in social work, fixes her a s'more. Luckett and her family are residents in Cornerstone Place, formerly known as Brentwood Commons. The Social Work Student Alliance put together a food and clothing drive to give to the residents of Cornerstone Place. In October, Cornerstone Place is a 76-unit apartment complex designated for low-income families, the children and the elderly.
Many freshmen must play catch-up

Amy Hetzner
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

(KRT) — Even as the number of students taking upper-level math courses surges at high schools, a stubborn demographic continues to plagues higher education: remedial enrollments.

In 1999-2000, 35.5 percent of all first- and second-year undergraduate students reported taking some sort of remedial college course, according to a study by the National Center for Education Statistics, an arm of the U.S. Department of Education. And, for nearly three-fourths of those students, one of those classes was math, the study found.

In addition, only four in 10 high school seniors in the 2002-2003 class who took the ACT received a score that indicated they were ready for college-level algebra, the college admission test committee reported this year.

 Critics argue figures as an indictment of high school instruction, that the schools do a poor job of preparing their graduates that the colleges are forced to take care of the problem.

But college officials say not that’s the case.

And the University of Wisconsin System recently reported in a report to the UW Board of Regents that nearly half of entering freshmen in 2002-2003 needed remedial math instruction — system-wide had actually decreased from 61.4 percent in 2001-2002 to 56.6 percent in 2002-2003.

Still, the dichotomy between increasing achievement levels in high school and the need for remediation in college shows a disconnect between the two systems, said Michael Kintz, a Stanford University education professor who co-authored a study on the issue earlier this year.

The problem is colleges have different expectations for incoming freshmen. Some have high standards for their high school graduates, and most high school students don’t know that, he said. The results aren’t as marked in student’s preparation for advanced Placement courses, which are specifically geared to match college coursework, but they become apparent in the 80 percent of students who aren’t in AP or honors-level courses and still might go to college, he said.

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Flokkin took four years of math at Glenbeul High School, including trigonometry and statistics, and received fairly good grades.

But when she took her math placement test at UWM in May, she scored below what she needed to get into a for-credit math class. Instead, this fall, she enrolled in the university’s Math 095 course, which combines lectures and online course work to help fill in the gaps in students’ math skills.

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But still, despite the extra preparation, when it came to UWM’s math placement test, Lathan faltered and needed to complete remedial coursework in a specialized summer school program.

Math class was a favorite subject for Lathan, now a UWM freshman who plans to go into marketing and who loves English as a writing classes. But he likes the university’s approach to teaching remedial math, which has students work one-on-one with the computers, they haven’t mastered and at their own pace through a combination of lectures, homework and online course work.

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Some of the difficulties students like Flokkin and Lathan have with college-level math, however, could be just a need for review, college instructors said.

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“After about six weeks without a math class,” said Susan Droll, a math instructor at Western Technical College, “So much of what the problem is, it hasn’t been reviewed recently. So they need a review on everything before they’re ready to jump into a real math class.”

At UWM, where about 24 percent of incoming students tested well enough so poorly on the school’s math placement test that they would need at least another year of college math before they could take credit classes, student test scores are not retaking their high school experiences.

“At UWM, where about 24 percent of incoming students tested well enough to not need any math class, it seems like remediation is not being continued at high school,” Droll said.

“You get the test results back, and that’s when the student normally signs up for math classes,” Droll said. “We’re not doing any remediation at this time.”

The topics the students are missing on the test aren’t some of the higher-level math skills they learned later in their high school career, however. Instead, they’re areas such as basic algebra, which they took long before but have forgotten.

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In Iraq, number killed since May 1 eclipse U.S. casualties in combat

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BAGHDAD, Iraq (KRT) — The U.S. intervention in Iraq has passed a grim milestone: more soldiers have now lost their lives in the occupation than in combat.

Since President Bush declared major fighting finished on May 1, 117 soldiers have died, three more than during the campaign to oust Saddam Hussein.

