Coal plant study completed

Joe Crawford
Daily Egyptian

Results to be released within two weeks

Gatton said he received the results of an initial "fatal flaws" study to determine the feasibility of the 200- to 250-megawatt plant Tuesday, and he said he expected the results would be made public within about two weeks. The state paid for the study and will determine when to release the results, Gatton said.

Gatton said the study was performed to make rough projections about the potential plant, such as the approximate size and cost. The study determined the plant would probably be most economical if built larger than initially projected, he said.

"We were sizing based on our need and part of the study was to also base it on the technology and the most cost effective way to produce electricity," he said.

The SIUC Power Plant burns coal and produces about two and a half megawatts of power, or 12 to 15 percent of what the campus uses. The proposed new structure would use coal gasification technology, which breaks down coal into its basic

Local toy stores unaffected by recalls

Suzanne Cox, of Carbondale, arranges Thomas the Tank Engine toys at My Favorite Toys, a store at University Mall, she co-owns with her husband, Samuel. Cox said they had a few recalls on Thomas toys, but most recalls are for Mattell products, which the store does not carry.

David Lopez
Daily Egyptian

Ever since Chinese toy recalls rattled the American marketplace this summer, many retailers have expressed fear that the holiday season may not see the same turnout as in previous years.

Yet for toy stores in Carbondale, the effect of the recalls has not hampered their business this holiday season, and for one store in particular, the recalls actually boosted their popularity.

Samuel and Suzanne Cox, co-owners of My Favorite Toys, which is the only specialty toy store in University Mall, have had their store in the mall for two years and remember exactly what the reaction was like from customers.

"No one likes the idea of toy recalls," Samuel Cox said. "We had people coming in who refused to buy toys made in China."

But Samuel Cox, whose store features the biggest selection of Thomas the Tank Engine in the area, said he wasn’t affected too much by the recalls

University Hall open over break

Brandy Oxford
Daily Egyptian

Both Luther’s Christmas is hanging in the balance between work and home as she waits for her Will and Grand Apartment’s holiday work schedule to be posted.

Although Luther’s apartment complex stays open over the holidays, a large portion of University Housing will be closed as of 8 p.m. Dec. 15. Students who will not be heading home for the holidays or need to stay an extra day or two can stay in University Park — Neely Hall, University Hall and the Towers — for $15 a night.

Lauer, a junior from Amboy studying mortuary science and funeral service, said she will have to work over break to accommodate students who do not go home, but she hopes she will get January shifts so she won’t have to cancel her holiday plans.

“My roommate is going to be working over break so she’ll be here too,” she said.

Beth Scally, coordinator of marketing for University Housing, said the enrollment decrease over the last several years has opened up space in Roomer II for students who do not already live in housing that stays open over break.

“Before, we used to put them into basement rooms that had like 10 bunks in the room and since we have the space, this is a much preferable way to do it,” Scally said. “We definitely offer a better service.”

Scally said most students only stay in break housing for a few days, and those who know they will have to stay generally already live in University Park.

“That’s how we advertise it when we contract students,” Scally said. “If we know that they’re going to need a room over break to let them know that this is the area that stays open.

Lauer’s estimated 10 to 15 students would take advantage of break housing.

“Not a lot of people stay but, like in architecture, if they’re here a lot of bad weather, and they need to make up flight time, there might be an student who needs to stay just a couple days,” Scally said.

The $15 per night fee is used to pay staff that stay over break, including about 50 student workers and two break supervisors. Students who stay in break housing will have 24-hour access to university housing staff in case of an emergency.

“Of course, somebody’s got to give up their Christmas, so that’s never fun,” Scally said.

Lauer said she and her roommate have a Christmas tree and plan to celebrate the holidays with other residents before she makes the 6-hour drive home.

“They are going to buy presents for each other,” she said. “They’re working on the schedule now, so we don’t know what’s staying over Christmas. If it comes down to it, I can stay, but living so far away, I don’t get to go home very much. It would be nice to be home for a while.”
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Student Center shops for new food

Directors asks USG for input on dining options

**Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN**

For the first time in 10 years, the Student Center could be taking on a new flavor.

