Committee clears Wendler of plagiarism allegation

Andrea Zimmermann
Daily Egyptian

Chancellor Walter Wendler committed intellectual dishonesty, not plagiarism, when he failed to attribute sources of the planning documents for the Southern at 150 plan, according to findings from the committee that examined similarities between two plans he helped write. The three-person committee stopped short of saying Wendler plagiarized from documents at Texas A&M University, but rather pointed to the intellectual honesty portion in a vague SIUC policy.

"Membership in the academic community imposes on students, faculty members, administrators and trustees an obligation to acknowledge the dignity of others, to acknowledge their right to express differing opinions, and to foster and defend intellectual honesty...," according to SIUC Policies and Procedures, Code of Ethics: Faculty.

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Costumed candy consumers converge at University Mall

Store owners greet young trick-or-treaters for candy, contests

David Lopez
Daily Egyptian

The University Mall was beset by witches, vampires, iPods and rock stars Tuesday evening, all looking for the same thing — candy.

The mall held its annual Monster Mash, which included mallwide trick-or-treating and a costume contest for children ages 12 and under.

The event, which is now in its 20th year, has grown substantially since its inception.

At each storefront, visitors were greeted by employees of Gloria Jean’s while trick-or-treating with their mother Sarah, not pictured, Tuesday night at University Mall. Williams won first place in the 5- to 8-year-old costume contest.

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The mall is looking into providing a puppet show in addition to the costume contest and trick-or-treating, she said.

"Sometimes the parents get more into it than the kids do," Tindall said.

Parents can reach headquarters at 536-3311 ext. 273 or de_editor@dailyegyptian.com.

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News

Teen charged with disorderly conduct after he made online threat of violence to high school

SPOKANE — An 18-year-old freshman at Niles West High School was arrested this week after an online threat alerted a school official to a threat allegedly posed by the teen.

The threat was submitted Sunday night or Monday morning to the Web site Wikipedia.com, and warned of violence at the school on Halloween, school district spokesman Jim Saspenzak said.

Saspenzak would not disclose details of the threat, but authorities were worried enough to take extra safety precautions on Tuesday.

“Those who posted the message faces some very serious potential legal conse-
quences and I think it’s a strong message that threats are not acceptable behavior,” he said.

On Tuesday morning, the 2,600 students at the school miles northwest of Chicago had their bags and purses searched and had to pass through hand-held metal detectors.

In a statement released Monday, Spokane police said the threat wasn’t “credible,” but the teen, who was taken into custody Monday evening, was referred to juvenile court for a felony charge.

“The Spokane Police Department takes all threats seriously and will continue its policy of seeking full prosecution of any and all threats incidents,” Sgt. Scott Anderson said in a statement.

Man charged in library explosion at Salt Lake City after fingerprints were found on rocket igniter

SALT LAKE CITY — Authorities have arrested an Illinois man in connection with an explosion that damaged the city’s main library last month after finding his fingerprints on remnants of a rocket igniter.

Thomas James Zajac, 53, is charged with possessing an unsecured destructive device, according to court documents unsealed Monday. He was arrested Friday at his home in Champaign, near Chicago, and remained in custody Monday, said a spokesman for the U.S. attorney’s office, Melodie Rydalch.

U.S. Attorney Brett Talman said the motive for the blast was unclear.

The Sept. 15 explosion blew a hole in a third floor window and damaged a chair. There were no injuries, but 400 people were evacuated from the library.

Zajac has lived in Salt Lake City and Provo, Utah. His fingerprints were on file because of arrests in Ohio and Illinois, said Michael Mitechna, a federal firearms agent. Authorities said a hobby shop-type rocket kit was used and a pipe bomb.

Library security videotapes show a man entering the building carrying what appears to be a white paper bag and stopping briefly in a restroom on the second floor, court records show.

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Mayor Brad Cole called the City Council meeting to order at 7 p.m., roll was called soon after and moments later Elvis Presley, or rather Councilman Lance Jack dressed as “the King,” joined the group.

During Tuesday’s meeting, the City Council approved several motions, including a new agreement with Mediacom, demolishing Lincoln Middle School and annexing the Crossings Mobile Home Park.

The hotly debated Mediacom contract with Carbondale passed Tuesday. The council voted 4-3 to approve the agreement.

Carbondale currently has a cable television franchise agreement with Mediacom that allows the company to build and operate a cable communications system in the city in exchange for a fee. The old agreement expired Tuesday at midnight.

