The forgotten culture
Native Americans teach heritage to break stereotypes. Story on 6, 7

Officer: Campus crime not unusually high
Recent robbery sparks some concern

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Crime on campus may have forced some students and staff to rethink their routines after dark recently, but Todd Sigler, director of Public Safety, said there has not been a significant increase in crime.

While crime on campus is inevitable, Sigler said students just need to be aware of their surroundings and understand the stories relayed from person to person could create misinformation.

The most recent reported armed robbery, which occurred between 8:45 p.m. and 8:50 p.m. on Oct. 28 by Lawson Hall, stirred an e-mail that was passed through administrators and students about being safe on campus, especially at night.

Jane Swanson, chairwoman of the Psychology Department, who received the e-mail and sent it to her students, said it was distressing to hear the crime was committed fairly early at night.

“There are a lot of people still walking around campus at night,” said Swanson, who works close to Lawson Hall.

“By and large, college students think they’re impervious to something bad happening to them and that’s just not true.” — Todd Sigler
director of Public Safety

“Wishing to be close to where I work and to see the scary. There have been two other armed robberies on campus this year as of Oct. 28, and one strong-arm robbery, which means no weapon was involved, Sigler said.

Seven robberies were reported last year and eight were reported in 2007. Robbery counts are continuing at a usual pace, and thefts may stay the same or increase slightly towards the end of the year, Sigler said, but burglaries are steadily declining.

Burglaries occur when there is an uninvited entry and something is stolen. Thefts occur when there is invited entry and something is stolen.

Sigler said the burglary count has declined since the arrest in of two individuals who were responsible for almost 50 burglaries on campus in 2006.

Thefts are expected to remain close or slightly increase compared to last year’s count of 272, he said.

“It’s hard to say why there would be an increase,” Sigler said. “But in economic times right now, we’re starting to see a real increase in theft. People have got to lock their stuff up.”

There have been three reported forcible sexual offenses as of Nov. 1. There were a total of six last year.

“We spend a lot of time educating the campus community about being careful at night,” Sigler said.

Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, chairwoman of the Department of Criminal Justice, said she isn’t too apprehensive about walking around on campus at night.

“I walk around at night myself and I feel pretty comfortable here,” Leonard said. “I think that really, in my mind, our campus is safe.”

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State behind on payments to university

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The university is waiting on $115 million owed from the state for the 2010 fiscal year, and if missed payment continue, further cuts would most likely follow, said SIU President Glenn Poshard.

Poshard said the university has not received appropriation payments from the state for July, August, September or October.

“Hopefully, we’ll start to see some revenue come in November because if not, we go into the hole fairly substantially,” Poshard said. “We simply don’t have enough money for operations at that point in time.”

The university could be as much as $20 million in the hole by the end of the month if no payment is received.

Poshard said even though the university has been proactive in cutting costs, saving more than $9 million in efficiencies throughout the past year, without some kind of increase in revenue, there will be a “dire situation” to face in the next fiscal year.

Poshard said for the immediate future, without payment from the state, the university would need to look into further cuts, but would do everything possible to avoid cutting personnel through furloughs and layoffs.

“This is a critical time for our office, and I feel like we have to do everything we can do to prevent those kinds of things,” Poshard said.
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Leonard and Sigler both said they want to stress the importance of using the Saluda Express, Night Safety Transit Service and Brightway Path, especially at night.

"Those are good things, but I don't think people take advantage of those," Leonard said.

Sigler said the mindset of most college students also allows them to be easy targets for crime.

"There's a feeling sometimes that they may be invincible," he said. "By "large," and college students think they're impervious to something bad happening to them and that's just not true.

Melodie Hansen, a junior from Lockport studying criminology, said she does take the precautions seriously because she walks to school.

"I do feel safe, though," Hansen said. "It really depends on where I am on campus."

Hansen said she feels safer while walking by Morris Library where there is a lot of light, but not safe while walking by Thompson Woods at night.

"My mom always reinforces me to carry Mace with me, so I usually do that," she said.

Sigler said the safety measures students learn as children still hold true in their lives today.

"The things your mom and dad told you as you're growing up, they really hold true while you’re down here or anywhere," Sigler said.

Decision expected Dec. 15 in Treviño arbitration

A final decision is expected around Dec. 15 in the arbitration between the university and former Chancellor Fernando Treviño.

SIU spokesman Dave Gross said the three-person panel of arbitrators has requested written arguments, in addition to the oral arguments that ended in the first week of October. The written arguments must be submitted by Nov. 16, Gross said, and a final decision is expected about one month later.

The arbitrators will decide if Treviño is entitled to the remainder of his contract’s payout — about $680,000 including salary, housing and other benefits.

Treviño, who was chosen as SIUC chancellor in summer 2007, was placed on paid administrative leave in March 2008.