Lori Stettler, director of the Student Center, spoke to the Undergraduate Student Government about new dining options during its final meeting of the semester Wednesday.

Stettler said the Student Center’s contract with Chartwells, the company currently handling student dining, expires on June 1, 2008. The contract began 10 years ago.

While McDonald’s operates under a different contract, Stettler said most of the restaurants in the Student Center — including Taco Bell, Subway and Bamboo Asian — could be replaced with other options during new contract negotiations.

USG senators completed a paper survey indicating the types of restaurants they would like to see on campus.

Some senators indicated they would like to see vegetarian restaurants, while others repeatedly expressed an enthusiastic desire for Popeyes Chicken.

Possible changes would affect retail dining options in the Student Center, not food plans for on-campus housing residents, Stettler said.

She said the Student Center staff was open to suggestions from students, who could e-mail comments to scenter@siu.edu.

“We are hoping for dramatic changes,” Stettler said. “Students should be excited because when they leave in May, the Student Center may look old and tired. When they return in August, we hope they will see significant changes.”

Ken Suzuki, a senator representing the College of Liberal Arts, said he was ready for new choices.

“What it boils down to is the difference between cost and nutritional value,” Suzuki said. “We may be getting the best deal for our buck now, but the quality isn’t necessarily there, at least in the minds of the students.”

Negotiations for a new dining contract would start during the spring of 2008, Stettler said.

Walter Ehling, director of recreational sports and services, also spoke at the meeting. He discussed a proposed $25.60 per semester increase to the Recreation Fee for fall 2008.

Ehling provided a visual presentation and answered questions about new recreation options he said could be built with money from the fee.

Senators will vote on proposed student fee increases at their first meeting next semester, but the final decision must come from the Board of Trustees.

President Demetrous White said the semester had been successful for the organization.

“I think this body this year has gone out and done what they are supposed to do, which is go out and talk to students and report to the administration,” White said. “We’ve actually begun to get people to really hear what students want and they’re actually taking notice.”

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Iran leader proclaims U.S. reversal a victory for hard-line nuclear faceoff

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Wednesday called the dramatic U.S. turnaround in a new approach to Iran's nuclear program, saying it shows the sanctions’ hard line is now suffering setbacks.

In a rare appearance at a news conference with the new U.S. ambassador, the first such meeting since the Bush administration imposed the sanctions, Ahmadinejad said the U.S. is now reversing itself from a policy that threatened “no dialogue, no interactions.”

Two more moderates opposed at home are hoping the assessment’s contents will assuage their concerns.

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TOYS

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because his store is not corporately owned.

Samuel Cox said he has more control over what would and would not be sold in his store after the recall, and people responded according. Two versions of Janes’ toys and a bridge and crane set were all recalled but pulled and replaced with new versions because of Cox’s quick action.

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Many parents, though, are still wary of the toy recalls and are going through increased efforts to avoid contact with tainted toys.

“I’m trying to avoid buying things from China,” said Jean Barrett, a grandmother from Murphysboro.

“We never know when it ends, you think it’s done, and then you find out there’s another recall,” Barrett said. She is trying to exclusively buy toys on the Internet, and said many of the parents she speaks to online share her feelings.

Other specialty toy stores in Carbondale have also remained unaffected by the tainted toys this holiday season.

Vinyls employee Brian Callahan said his store’s items are mostly made in China and Japan, and some have been on their shelves for as long as six years. Despite this, they never hear any word from the manufacturers.

“The manufacturers were required to send out notices when the recalls happened, and we never got any notices,” Callahan said.

Much of the merchandise is aimed at an older audience, and thus there is less worry that any lead based paint would make it into a customer’s mouth, Callahan said.

Despite the massive recalls and distrust among consumers, Samul Cox still sees a silver lining in this dark cloud.

“I think this Christmas may be the safest in a long time because these issues have come to light,” he said.

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COAL

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and environmental impact of the coal-fueled plant, and Gatton said he has continued to get negative feedback about the plan.