Under the new seven-year agreement, Mediacom is asked to provide a second public access channel for not-for-profit programming, should the city find parties interested in being a part of the operation. The first is channel 16, a Public, Education and Government access channel. Many audience members stated the $60,000 granted for the new channel would not be enough to support it; however, Cole reassured them from the city would help with funding if the plan came to fruition.

“We’re talking about money from the cable company,” Cole said. “That’s not the only money in the world.”

Lincoln Middle School, located at 501 S. Washington St., was acquired by the city in 2004. Carbondale was awarded a grant from the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to purchase and demolish the school and build a joint police station for the Carbondale Police Department and SIUC Police.

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency asked the city for more information about the site of the school because it might have been eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Illinois Agency required the city to consider reusing all or part of the existing building for the future police station.

After hiring contractors, the city and the agency found reusing the building for a police station was not financially feasible, and the school should be demolished.

The council unanimously awarded a $352,735 contract to DEM/EX Group Inc. of Manito for asbestos removal, abatement and demolition of the school.

“It’s been a long time coming,” Cole said. “We still have a lot to do, but this is a very important step.”

Councilwoman Sheila Simon asked if items from the school, specifically the basketball floor, would be available for the public to purchase. Simon also voiced concern about the Crossings Mobile Home Park, which is 57.27 acres of land located at 1400 N. Illinois Ave., and is now a part of the city. The council voted unanimously to annex the area, but Simon, as well as audience members who spoke, questioned the pressure the approximately 200 units would put on the city’s already strained inspection staff.

“The new units will be rolled into the regular housing inspection program,” City Manager Jeff Doherty said.

The council also spoke on the recent news of the 40 to 50 percent Ameren Illinois Utilities’ electric rate increase and passed a motion to encourage the Illinois General Assembly to extend the existing freeze. Cole, citing his pessimism that such an action would take place, called for the council to recognize eminent domain and seize power lines and grids from Ameren through legal processes.

“We need to get it out of the hands of Ameren and into the hands of the people,” Cole said.

Cole pointed out that other Illinois cities such as Flora control their own electricity, and the city could work with them to make the plan viable.

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WASHINGTON — The White House and Sen. John Kerry traded their harshest accusations since the 2004 presidential race on Tuesday with President Bush accusing the Democrat of troop-bashing and Kerry calling the President’s war record a bunch of “phony hacks” who are “willing to lie.”

“The members of the United States military are plenty smart, they are plenty brave, and the senator from Massachusetts owes them an apology,” Bush said during an appearance for a former GOP con-gressman, Mike Collins, who is try- ing to unseat Democratic Rep. Jim Marshall. There were boos at the mention of Kerry’s name and at Bush’s call for an apology.

Kerry is who is considering another run for the White House in 2008, angrily feed back.

At a hastily arranged news confer-ence in Seattle, Kerry said “I apolo-gize to no one for my criticism of the President’s war record.”

Kerry said the comment in ques-tion was “a boldfaced joke about the president’s personal life and the president’s people, not about the troops ... and they know that what I was talking about.”

It came during a rally rally for California Democratic guber-natorial candidate Phil Angelides. Angelides opened his speech in Pasadena City College with several one-liners, at one point noting that Bush had lived in Texas but now “lives in a state of denial.”

He then said: “You know, educa-tion, if you make the most of it, you can do it. If you don’t, you get what you deserve in life.”

That, Kerry said, was meant as a reference to Bush, not troops. Kerry is the president who owes U.S. soldiers an apology — for “a Katrina foreign policy” that misled the country into war in Iraq, failed to accurately study and plan for the aftermath, has not properly equpped troops and has expanded the terrorist threat.

“On sick and tired of a bunch of despicable Republicans who will not debate real policy, who won’t take responsibility for their own mistakes, standing up and trying to make other people the butt of those mistakes,” he said. “It disgusts me that a bunch of these Republican hacks who’ve never worn the uni-form of our country are willing to lie about who did.”

Unsubstantiated allegations about Kerry’s Vietnam War record from a general, Swift Boat Veterans for Truth figured prominently at the 2004 Kerry-Bush race.

Other Republicans issued demands for an apology from Kerry.

GOP Sen. John McCain, like Kerry a decorated Vietnam veteran and a potential 2008 rival, said while campaigning for Republican candi-dates in Indiana that “the sugges-tion that either Vietnam veterans or Americans would agree to serve in the military and fight in Iraq is an insult to every soldier serving in combat today.”