SIU President Glenn Poshard cited failure to perform basic job duties outlined in Treviño’s contract and reassigned him to a tenured faculty position.

Former Board of Trustees member Sam Goldman was appointed interim chancellor in April 2008 and in January 2009, the ‘interim’ was dropped from his title.

Treviño is now serving as the dean of the Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work at Florida International University.

Calendar

Nov 5

Park Night and Folk Fest 6-10 p.m. Saturday at Carbondale Elks Club 2009. Jolson King and the Blue Norther with special guest Phil Turney. Tickets $15 at the door.

Nov 7

Student Center Auditorium $2 SIUC Student $3 General Public Running Time: 112 minutes Starring: Jason Gideon, Shari Coley, David James

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University Housing plans end-of-year goals

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University officials have been visiting other universities in preparation for the new, small-group housing project which will replace Greek Row.

After the Salukis’ last home football game, Memorial Stadium — starting with the stands on the west end — will be torn down to make way for a new student services building, Chancellor Sam Goldman said.

The new building will contain undergraduate admissions, records and registration, bursar, financial aid and other student support services, Goldman said.

“It’s not in the design stage yet, but once that old stadium comes down, it’s really going to change the face of campus,” Rod Sievers, university spokesman said.

Sievers said the student services fee increased from $30 to $80 this year, which is the last planned increase for the project.

Julie Payne Kirchmeier, director for University Housing, said the new building would create space to move offices and possibly residents out of the Greek Row area and into a different area of campus by May 2012, which is when Greek Row is scheduled to be demolished.

“If it all shakes out the way it should, it’s going to be an interesting venture to undertake,” Kirchmeier said.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, said the group housing project remains in the preliminary stages, but firm goals should be decided by the end of the year.

“The first thing is to get the student services building up and running,” Dietz said. “Right now we’re just gathering information.”

Kirchmeier said the buildings in the Greek Row area are more than 50 years old and suffer from mold and water damage. A state law passed in 2004 requires dormitories on all college campuses to have fire sprinkler systems installed by Jan. 1, 2013.

Kirchmeier said it would be too expensive to install new sprinklers, so the university opted to replace the buildings completely.

Kirchmeier said housing is slowly moving forward by finding out what students want in the new buildings. She said the bulk of students using the new housing would be Greeks, but there would be space for other groups.

Hillary Patton, Inter-Greek public relations coordinator, said what the Greeks want most is to have a centralized, common area. She said there are a lot of unknowns, and she doesn’t know where the remaining sororities will go while the housing is being built.

She said she hopes the university will be able to assist them with the transition.

“It’s a very decentralized group of housing,” Dietz said. “If we’re going to have a Greek community, we’re going to have everyone be involved.”

While plans for the new housing structures continue to move forward, there is still no preliminary budget. The apartments at Wall and Grand had a price tag of $27 million, and Kirchmeier said, with the help of private partnerships, the university might be able to build the group housing for less.

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FLU DRIVES DOWN DONORS

Haley Conner, an undecided freshman from Du Quoin, donates blood often. “I always try to donate every eight weeks. I’ve been doing it since I was 16,” Conner said. “I brought 36 bags, it would be good if we could get half.”

Jennifer Freeze, an organizer and recruiter for the blood drives, remains hopeful, as there are two blood drives coming up. There’s a blood drive Thursday at the Recreation Center in the alumni room from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Freeze said. On Monday, Lentz and Grinnell Halls will also host blood drives.

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SIUC community members are invited to meet:

Barbara Couture  
Candidate for the position of Chancellor

Monday, November 9

8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Candiate presentation to the University community with panel discussion and Q&A session in the John C. Guyon Auditorium at Morris Library.

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Reception with students in the International Lounge at the Student Center.

For more information about the candidate, please visit: https://www.siuc.edu/chancellorssearch/
One of Carbondale's most well-known non-local bands will make its way to Booby's Saturday night.

Kentucky Nightmare, from Bloomington, Ind., will play with Carbondale natives Secondary Modern. It will be Kentucky Nightmare's sixth trip to Carbondale, said the band's lead singer Simon Moore.

David Brown, of Secondary Modern, said he came across Kentucky Modern online and asked them to trade off some shows.

"Bloomington is not far from here, so I asked them to play a show at Hangar 9. Brown said, "That went really well, and people liked them."

Moore said he enjoys Carbondale because it has a good music scene. Because the band has been in Carbondale a few times, it has some loyal fans, he said.

"The atmosphere is really enthusiastic," Moore said. "There's just a lot of kids that love music."

Brown said Kentucky Nightmare could draw a bigger crowd than any other out-of-town band because of its past performances in Carbondale. He said the band could even attract as many fans as most local bands.