“There is certainly a segment of the populace here that is opposed to even operating the (SIUC Power Plant),” he said.

Student trustee Megan Pulliam, who is a member of the Student Environmental Center, said the university should move away from coal power altogether. She said SIUC should show a commitment to using renewable forms of energy such as wind power.

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DANCE

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came to the class and performed one traditional Mexican folklore dance and one traditional Puerto Rican dance.

Alicia Chavira-Prado, professor in the anthropology department, said she wanted to surprise her class with an end of semester celebration.

“She said we were going to have a guest speaker today,” said Danielle Rios, a sophomore from Chicago studying administration of justice.

The students of Anthropology 204 were told attendance for Wednesday’s class would be heavily weighted into the final grade. Chavira-Prado said she wanted to make sure there was an audience for the performance.

“I’m sorry I fibbed to all of you,” Chavira-Prado said to her class after the performance.

Chavira-Prado said two teachers from the elementary school had asked her to teach Latin dances to their students. Susan McMerrin, literature arts teacher at Giant City Elementary School, said the students have been studying Mexican culture while reading a Hispanic novel called Esperanza Rising.

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Chavira-Prado said, “I think music enhances appreciation.”

The students spent less than a week learning the dances, Chavira-Prado said.

Kyle Milburn, a freshman from Rockford studying architecture, said he enjoyed the surprise performance.

“I like how she’s teaching the younger kids too, not just college students,” Milburn said of his professor.

At the end of the second dance, the children went through the auditorium and brought students up front to the room to dance with them. The performance concluded with food and drinks for the class.

Fatima Villagomez, an undecided freshman from Chicago, said the children performed well.

“They represented the culture very well,” Villagomez said. “It was a nice surprise.”

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GA’s need solidarity

Dear Editor:

In response to Charles Groce’s column, I am only sorry that we place our problems as AGA’s are our own fault, I am also disillusioned with a lackluster contract. As an union member, I am not positive that I will be voting in favor of it. However, what I am sure about is that it is the lack of solidarity among our graduate students that is largely responsible for this lackluster contract.

While I do not know Mr. Groce’s vote on the union election, I know that many who voted yes did not join the union. This is evidenced by the paltry membership number. The union retains a low percent because we, the graduate students, handled the administration the most powerful bargaining position. We gave the administration the ability to do the best by not showing solidarity with our fellow students and joining the union.

The administration is spending like a 16-year-old with mom and dad’s credit card. This is evidenced (among other things) by Sakah Way and the new recreation fee associated with it. I’m sure that Mr. Groce was able to clean up the mess. I would not be surprised if more fees to pay for the middle-road project are on the way.

The fact of the matter is that fees are rising. We could have exercised solidarity with our fellows for a better deal, but we didn’t. I blame it on all three sources for any net decline in pay, for any problem whatsoever with this contract lies on those who did not exercise solidarity.

Mr. Groce tells us he wants democracy. Well, I have voted for democracy, I have voted in union, I have voted for better negotiated terms and for a better deal. Mr. Groce’s vote in favor of the 1993 contract indicates to me that he voted against democracy and for the status quo.

Got a prob? Join the union

Dear Editor:

In response to Charles Groce’s guest column of Dec. 5, I frankly shake my head. It’s easy for people to criticize the efforts of others and to complain about a supposed ineffectiveness. After all, in an ideal world, it would be lovely for the GA United bargaining committee to have gone into contract negotiations with the university and have received everything asked for in the initial proposal. Sadly, we live in a world called reality.

If graduate students are upset about the terms of their employment, I most heartily support that — and suggest that they join the union. I further more support that if they want more out of their union, they become active in that union and in creating a force with which to be reckoned.

Mr. Groce has argued that the university’s graduate assistants as a whole want to be involved in the process. From his impassioned column, I would surmise that he is one of those AGAs who wants a say in the direction of the union. But by his request that he be allowed to vote in union matters without joining the union, he is, in fact, declaring that while he wants the benefits of union membership, he doesn’t want to have to extend himself.