Sen. John Kerry, left, talks to a supporter on Capitol Hill after casting his vote on the Supreme Court justice nomination of Samuel Alito, Jr. Jan. 31. Kerry has recently been involved in a heated exchange with the White House as campaigning intensifies.

U.S. and China: North Korea agrees to rejoin nuclear disarmament talks

Charles Hutzler

BEIJING — The U.S. and Chinese governments announced Tuesday that North Korea agreed to rejoin six-nation nuclear disarmament talks, a surprise diplomatic breakthrough that comes only three weeks after the communist regime conducted its first known atomic test.

The agreement was struck in a day of unpublicized discus-sions between the senior envoys from the United States, China and North Korea at a government guesthouse in Beijing. The U.S. negotiator, Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, said the six-nation negotiations could resume as early as November or December.

“We took a step today toward get-ting this process back on track. This process has suffered a lot in recent weeks by the actions the DPRK has made,” Hill told reporters afterward. DPRK stands for Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the North’s official name.

Amnesty International says North Korea conducted the underground detonation on Oct. 9, defying warnings from both the United States and Japan and its staunchest ally, China.

It also marks a diplomatic vic-tory for China and the United States, which worked closely together in the wake of the test, but especially for Beijing. Though tough on Pyongyang’s test, China has conceded against punishing North Korea too harshly, weakening a U.N. resolution sanctioning Pyongyong, and suggested leaving a path for diplomacy.

In a possible sign of Beijing’s growing impatience with Pyongyang, Chinese exports of diesel and heat-er fuel rose, according to Chinese customs data. China provides most of the North’s oil.

In major shift, China requires all death sentences to be approved by highest court
Dressed as Michael Myers of the “Halloween” horror films, Ryan Pilcher, a senior studying business management, stands outside of the Student Center on Tuesday evening. Pilcher was waiting for fellow members of the American Market Association to go and collect canned goods for the Good Samaritan House.

**Teen dies from police stun gun**

Jim Suhr
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERSEYVILLE — With a Bible in one hand and a cordless telephone in the other, 17-year-old Roger Holyfield cried out into the night. "I want Jesus," he shouted time and again.

Those words would be among his last.

The police who reported hearing those cries soon were engaged in a struggle with the teen, eventually shocking him twice with a stun gun. He collapsed, vomited and died the following day. On Tuesday, three days after the confrontation, questions still loomed.

Police in the town of about 8,000 about 50 miles from St. Louis said only that the matter was being investigated. They declined several requests for additional explanation about Holyfield or the stun guns they say officers began carrying five months ago.

Holyfield’s family members didn’t return telephone messages to discuss the teenager’s movements or frame of mind the day he had his fateful run-in with police. The mother’s pastor, through a church secretary, declined to be interviewed.

“He seemed like a pretty good-natured kid,” said Kim Frank, working Tuesday in a Salvation Army thrift store just steps from the intersection where Holyfield had his tussle with police. “What happened just upsets me.”

**What’s in today’s forecast?**

*find out on page 2*
**Our Word**

**Engineering a better undergrad**

As coordinator of the College of Engineering, Bruce Chrisman knows what it takes for a student to get through the college with a degree in hand.

Over the years, he has seen students join together in many ways on and off campus to form the support needed to navigate through the challenging program. "Engineering is a harder major, academically," Chrisman said in Friday's column "Breaking the Mold," in which he summarizes the mold," in which he summarizes the anthropology majors where he wrote the column "Breaking the Mold." In which he summarizes the roots and, therefore, they tend to push away people who come from Latin American cultures or are associated with them. Some people may ask, then, what is the difference between a "Latino" and Latin American? Until very recently I thought the answer was 'there is no difference'. In my home country, Colombia, and in most of Latin America, as far as I know, both terms are used interchangeably. After being here for a while I have learned that a "Latino" is a person with Latin American descent who was born and raised in the United States and a "Latin American" is someone who was born and raised in a Latin American country. I thought Latinos would like to know more about Latin America, but I have discovered that (at least at SIU) it seems to be exactly the opposite, to an extent in which they can be rude or even aggressive. I have the impression that they try hard to establish their status as Americans, and by doing it, they neglect anything that reminds them of where their ancestors came from. Latinos are an important and powerful hybrid culture trying to reaffirm an identity of their own with emphasis on the fact that they are not Latin American. For that reason, it has been difficult to promote joint events between the Hispanic Student Council (HSC, a Latino association) and the Latin American Student Association (LASA), something that would seem to be a natural tendency. Regarding the Latino Heritage Month, Latin Americans often do not even realize it is being celebrated and therefore do not participate in the events. Back to the party Alex mentioned, I regularly go to the parties some of the anthropology majors host, and some of them are Latin American, and enjoy my time with people from many other departments and from many countries. Most of those people are interested in Latin America, even though they are American, or come from Africa, Europe or Asia, and as you can guess, I have met very few Latinos. I would love to see the gap between Latinos and Latin Americans at SIU disappear, so we could learn from each other and enjoy more our time here. It would be a very interesting cultural experience, and it does not have to imply neglecting who we are or where we come from.

