Good evening. I’m Sam Smith, and this is S-I-U-E Newsbreak. At the top of the news tonight, an indictment may soon be issued against an Edwardsville professor.

Madison County Sheriff’s Chief of Detectives George McClanahan joined Edwardsville District Attorney Robert Johnson today in asking the Grand Jury for an indictment against an S-I-U-E professor – charging 35 counts of fraud in the purchase of airline tickets for his students. Although students paid the professor to buy them plane tickets for a field trip to Atlanta, when students showed up at the airport, they had no seats on the flight. Professor Harold Hill and his attorney deny these charges, saying it was all a big mistake, and that the students’ money is safe in his bank account. Hill says this field trip was simply postponed.
SMITH:
With construction complete on S-I-U-Edwardsville’s new Engineering Building, it’s time for the grand opening. Tomorrow at noon, Governor George Ryan and other dignitaries will officially cut the ribbon stretched across the front door of the multi-million dollar building, and the university’s Engineering School will have a new home.

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We’ll be back with sports and weather after these words from our S-I-U-E Newsbreak sponsors.

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5. CAM-1: LS BUMPER SHOT (5-second bumper)

6. VTR-B: COMMERCIALS (60-second Break)

TAKE:
SMITH
Joe Jones has the sports report. It’s amazing what passes for a salary in pro football these days, isn’t it?

JONES:
Thirty million? I think so!

(TURNS TOWARD CAM-3)
JONES: Pro Bowl running back Corey Dillon turned down the Cincinnati Bengals’ latest offer of a six-year contract for more than five million dollars a year. Dillon and his agent, Marvin Demhoff, made a counter-offer yesterday, demanding more money. Dillon has rushed for a thousand yards in each of his three seasons with the Bengals.

JONES READOVER:

The Rams’ regular season schedule looks like a blast from the past this Sunday, when the world champions host the Tennessee Titans in a rematch of last January’s Super Bowl game. This titanic contest came right down to the wire, with Tennessee coming within a few yards of tying the game before the clock ran out. Both the Titans and the Rams have something to prove: Tennessee would like to deliver some big-time pay-back, and the Rams want to show the world that they deserve to be world champions.

It should be quite a game, Sam.
SMITH:
I’ll certainly have my feet up and my TV set tuned in for that one.

(TURNING AWAY FROM JONES TOWARD CAMERA)

In Washington today, federal regulators set aside two new telephone numbers to join the now-familiar 9-1-1 emergency number:

Now there’s 5-1-1 for local traffic information, and 7-1-1 for operator help for the hearing and speech-impaired.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest is asking the Food and Drug Administration to halt the sale of dozens of so-called “functional foods” that it claims are unsafe. This consumer group also wants the F-D-A to order manufacturers to stop making what it says are false and misleading claims about their products.

Functional foods often contain supplements and allege health claims along with the nutrient value of the food.

I wonder what kind of weather’s in store for the rest of this week and the weekend? Let’s see what S-I-U-E Newsbreak meteorologist Jane Doe has for us.
DOE:

You couldn’t ask for better. This region can look forward to sunny skies, low humidity, no precipitation and moderate temperatures for the next five days. It’ll be something to feast on: Starting with a gorgeous day today, it was 65 degrees at breakfast time, a high of 75 degrees at lunchtime, and right now it’s a perfect 70. And we can expect the same great weather again tomorrow, with slightly higher, more balmy temperatures and humidity levels through Sunday.

SMITH:

Thanks, Jane.

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That’s S-I-U-E Newsbreak for this hour. We’ll be back in fifty-five minutes. I’m Sam Smith. Until then, have a good evening.

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