The contract that GA United has bargained includes stipend increases over the next three years — stipend increases that would not have existed otherwise. It includes a partial reimbursement of health care fees to begin in the next academic year. Without the GA United contract, these things would not have been handed over to the graduate assistants from the administration. It is a young union, one that is growing — and as graduate assistants continue to work toward better conditions, I hope that it will flourish here at SIUC.

Kylie Olean

graduate student

More credit hours will hurt GAs

Dear Editor:

I wanted to throw some support behind Charles Groce’s GA United column from Wednesday.

Mr. Groce raises some interesting points in his criticism of the upcoming GA United contract ratification, why is it that an organization with such a small constituency can essentially decide the fate of the collection graduate assistant community? If Mr. Groce is correct in estimating the cost of variable fees against the increase in pay, then the only redeeming quality of this contract is essentially reduced. I myself will fall victim to the new contract, as a graduate student in education with a bachelor’s degree in anthropology, I have many, many extra credit hours of undergraduate deficiencies to make up.

I cannot take eight graduate credits a semester and still make up those deficiencies, so essentially I’m out of a job, a tuition waiver, and my employer is out of their assistant. I can’t rationalize why, if my department is fine with my progress, and my employer is pleased with my performance, I can’t benefit from being a graduate assistant. Worse yet is that I have no say in the matter.

Congratulations GA United, you’ve scored, me, and yet you want me to pay dues for your assistance. Do something useful, and maybe I’ll consider it.

Anthony Baker

graduate student studying English literature

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
Credit check on aisle seven

Kelle Monahan
GUEST COLUMN

It’s that time of year again. The holiday season will be here before you can get through “The Twelve Days of Christmas” or “Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel.”

And for those of you keeping track, there are only 19 shopping days left until Jolly Old Saint Nick snaps Santa’s rings in.

With all of the hustle and bustle of the season, it is easy to get caught up in the joy of giving and lose sight of what the holidays are really about. No one wants to be paying off this year’s holiday gifts when bikini weather rolls back around.

In order to avoid splurging or spending too much during this jovial time of year, here are a few tips to keep in mind when purchasing a present for that special someone:

• First, create a holiday gift giving budget and stick to it. While it may not be the most fun activity of the season, it will be well worth it after the New Year rolls in.

• Don’t wait until the last minute to find the perfect gift. Not only will the selection be limited, it will be harder to find a present in the right price range.

• Compare prices. Check the flyers in the Sunday paper and compare prices at different stores then hold on to the ad because many stores have price guarantees. After the stockings are stuffed, the presents wrapped, and the menorah flames dance in the night, try to relax and enjoy the season. But remember, your monthly credit card statement will also be in the mailbox before you can get the words to “Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel” out of your head.

Here are a few additional tips for paying off that holiday balance:

• Pay more than the minimum or pay the balance in full. Why drag out payments? Pay the balance off faster and save money in interest charges.

• Know your interest rate. It is important to always know the rate you are being charged on purchases, big or small.

• Monitor the statements for inaccuracies and notify the credit card issuer of any changes to your personal information.

By following these simple steps to holiday gift giving, your season is sure to be merry and bright long into 2008 and you won’t be paying for your 2007 holiday gifts in 2008 or beyond.

Monahan is a senior studying speech communication and the 2007 Mastodon Worldwide intern.
Wednesday afternoon in the Dr. J. Shea Natatorium

ABOVE: Freshman diver John Mueller climbs over a gate board during practice Wednesday. Backward dives have an added sense of danger.

ABOVE: Junior diver Alex Moretto looks down while in mid-air of a jump off the divering board during practice Wednesday. Backward dives have an added sense of danger.

Jeff Engelhardt

With the front and inward dives, divers have a heightened sense of danger as the divers risk grazing their skulls with the diving board.

Sophomore Emily Gable, a member of the SIU dive team who has been diving competitively for more than five years, said the sport takes great focus because there is always something new to learn.

The physical demands of divers match the mental demands, as they have to keep full control of all their limbs in the color of flips and turns to end in a headfirst, complete vertical position.