**Guest Column**

**Latinos reluctant to connect with their roots**

Alonso Cordoba  
**Guest Columnist**

On Friday Oct. 20, Alex Ayala wrote the column "Breaking the mold," in which he summarizes the history of the Latino Heritage Month from his personal perspective. He mentions he attended a party with anthropology majors where he enjoyed books, fine art and Latin American traditional music played with genuine instruments. He asks why those students did not attend the Latino Heritage Month festivities. As a Latin American, I would like to answer that question as if it were addressed to me, and chances are that at least some of the students Alex met at that party may feel the same way. I think (and feel) there is reluctance in Latino students at SIU to connect with their Latin American roots and, therefore, they tend to push away people who come from Latin American cultures or are associated with them. Some people may ask, then, what is the difference between a "Latino" and "Latin American"? Until very recently I thought the answer was 'there is no difference'. In my home country, Colombia, and in most of Latin America, as far as I know, both terms are used interchangeably. After being here for a while I have learned that a "Latino" is a person with Latin American descent who was born and raised in the United States and a "Latin American" is someone who was born and raised in a Latin American country. I thought Latinos would like to know more about Latin America, but I have discovered that (at least at SIU) it seems to be exactly the opposite, to an extent in which they can be rude or even aggressive. I have the impression that they try hard to establish their status as Americans, and by doing it, they neglect anything that reminds them of where their ancestors came from. Latinos are an important and powerful hybrid culture trying to reaffirm an identity of their own with emphasis on the fact that they are not Latin American. For that reason, it has been difficult to promote joint events between the Hispanic Student Council (HSC, a Latino association) and the Latin American Student Association (LASA), something that would seem to be a natural tendency. Regarding the Latino Heritage Month, Latin Americans often do not even realize it is being celebrated and therefore do not participate in the events. Back to the party Alex mentioned, I regularly go to the parties some of the anthropology majors host, and some of whom are Latin American, and enjoy my time with people from many other departments and from many countries. Most of those people are interested in Latin America, even though they are American, or come from Africa, Europe or Asia, and as you can guess, I have met very few Latinos. I would love to see the gap between Latinos and Latin Americans at SIU disappear, so we could learn from each other and enjoy more our time here. It would be a very interesting cultural experience, and it does not have to imply neglecting who we are or where we come from.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Saluki on the street

Carbondale may be able to ban legs, but they can’t stop Halloween. We’re curious:

What are some of the most memorable Halloween costumes you’ve seen?

Junior from Belleville studying mechanical engineering:

“The Big Lebowski with his seduck.”

Sophomore from North Aurora studying elementary education:

“I like the ones where the guy looks like he’s riding a horse with the leg sticking out.”

Freshman from Borridge studying nutrition:

“One of my pledge brothers dressed up as a present and the tag said: ‘To Women, From God.’”

Senior from Lake Bluff studying anthropology:

“I’ve seen someone dressed as a giant acorn.”

Junior from Decatur studying photography:

“This weekend my friend had on a bodybuilder suit. It was padded and kind of shiny, so it looked like a greasy body, and he had on black Speedos and a black stocking cap.”

Undecided freshman from Chicago (left) and freshman from Chicago studying political science (right):

Anita: “I saw Mario and Luigi. They had the overalls and the mustache and the hats.”

Brittney: “They even had the little yellow buttons, and one was short and the other was tall.”

Still in the mood for costume fun?

The Daily Egyptian’s Web site, siude.com, is sponsoring its first online photo contest. Send your photo to Gloria and, as long as you don’t reveal too much, she’ll put it up on the site to show off your handiwork.

The contest runs through Monday, and the winner will receive a fabulous prize.

Don’t forget to keep checking back for updates!

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G EN EVA  — In a rare appearance on the witness stand Tuesday, current and former Illinois Supreme Court justices testified in a colleague’s multimillion dollar libel case against a suburban Chicago newspaper.