The latest death count includes two American soldiers killed late Tuesday when their Abrams tank, one of the army's most modern vehicles, struck an explosive device on a road 50 miles north of Baghdad, the military said.

It marked the first time since war

...fear ended that a tank was destroyed by insurgents.

"It would have to be very strong, very powerful," Col. William Dudley said of the blast. "The armor on an Abrams tank is very significant."...

Fort Worth police are dealing with a series of train robberies east of downtown Fort Worth, Texas. Police claim criminals have been breaking into train cars and stealing merchandise.

Train robberies have been chugging along since Jesse James

Alex Branch

Knight Ridder Newspapers

FORT WORTH, Texas (KRT) — Like modern-day Brando Cassidy, they crouch in the dust and weeds awaiting the screech of a slow moving train.

Instead of dynamite, they carry tool bags. Instead of gold, they seek DVD players, computers and auto parts. And instead of desolate stretches of prairie, these railroad bandits wait behind the lounges and used-car lots of East Lancaster Avenue near downtown Fort Worth, Texas.

More than a century after Cassidy and the Sundance Kid and their gang, the Wild Bunch, tormented the railroad industry, authorities estimate that railroads, which carry 40 percent of the nation's goods, lose $9 million to $14 million a year to train burglaries.

Whereas the original train robbers detailed cars, blocked the tracks or even leaped from galloping horses, today's bandits, who don't even leave behind the telltale tracks, have taken anything from cell phones to refrigerators and stereos.

"It's not a new phenomenon," said Pat Higgin, a spokesman for the Union Pacific Railroad Police. "They can take anything they can easily sell on the street.

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"We get to know how these guys think," said Higgin, who is involved in train robbery investigations. "They prefer the familiarity of their homes. They prefer the privacy of their homes, not the public glare of a train yard."

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SIU women's basketball head coach Lori Opp crouches during a game last season. Opp is entering the final year of her contract and has gone 20-61 in her first three years with the Salukis, but hopes are high this will be the year all of their hard work pays off.

**clean slate**

After struggling for three years, Lori Opp enters this season with high hopes of rebuilding the once-dominant SIU women's basketball program.

By Todd Merchant

I wasn’t supposed to be this way. She had just concluded her third season as head coach of the SIU women’s basketball team, and Lori Opp should have been basking in all the progress she had made during her tenure.

Instead, her program was reeling from the loss of 20 seniors, assistant coaches and the departure of half a dozen players from the roster.

It wasn’t supposed to be this way. Not for a program as storied as the Salukis'.

**Rise of an empire**

For much of the 1970s, the Saluki program was relatively mediocre, hovering around .500 every year. Then a 23-year-old graduate assistant took over the program in 1977 and began one of the most dominant runs in women’s basketball history.

In her third year at the helm, Cindy Scott led SIU to its first-ever 20-win season. However, it would certainly not be the last.

By 1984, when the Salukis finished third for second in their first season in the Gateway Conference, Scott had established herself as one of the top coaches in the country.

Perhaps the most legendary period for SIU was from 1985 to 1987, when the Salukis posted a 33-7 record and went undefeated in the Gateway two years in a row. The Dawgs advanced to the NCAA tournament both years and were ranked as high as No. 13 in the nation.

One person who witnessed all the success first-hand was Julie Beck, Scott’s top assistant from 1981 to 1998. Beck said the team was fortunate during much of that time to have a slew of talented players, several of whom dominated the school record books — all of which aided in the Salukis’ remaining dominant for a long time.

"I think a big part of that we’re really proud of, besides our four NCAA berths, is that until 1995-96 we were never under .500," Beck said.

"There’s not very many people that can say that, so that level of expectation and consistency was set very high."


PLAYOFF

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busting anywhere; we're on the other side now.

Along with four teams from the Gateway currently ranked in the Sports Network/CSTV Poll's top 20, only three of the past three weeks of the season will likely decide whether or not the Salukis can live up to their newfound status.