Dives are scored through a point system, with 10 being perfect. Every decimal counts.

To stay in shape, the SIU divers meet every morning for a cardio workout and then work on trampolines and mats in the afternoon to simulate a dive and work on technique.

The workouts focus on leg strength and abdomen building. Leg strength is needed so divers can explode off the platform and abdomen strength is important to transition from landing on your feet to landing on your head.

The five main dives all divers work off of are the front, back, inward, reverse and twisting.

Bruises and bumps come with the territory, because diving is mostly mental.

Jeff Engelhardt

To a college diver, the physical demands of diving came easy to freshman John Mueller, whose eight years of gymnastics led him to reach back as far as he can. To water hoping for a perfect entry so their bodies don't smack.

permanent damage and death can occur. All the aforementioned are risks the SIU divers take every day.

Their heads whiz inches past a concrete platform as they twist and flip their way down to water hoping for a perfect entry so their bodies don't smack. Diving is mostly mental.

But that's a compliment. I marvel at what they do, and when it's done right, it can be beautiful and graceful.

The physical demands of divers match the mental demands, as they have to keep full control of all their limbs in the color of flips and turns to end in a headfirst, complete vertical position.

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Wilderness is returning to the team after he originally signed with the 49ers in 2005, but then opted to attend prep school in North Carolina. He then re-signed with the 49ers last season.

Moxley said the freshman is a great addition to the team because he focuses as much as any veteran to scouting reports and is mature in the mental aspects of the game.

Wilderness was named the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week Monday after his performance against Wake Forest Nov. 29 when he recorded a career-high 21 points and six rebounds.

The last meeting between the teams was Jan. 2, 2004, when Charlotte came away victorious at the SIU Arena 64-59, ending the Salukis’ home winning-streak, which began at the start of the 2001-2002 season.

Charlotte defeated Davidson, another opponent ranked in the top 25 earlier this season, 75-68 Wednesday.

The 49ers lead the all-time series 5-1 coming into Saturday night’s matchup with the Salukis in Charlotte. Tip-off is set for 7:05 p.m. ET.

BASKETBALL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16

Bears, Redskins still hope for playoffs despite struggles

Howard Fendrich
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LANDOVER, Md. — A season removed from the Super Bowl, the Chicago Bears are mastering the art of inconsistency. Their results so far? They opened this way: loss, win, loss. Then, after a second consecutive loss in Week 4, the Bears have put together this string over the past eight games: win, loss, win, loss, win, loss, win, loss.

The Washington Redskins, meanwhile, have been far more consistent of late: loss, loss, loss, loss.

It’s a testament to the parity — or, frankly, the mediocrity — of the NFC that both of these struggling teams consider themselves part of the playoff race going into their head-to-head meeting Thursday night.

“We need to get this one. We know it’s important for them, too. Both teams are going to be tired from Sunday’s game, so the team that wants it the most is going to get it,” said Washington defensive end Phillip Daniels. “We know our backs against the wall, just like theirs. At least the Bears and Redskins also seem to appreciate why they haven’t been eliminated from contention yet. As Washington center Casey Rabach put it: “Thank God, the rest of the league has kind of been helping us along here.”

“That’s for sure. Amazingly, even at 5-7, Chicago and Washington are only one game behind the three teams tied for the conference’s final playoff berth: Arizona, Detroit and Minnesota.

So that means there’s still a chance of playing into January, no matter how slight. And that, in turn, means players on both teams are talking about Thursday’s contest as “an elimination game.”
Today's Birthday. You'll get to the heart of the matter this year. Your inquiries may lead to confusion initially, but keep asking the tough questions. You will break through.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating 10 is the easiest day. 5 is the most challenging.

April (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 2 — With the help of a friend, your energy is up. You might have to do some work, but you'll be more successful this way.

May (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 2 — You can lend a hand to someone who needs it. Your help will be appreciated.

June (June 22-July 21) — Today is a 3 — A new friend may enter your life. Be open to new experiences.

July (July 22-Aug. 22) — Today is a 4 — You may need to make a decision. Trust your instincts.