Chief Justice Robert Thomas, a former kicker for the Chicago Bears, alleges that the Geneva-based Kane County Chronicle libeled him and damaged his reputation in a series of articles three years ago. His lawsuit seeks $7.7 million in damages.

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita Garman testified that she considers Thomas a friend and that the columns “were false” and did not lower her favorable opinion of Thomas.

“There was no basis for what was said,” Garman testified.

Former Chronicle columnist Bill Page wrote in 2003 that Thomas had softened his position in a disciplinary hearing for former Kane County State’s Attorney Meg Gorecki after her supporters backed a judicial candidate he favored.

Gorecki was suspended for four months for telling a friend in 1998 that she could arrange jobs with the county in exchange for campaign contributions to a political ally. She denied there was any real jobs-for-donations scheme.

Retired Justice Mary Ann McMorrow, who was chief justice when the punishment was handed down, testified Tuesday that she was the one who decided the four-month suspension was appropriate. Thomas had called for a six-month suspension, she testified.

Stephen Rosenfeld, an attorney for the newspaper, tried to discredit McMorrow’s testimony during cross-examination by noting that she had made misstatements in a deposition taken under oath.

Under questioning by Rosenfeld, McMorrow acknowledged she had strongly urged lawyers in the case that Thomas argued for possible disbarment. She said she later contacted the lawyers and alerted them to the mistake.

“I may have confused this (Gorecki) case for another case,” McMorrow said Tuesday.

Justices Charles Freeman and Thomas Kilbride also testified Tuesday. Freeman said there was “no truth” to what was written in the columns and Kilbride testified that the first column was published before all the justices had been fully briefed on the matter.

“I couldn’t fathom how he (Page) would have any information about the case,” Kilbride said.

Stevan Lobat, a professor at Northwestern University School of Law who specializes in judicial ethics, said state Supreme Court justices in Illinois and elsewhere are sometimes called as witnesses in civil cases, but not often.

“It’s extremely rare, but not unheard of,” Lobat said.

The testimony Tuesday is “definitely unusual” but raises no ethical concerns because their comments are relevant to the case, he added.

Assistant Attorney General Ronald Rascia represented the justices in court. He monitored their testimony to ensure it did not violate state laws of “judicial privilege,” which protect conversations between judges.

“It’s highly unusual,” Rascia said of the proceedings.

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Polls show voters skeptical of traditional parties, Whitney gaining ground

**Staff Reports**

Incumbent Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich continues to lead the way in the polls leading up to the Nov. 7 election, even though many voters are reporting disenfranchised feelings about the traditional parties.

In a poll of 600 likely voters conducted by the Chicago Tribune and WGN-TV over the weekend, Blagojevich received 44 percent support. Republican candidate Judy Baar Topinka received 29 percent support and Carbondale resident and Green Party candidate Rich Whitney garnered 13 percent support. Another 13 percent were undecided, and the poll has a margin of error of 4 percentage points.

Those results were mirrored in a poll conducted Oct. 16-22 by the Daily Herald and one published by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Sunday. The Daily Herald poll found Blagojevich favored by 48 percent of voters, Topinka by 32 percent, Whitney by 12 percent and 14 percent were undecided.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch poll showed Whitney gaining 4 percentage points from a poll conducted Oct. 8-11, with most of his supporters wanting to protest the traditional party candidates. Among independent voters surveyed, Whitney gained 24 percent support, Topinka received 29 percent and Blagojevich received 38 percent.

In early October, WGN AM 720 afternoon drive host John Williams conducted his own online poll, and 70 percent of the listeners responded saying they would rather vote for “Zippy the Squirrel” than Blagojevich or Topinka. Zippy is a fake candidate Williams created for the poll.

Zippy’s showing in the informal poll could be attributed to grime of the gubernatorial campaign. The campaign trail has been littered with nasty ad campaigns, mud slinging and unanswered questions.

Topinka has lashed out at the governor, accusing him of corruption — Blagojevich’s daughter received a $1,500 check from a political contributor, his top fundraiser, Tony Reiko, has been indicted on corruption charges.

Blagojevich is being investigated by the U.S. Attorney’s office. Blagojevich has countered that his supporters wanting to protest the traditional party candidates.

In the St. Louis Post-Dispatch poll, 32 percent of voters thought Blagojevich would do a better job cleaning up government corruption, and 27 percent thought Topinka would do a better job. But 29 percent said neither candidate would do a better job.

The Republicans and Democrats had largely dismissed Whitney earlier on the campaign trail, but his recent jump in the polls and voter disenfranchisement could make him a factor in the election.