Along with the Salukis' strength in the conference standings, holding onto their current ranking could mean the difference between being one of the last first round teams in Carbondale or traveling to the sites of Pocatello, Idaho.

If SIU can manage to get past eighth-ranked Western Kentucky this weekend and Youngstown State next, their Nov. 15 date at No. 6 Northern Iowa could decide the Gateway's championship.

According to NCAA bylaws, the minimum bid a team can submit to be considered as a host is a first round game, a second round game, or $30,000 for the second round, along with committing 75 percent of their potential gate revenue to the NCAA. A monetary obligation of that large amount places constant strain on the financial rewards a school can generate from a playoff appearance, Kowalczyk said.

"There are some benefits to hosting a playoff game, but most of them are not financial," Kowalczyk said. "If you sell a lot of tickets you could make a few dollars, but it's really more of an opportunity to expose your team to the community and the public on a bigger stage."

While the national exposure of hosting a playoff game would be considered, Kowalczyk said it would still not be comparable to the time spent in the spotlight by the SIU basketball squad during its back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances.

"We know our kids have performed very well this year, and we hope to have the opportunity to experience something like that," Kowalczyk said. "But as the Salukis embark on a journey toward the Final Four and because many of the players were in that situation, it will be an expedition without much flack. With trips to defending national champions Washington State and Northern Iowa's famous UNI Dome looming in the coming weeks, the last leg of the regular season should test the team's playoff mettle.

"I think we definitely know more about ourselves than we did when we started the season," Kowalczyk said. "It's all so specialized right now, but if we continue to do well, I think we'll put ourselves in the good position at the end of the season."
Abdulqaadir, Moreland still in mix

Both players remain candidates for the Payton and Buchanan Awards

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Muhammad Abdulqadir and Alexis Moreland both remain candidates on the Payton and Buchanan award lists that were released Wednesday. Both of the Salukis have been included every list since the preseason.

The Payton Award, 1-AA football’s version of the Heisman Trophy, is given to the top offensive player, while the Buchanan Award is given to the top defensive player in the 1-AA ranks.

Abdulqadir, thought of as the early-game feature, appears on the list despite numbers less than what has been produced by the other Payton candidates. The senior totaled two games due to a broken knee and has also stated the ball with fellow senior Tom Koustos.

Abdulqadir has produced 725 yards and nine touchdowns on the ground for the undefeated No. 3 Salukis. With three games left on the schedule, he has already surpassed his 2008 season output. Abdulqadir, who missed both of his seasons at SIU, still holds the SIU defense, which is the top-ranked in the Gateway, with 62 tackles on the ses- sor.

This junior recorded 13 tackles against Southwest Missouri State last Saturday.

Tom Koustos was one of the main reasons the Salukis would hang onto the conference championship would task at hand, no one

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Terrance Freeeney, RB, Northern Iowa

The short but powerful sopho- nate has produced 945 yards and 11 scores on the ground for his hometown squad. The Panthers have three games left on their schedule, the last being against the Salukis and their top-run defense.

Bruce Eugeen, QB, Gambling State

The senior quarterback (46-1, 245) has proven more yardage than any other Payton nominee. The junior has already accounted 2,483 yards pass- ing and has thrown for 22 touchdowns in 11 interceptions for the 6-2 Tigers.

Vick King, RB, McNeese State

King is 5-5, 200-pound back out of Louisiana, has rushed for 970 yards and 10 touchdowns for 6-1 McNeese State.

The Cowboys are currently ranked No. 1 in Division I-AA in both the Sportsnetwork/CSTV and ESPN/ USA Today polls.

Top Buchanan Candidates

Boomer Grigsby, LB, Illinois State

The 6-0, 245-pound muscle-bound linebacker may better now than during his phenomenal sophomore season, which made him a finalist for the Buchanan Award.

He has been the bright star for the Salukis who have lost four straight and currently sit at 3-4 overall.

The junior from Canton has notched 136 tackles, three sacks and has recorded 11 tackles for lost- Grigsby is on pace to record nearly 170 tackles.