August (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — Your creativity is at its peak. Use it to work on a project you're passionate about.

September (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — A new opportunity may come your way. Be ready to seize it.

October (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — You may need to take a stand for what you believe in.

November (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 8 — You may have to take a chance to see if it could work. Be open to new ideas.

December (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — There may be a twist to a situation you're dealing with. Stay calm and think things through.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You may have to work harder to achieve your goals. Keep pushing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — You may need to make a decision. Consider all your options.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — You may need to be more assertive. Stand up for yourself.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — You may need to work on something you're passionate about. Keep going.

 Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 4 — You may need to make a decision. Consider all your options.

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Alicia Wade

If you learned anything from the relaunched “Batman” series Bale stars in, I have learned that this rehash of “Terminator” films will in fact, rock my socks. And if it doesn’t, there are always a lot of things that go boom for entertainment.

Jakina Hill

No, the world does not need a new “Terminator” or another remake for that matter. What’s happening to all the creativity that used to go into film-making? The writers must still be on strike.

Audra Ord

Enough already! Between the first three “Terminator” films and the “Sara Connor Chronicles” series, I think there’s enough Terminator out there already. Granted, The Terminator always said he’d be back, and here’s the proof. The machines really are taking over the world.

Gloria Bode says check out ‘Fashionably Late’ on siuDE.com.

PULSE

Chatterbox

Filming for a new “Terminator” trilogy will begin in March, and Christian Bale has been slated as hero John Connor in the first installment, “Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins.” Does the world really need more Terminator?

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Hanger B: Commeal
PIC: Sam West
Gloxy Junction: Live Blues Music

12/7

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Cousin Andy’s Four Stillings Short
Copper Dragon: The Rat Pack
PIC: The Nationals
Key West: DJ Red
Gloxy Junction: The Skinny Dips

12/8

Hanger B: Boubon Knights
Copper Dragon: Harleburg’s Ball
PIC: Kirkland
PIC: The Nations
Longbranch: Kids for Sale closing reception, Salsa Dancing
Key West: Request DJ and Karaoke
Tres Habernos: DJ Red

12/9

Hanger B: Death by Karaoke w/ DJ Punk Soul Brotha
PIC: NFL games in HD
Key West: Has John Blan Band

12/10

Hanger B: Open Mic

12/11

Hanger B: Dollar Nite w/ Punk Soul Brotha
Tres Habernos: County Line

12/12

Hanger B: DJ Bayside Hip Hop and Dance Show
Gloxy Junction: Open Mic

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CROSS Word

Brain chewing tough!

Check out today’s challenge.
Delaware

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offense is so good, and they’ll probably paint right to their quarterback, too.

Northern Iowa out-gained the Blue Hens in total yardage, too. “Tebow showed he could do more than
run the ball this season on the way to his
history. His pre-dropback ability to get the ball
off through a defense that thinks he’s about
to run the ball has been impressive, but his
ability to run through defenders when they
know it’s coming is even more prolific. Give
the quarterback the trophy.”

“Tebow for all his touchdowns, this
is the weakest class of candidates I can
remember. I can’t think of a reason to
give it to anybody else, though Collin Brennan
2008 numbers would’ve made him a lock.
I’m not voting the winner is the next Danny
W girlfriend or Ron Dayne, it’s just that none of
these guys really rule it,” said SIU

Scott Mieszala

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FOOTBALL
SPECIAL TEAMS SPECIALTY

SIU focuses on kick, return game

Sean McGahan
DAILY EDITION

Though the SIU football team has recorded all of its scores on offensive and defensive possessions this season, coach Jerry Kill didn’t focus on either during his quarterly pre-game address on Saturday.

Kill said he told the team the key to the 34-27 victory and all victories in the postseason came down to special teams and the field position advantage the plays dictated.

Kill said the team had a decisive advantage in the kicking game especially, and will need to do similar things to capitalize in the semifinal contest Saturday.