Representatives from the Blagojevich and Topinka campaigns and Whitney did not return phone messages.

**The Associated Press contributed to this report.**

**Debate team placed fifth at tournament**

Alexis Boudreau

While many students spent the weekend in costume, the SIUC debate team spent it in competition.

The team took part in the James A. Wallerson Forensic Invitational at Colorado College from Oct. 27-29 and placed fifth of 80 two-member teams representing 35 universities.

This weekend’s honors are not the first for SIUC’s debate team. In fact, members claim top prizes at many competitions they enter. Last year, they claimed the top title in a tournament at William Jewell College, which hosted over 100 other teams.

Todd Graham, director of speech communication and the debate team, said SIUC entered three teams in the competition.

Debates included “limiting the foreign policy toward North Korea,” and “U.S. decrease in domestic oil consumption.”

Graham said two teams from SIUC advanced to the elimination round, during which teams debate until they lose.

Alexis Boudreau, a sophomore from Des Moines, Iowa, studying management, and Kyle Dennis, a senior from Kansas City, Mo., studying economics, beat universities from Long Beach, N.Y., and Utah in the first two debates of the elimination round but lost the third debate to William Jewell College, coming out with a fifth place finish.

“The competition was some of the loudest we’ve heard around the country,” Hingtgen said.

Colorado College will host the national championship in the spring, which SIUC’s team plans to attend.

“This weekend was a good prep for nationals,” Dennis said.

The team’s next competition will be from Dec. 27 to Jan. 4 in Vancouver. A few hundred teams from around the world will be competing for the title.

Hingtgen said the competition will be fierce, and the team’s main goal is to reach the elimination rounds.

For nationals, the goals are higher.

Hingtgen referenced Duke University’s consistent basketball victories in out-lining them.

“We want to be the Duke of debates,” Hingtgen said.

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Derek Reese Sr., who holds two law degrees, is advising the students during their appeals. Back in 1994, he was a SIUE alum- num and has practiced law in the Chicago area, but his license is currently suspended, according to the Illinois Supreme Court Attorney Registration and Admission to Practice. He said Anthony would be allowing him to return to class in January, and Gill remains in school on Oct. 13. Gill’s inter- nation separation was overturned, allowing him to return to cam- pUS. He was suspended for one year less than a week later but re- mained in class as his appeal was pending.

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Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 7 - Timing is crucial for a while. Pay attention to the cues. Don’t push the limits but do be in the right location at the right moment.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 6 - You’re not frugal because you have to be, you’re frugal because it’s fun. You’d rather pinch pennies than play the slots any day, and that’s wise.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6 - Involve a technical expert in your negotiations. More is possible than you ever imagined, and easier.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7 - Once you’ve learned the lesson, you’ll notice there’s more to achieve. You’re at a plateau that is also a wonderful jumping-off place.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 7 - You’re in the groove. Crank up as much as you can, it’s selling like hotcakes. You snooze, you lose.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 6 - A crazy idea could pay off big, so don’t squash the innovator. Provide encouragement, and even some funding.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 6 - Others think you’re very wise, but you know better than that. The more you learn, the more humble you become. It’s natural. And it’s wise.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7 - Don’t go for the first offer you get; be a little standoffish. All you have to do is wait, and you’ll get more than you expected.

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Mixon also provided excellent pass rushing abilities. He had one of four sacks against MSU and two tackles-for-a-loss for eight yards. Claey said blitzing with the linebackers was something coaches focused on the previous two weeks and they succeeded on Saturday against the Bears.

Mixon was part of several blitzing packages that SIU used against the Bears, which featured constant pressure on MSU quarterback Tyler Horner. "I think it was very important to get the quarterback out of the pocket," Claey said. With a young quarterback, you try to make them make plays under pressure, rather than making him stand back there and make throws to wherever he wants." Mixon will undoubtedly start next week against Youngstown State while the team without worrying about the "mental part" Zoerlein said. "It's exciting that we both won because we live together, and we can battle each other for it later."

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Zoerlein said they were a couple of holes apart from each other and had no idea they would be tied for first in the end.

"We were both trying our best for the team without worrying about the individual title," Zoerlein said. "It's exciting that we both won because we live together, and we can battle each other for it later."

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Head football coach Jerry Kill on assuming his regular coaching duties after he suffered a seizure Oct. 22.

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DA in Duke lacrosse probe says he and police haven’t mishandled the case

Aaron Beard
The Associated Press
DURHAM, N.C. — The district attor- ney prosecuting these Duke lacrosse play- ers charged with rape insists the police have not mishandled the case and said his only regret was granting so many inter- views early on.