The only thing that will stop the teams from making the conference championship is the loss of senior tight end Paul Kowalczyk, who never had much experience with a coaching change in the Valley.

Roderrick Royal, LB, McNeese State

Royal, a preseason first-team All- American, has only added to his billing with his play for the No. 1 Cowboys.

The senior has racked up 60 tackles, five of which were for loss, and three sacks.

Lee Russell, RB, Wichita State

The senior backfielder has rushed 89 times with 473 yards and 4 TDs. Russell has also contributed two sacks. Russell’s nose tackle for the ball has led him to recover four fumbles and he has a team-high 14 tackles in pass defense.

Jarred Allen, DB, Idaho State

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With some games to go, the Salukis have stepped up their offensive game as the defense continues to excel.

The Salukis are currently sitting at 6-2 and are on pace to rack up nearly 2,500 yards passing for the season.

The defense has already notched 28 sacks and 89 tackles for lost yardage.

The defense will get a chance to face another tough team in the first game of the playoffs as they take on the University of Nebraska at Memorial Stadium.

The first game of the playoffs will be important for the Salukis as they continue to strive for their first national championship since 1994.

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After two decades of futility that have spanned only two winning sea- sons and an overall record of 86-142, the Salukis are finally ready to step out of the massive shadow cast upon by it by perennial contending Big Bowl California counterparts.

For the first time since their 1983 national championship season, the Salukis have racked up eight wins and appear to be headed for their first bowl berth since the Reagan administration.

But while the No. 3 Salukis currently sit atop the Gateway Conference standings and appear to control their playoff destiny, hurdles still must be cleared before the thought of the Salukis’ faithful filling in McKendree Stadium on a bitter December Saturday can become a reality.

Some games still remain for SIU until the 1-AA playoff pairings are revealed Nov. 23 — two against top 10 opponents—and in order to see a top four seed and lock up a home playoff day, they may have to win out. Of the 14 teams that will qualify for this year’s playoffs, only four will be assured of a home game, provided they produce the minimum bid of 1,000 points required by the NCAA.

Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said with their recent standing, the Salukis have a legitimate shot at being one of the top four seeds, but he adds the automatic playoff berth of a Gateway championship would yield far from sure.

“Right now things look good as far as where we’re standing in the conference,” Kowalczyk said. “I think it’s fair to assume that the Gateway winner will be one of those teams that receive a home game, but it all depends on what happens from here on out.”

Regardless of what the future holds for the Salukis, this year’s team has already carved out a place for itself in the annals of SIU’s football history. Senior running back Scott Egan said the restored health of running backs Muhammad Abdulqadir and Tom Koustos was one of the main fac- tors in the resurgence of the SIU football program.

“We aren’t the team we were last year,” Egan said. “Obviously we’re healthy, and now we’ve got all our guns. This is a different team now.”

While the minds of the Salukis’ football team are squarely focused on the task at hand, no one is ready to look past any of the Salukis’ upcoming opponents.

“We want to win the deal with the conference, and we’ve got to start with Western Kentucky,” Egan said. “They’re definitely a team that’s still in the hunt, and if they’re going to keep their season alive and compete for the conference championship, they’ve got to beat us.”

Not that being the team to beat is something this year’s team to beat has had much experience with in its recent past. Lacking down on the rest of the conference from atop the standings is a welcome, if unfamiliar, position the Salukis would like to hang onto until the completion of the regular season.

Koustos said the team’s biggest concern is losing the intensity that has spurred the team’s remarkable turnaround.

“We can’t relax because it’s like coach Egan says, ‘We’re the hunted now.’” Koustos said, “We’re not

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Salukis stitted in Valley poll

Put down the nose. No, not that way.

Unite it, remove it from your neck, regain the will to live and prepare for one hell of a sea- son at the SIU Arena because, and I’ll say this bluntly — the Shockers are in the Valley and are swarmed with oozers, coaches, Sports Information directors, media — are full of possibilities.

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