Nearly every Saluki starter serves on at least one special team, with many doing double- or even triple-duty. In addition to many offensive sets, sophomore fullback Rick Burgess returns the game for kickoff, kick return and the punt team.

The team also has many skill position players doing the dirty work on special teams.

Senior quarterback John Randle said he took his role as a blocker for the kick return team just as seriously, if not more, than his carries out of the backfield.

He said he enjoys the one-on-one challenges special teams present.

“Every man needs to be locked up on theirs,” Randle said. “It’s like an individual battle, and if you lose on yours the whole play could be busted.”

Special teams present a greater challenge because the possessions last longer than an average play would, as full contact can take place for 15 seconds or more.

Randle’s blocks are designed to spring return specialist Craig Turner, whose three returns for 99 yards Saturday gave the Salukis a short field on offense.

Despite Turner’s threat on the return, the Massachusetts coaches opted not to kick away from the speedy cornerback like other teams did this season.

Minutemen coach Don Brown said that has been the strategy for his team all season, but it did not pay off Saturday.

“If you look at our kickoff coverage, it’s been the best in our conference all year and we haven’t been afraid of people,” Brown said. “We got athletes, we get out there and chase athletes with athletes, and they did the better job today.”

Turner has accumulated 651 yards on 24 kick returns this season and 223 yards on 20 punt returns, despite playing nearly every series on defense.

Turner said he hasn’t practiced his returns as much as he has in the past this season, but his additional time in the film room has paid off more than the on-field repetition.

“Just like everything in football, he said, returns are 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical, and he has honed the mental aspect by studying kick coverage.”

“It’s kind of more of an instinct now because I can replay it in my head and actually this guy’s supposed to be here, so once I get the ball and make a cut I know who is supposed to be in that area and who to avoid,” Turner said.

The importance of visuals also comes into play on the kickoff team, said junior wide receiver Kyle Walker.

Walker serves almost exclusively on coverage teams and has recorded 13 tackles through those means this season. He is almost always the first one down the field on kickoff, and often the first one to lay the hit.

Walker said he has excelled on special teams because of his speed and explosion, as well as his ability to see the blockers while still keeping his eyes focused on the ball carrier.

He said he enjoys special teams because “nothing is better than laying a hit on someone.”

“I just like hitting people. Everybody that’s on special teams likes to hit people,” Walker said. “They’d hit me hard if I got the chance, so I’m going to do it to them first.”

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FOOTBALL

Weekend opponents pose speedy threats

Scott Mieszala
DAILY EDITION

SIU junior safety Clayton Johnson said on Saturday he will be going up against the best quarterback he’s ever faced.

Leading Delaware to McAndrew Stadium for the NCAA Division I Football Championship semifinals is senior quarterback Joe Flacco, whom SIU coach Jerry Kill expects will be a first-day draft pick in next year’s NFL Draft.

Kill said Flacco is the reason the Blue Hens have been successful this season.

“You’re not going to slow him down. You can’t get frustrated,” Kill said. “You got to make him miss every once in a while.”

Flacco has thrown for 3,686 yards and 20 touchdowns this season, passing for 312 yards with two touchdowns when the Blue Hens (10-3) beat No. 1-ranked Northern Illinois 39-27 on Saturday.

The 6-foot-6-inch, 230-pound quarterback completed 25 of 45 pass attempts and threw no interceptions while being sacked five times.

Delaware defensive coordinator Kirk Ciarocco said Flacco has the intelligence and all the physical tools to excel as a quarterback, and is the Blue Hens’ general on offense.

“I don’t know where we would be without him,” Ciarocco said. “To be successful on offense, you have to have a really good quarterback. All you got to do is ask the players on Southern Illinois’ team why their quarterback is the best.”

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Kill says QB Flacco will be first-day NFL draft pick

Megan Kramer
DAILY EDITION

The Charlotte 49ers aren’t trying to pull any fancy tricks on SIU’s lead scorer Randy Randle Saturday night.

The 49ers (5-2) will take to the Charlotte Jerry Richardson Coliseum to take on the Blue Hens (3-9) in the annual contest.

The game will start at 7:00 p.m.

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