“I could have done things differently. Of course I could’ve done things differently,” Mike Nifong told The Associated Press on Monday. “Can I do things differently in the future? Of course I can do things differently in the future. But at any time, I’ve got to do what I think is the right thing to do.”

Nifong, running for re-election against two challengers who have attacked his han- dling of the case, obtained an indictment against three men accused of raping a strip- per at a team party in March. The three have declared their innocence.

“The Bulls in the finals would be a dream, but they’re one proven scorer away from that. I say the finals will feature the Spurs and the Heat away pick, I know, with the Spurs winning in six. Remember Tim Duncan had a bum foot last season, which arguably held them back.”

Cheshire, who represents one of the accused, Cheshire said Nifong’s handling of the case came last week, after Nifong said he occasionally receives pieces of hate mail — “Some of it is, ‘How can you sleep at night? You’re a disgrace,’” he said — but he said most people he has met while campaigning have been sup- portive. He said he’s received letters of sup- port from rape victims, which he said have meant the most.

“As a practical reality, almost anything the district attorney decides is going to make some people unhappy,” he said. “It’s not a position that you can afford to be terribly thin-skinned about because you have to understand that it’s part of the job. You’re not there to please people in the first place.”

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Nov. 2 | Quincy | 7:05 p.m.
Nov. 5 | Henderson State | 4:05 p.m.
Nov. 10 | Washington, MO. | 7:05 p.m.
Nov. 19 | Murray State | 2:00 p.m.
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Nov. 5 | Christian Brothers (ex.) | 2:00 p.m.
Nov. 12 | Missouri | 2:00 p.m.
Nov. 17 | Murray State | 7:05 p.m.
Nov. 31 | Saint Louis | 7:05 p.m.
Dec. 8 | San Francisco | 7:05 p.m.
Dec. 25 | Kentucky or Delaware | TBA

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SALUKI INSIDER
The NBA tipped off its season last night with a series of games. Who is your pick to win the NBA championship in the 2006-07 season?

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“I am going to go with the Dallas Mavericks as the champions this season. It will be the Mars and DaBulls in the finals, with all the Chicagoans getting their hearts ripped out in six. But then again, I don’t claim to be an expert.”

SCOTT MIESZALKA
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“it’s the safe pick, but it’s also the logical one. I’m going with the Miami Heat. Duquesne is the next big thing as long as the Devil doesn’t run out of fuel. I don’t see anyone knocking off them.”

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Mixon sparks SIU defense

11 tackles charge Salukis’ win over Missouri State

Brian Feldt

For the last two weeks, SIU’s defense looked like it was in need of a serious jump-start.

Chauncey Mixon came with the jumper cables Saturday. When senior linebacker Patrick Jordan went down with a medial collateral ligament (MCL) injury on Oct. 21, the SIU football team was concerned.

Mixon has eased the Salukis’ pain.

He responded to the challenge of filling the senior’s boots by recording 11 tackles and a sack in Saturday’s 27-17 victory over Missouri State University.

Mixon admitted to having butterflies before the game but soon put to rest any anxiety over his start.

In the first series of the game, Mixon had a key tackle and broke up a first down pass to limit the driving Bears to a field goal.

“Knowing that I had to come in and fill some shoes was a little bit of pressure, but I just had to come in here and do what I needed to do,” Mixon said. “And I did that.”

Despite a lack of game experience, though, Mixon looked like a seasoned veteran.

He made several key stops throughout the game and seemed to be in the mix wherever the ball went on the field.

His 11 tackles led all players on either sideline.

“He is quite a talent,” said defensive coordinator Tracy Claeys, who took on head coaching responsibilities Saturday in Jerry Kill’s absence.

“He is a seasoned veteran. He has a lot of game experience.”

After the Saluki defense allowed an average of 471 total yards per game in its losses to Illinois State University and Western Illinois University, Mixon helped limit MSU to just 263 total yards — the third best mark this season.

He also helped SIU on third down situations — a state of concern for SIU coming into the MSU game. SIU had allowed opponents to complete over half of their third down attempts successfully.

Against the Bears, though, the Salukis’ defense kept third down conversions to a minimum — thanks in large part to the play of Mixon.

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Fantasy

Week of the fantasy studs

Finally, we had a week in which the top two fantasy dogs were both studs.

Both LaDainian Tomlinson and Larry Johnson put up the numbers we all expected in the beginning of the season.

Both had been somewhat disappointing as the top two rated fantasy running backs, which changed Saturday.

Johnson and Tomlinson both lit up opponents for a combined seven touchdowns and more than 400 total yards of offense.

Tomlinson rushed for 283 yards and a pair of touchdowns while catching three passes for 57 yards and another touchdown — three on the day.

Johnson responded by recording 155 rushing yards and four touchdowns on 18 carries.

Both should be able to continue their dominance into week nine, as they play teams the following week.

Both could be scarce.

Six sleepers for next week could be in the mix Friday night.

The Colts’ Joseph Addai, with an average of 167.9 rushing yards per game and having allowed eight touchdowns to opposing backs.

While Dillon and Marioney should split reps, it’s possible to see 70-90 yard performance from each. Touchdowns, though, could be scarce.

Dillon or Marioney could serve as an adequate second back if you need one.

At this point in the season, it seems like a no-brainer to start the Chicago defense. This week, though, it is especially true.

The Bears play at home against the Miami Dolphins, who have the highest ratio of turnovers in the league.

Miami has turned the ball over 21 times this season while the Bears have created 22 turnovers — the most in the NFL.

The Bears could feast on this stat by scoring a touchdown or maybe

Volleyball

More than just the numbers

Senior Haley Hann provides leadership, talent

Scott Mieszala

It’s not easy to see everything Haley Hann brings to the SIU volleyball team.

Hann, a senior rightside hitter, racks fourth on the team in kills and second in block assists this season.

But Hann brings more than just skills to the team.

She is a leader on and off the court.

Senior middle blocker Johannah Yutzty during the Salukis’ 3-1 win over Bradley University on Saturday at Davies Gym.

The Daily Egyptian

Senior hitter Haley Hann celebrates a point with teammate Joannahl Yutzty during the Salukis’ 3-1 win over Bradley University on Saturday at Davies Gym.

Senior hitter Haley Hann celebrates a point with teammate Johannah Yutzty during the Salukis’ 3-1 win over Bradley University on Saturday at Davies Gym.

Scott Mieszala

Hann and Yutzty, who are roommates, remained in Carbondale this season at the collegiate level.

Hann has been a four-year starter at SIU and regularly sets the tone for a match.

Head coach Brenda Winkeler said Hann also sets the tone for the team during offseason workouts.

Hann and Yutzty are roommates, remained in Carbondale this summer and spent much of their time together working out.

“Haley’s my partner in crime, she’s always here over the summer,” Yutzty said. “We’re always working out hard and doing the extra things.”

One extra thing is working out during the spring when volleyball season is half a year away, a time when Hann said training is the hardest.

“Harder to just practice, lift and condition when you’re not even playing,” she said. “You’re thinking, ‘What am I doing? We don’t even play till fall!’ It’s hard mentally.”

In the work in the offseason, though, has contributed to Hann’s solid play this season.

As a four-year starter, Hann has become a dependable player and said she thrives off the fact that she is counted on by teammates.

Hann moved into the Saluki record books Saturday against Bradley University. Her six block assists moved her into ninth place in the Saluki career block assists list.

Yutzty said Hann has left her mark on the program with their final seasons winding down.

“We’ve done everything together — she pushes me, she pushes others,” Yutzty said. “Honestly, I don’t think the program would be where it is today without Haley.”

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Volleyball

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Hann is a senior rightside hitter, racks fourth on the team in kills and second in block assists this season.

But Hann brings more than just skills to the team.

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Hann and Yutzty, who are roommates, remained in Carbondale this season at the collegiate level.

Hann has been a four-year starter at SIU and regularly sets the tone for a match.

Head coach Brenda Winkeler said Hann also sets the tone for the team during offseason workouts.

Hann and Yutzty are roommates, remained in Carbondale this summer and spent much of their time together working out.

“Haley’s my partner in crime, she’s always here over the summer,” Yutzty said. “We’re always working out hard and doing the extra things.”

One extra thing is working out during the spring when volleyball season is half a year away, a time when Hann said training is the hardest.

“Harder to just practice, lift and condition when you’re not even playing,” she said. “You’re thinking, ‘What am I doing? We don’t even play till fall!’ It’s hard mentally.”

In the work in the offseason, though, has contributed to Hann’s solid play this season.

As a four-year starter, Hann has become a dependable player and said she thrives off the fact that she is counted on by teammates.

Hann moved into the Saluki record books Saturday against Bradley University. Her six block assists moved her into ninth place in the Saluki career block assists list.

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Fantasy

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