"They have played a show here before where they were ... playing with a band they were not really too well suited with," Brown said. "It wasn't a good drawing band they were traveling with, and people still came just to see them."

Matt McGuire, of Secondary Modern, said his band fits well with Kentucky Nightmare for a live show. However, there is more pressure on both bands because a tour can be grueling, he said.

"When you're on tour, you have to keep their spirits up and everything," McGuire said. "Any downtime during the tour should be relaxing."

Brown said there is more pressure, but it is less stressful when a band has been to a town, knows where to hang out and knows the people.

"It's easier if your friends with them," Brown said. "I've known them longer than any out-of-town bands that we play with."

McGuire said he enjoys when bands come into town because of the variety.

"We love all these bands that are in this town, but to have someone come in and play songs you don't hear on a monthly basis is refreshing," McGuire said.

Kentucky Nightmare has been able to reach a wider audience thanks to its record label, Standard Recording Company. Moore said.

Kevin Phillips, co-owner of Standard Recording, said the label has been with the band for about two years and helped re-release its first album, "Take Her Out." "I had been listening to their music 10 times a day and was just in love with the songwriting," Phillips said. "We sort of sent out an invitation to meet up and make friends over dinner, and the relationship seemed to click."

Brown said the record label is relatively small, but it has had a good amount of success, most notably by originally signing the popular band Margot and the Nuclear So and So.

Moore said he had unrealistically high expectations when he signed, but he has enjoyed his time with Standard Recording, and his band is doing well in a tough music industry.

Phillips said he has a great relationship with Kentucky Nightmare and loves the energy the band uses in its music.

"Simon and crew write some beautiful and thoughtfull songs," Phillips said. "With them, the original lineup has this certain charisma that was infectious."
Halliburton, the GOP dark side

Halliburton is a government contracter. The company did a lot of rebuilding in Iraq during the George W. Bush administration. Now, in the post-Bush era, the company has been down on its luck. The Associated Press announced the company has a 60 percent profit margin less than it had previously. Its public image has taken a beating as well. It does not help its main spokesman is Dick Cheney — the man who infamously shot his friend during a hunting trip and has been rumored to eat small, fuzzy puppies for dinner.

In September, the case of Jamie Leigh Jones hit the public. Jones was gang-raped by co-workers and, by her own contract, was not allowed to take it to court. There was a special on ABC, an article from the Huffington Post and NBC on the Keith Olberman show. In detail, she recounted her painful experience. Jones worked for Kellogg Brown & Root, a company owned by Halliburton in 2005. Leight was sent to work in Iraq as a computer technician. She was drugged and then gang-raped by a group of men. The next day she was given an examination and found she had been gang-raped by co-workers. She was then put into isolation at the Iraqi base.

Jones’ room only had a bed and a toilet. She was told if she tried to seek justice, she would lose her job in the company. Jones would have had to have arbitration — which is taxed in the company’s favor and without a jury — to have any justice at all. Jones waited two years for legal action and had none.

Jones, in a statement to Congress, said after she had been taken back to America, it was found her chest area had been damaged and needed reconstructive surgery. Meanwhile, those who did rape her had no consequences. Jones has started a foundation for women who also suffered this treatment.

The case of Jamie Leigh Jones with the backdrop of the amendment proposed by Al Franken does not help the Halliburton case. Franken introduced legislation that would restrict contracts with companies that use mandatory arbitration in their employment contracts. The amendment would help those situations such as Jones’ from happening again. When the amendment came for a vote there were 30 Republican senators who voted against the amendment.

The vote these Republicans gave could not help their image. The fact these Republicans voted against this legislation shows there is something else at work with the relationship between the Republican Party and Halliburth. According to campaignmoney.com, 67 percent of money given by Halliburth goes to Republicans.

Any funding for politicians has always been controversial. Will politicians be worried about the welfare of the voters or their next campaign funds? These Republicans will now have to face the image they set up for themselves. These senators were willing to stand up for the rights of a company that let rape go unpunished. The votes against the Franken amendment show a dark vein within the Republican Party that needs to be addressed.

THEIR WORD

Growth, at last

McClatchy Tribune

The bust of economic growth in the third quarter reported last week was notable for all the gripes and worries it elicited from commentators. It was dependent on temporary government programs, they said. It may not be sustainable. It’s not generating jobs. It doesn’t feel like a recovery.

All true. But contemplating a rebound that hit a 3.5 percent pace, we have something to say. Well take it.

The economy, after all, hadn’t given off a flicker of hope in a long time. Since the recession began in December 2007, total output had contracted by 3.7 percent in inflation-adjusted terms and some 7 million jobs had disappeared, with devastating effects on individuals and communities. The recession had lasted longer than any downturn since the Great Depression. If the third quarter marks the end of it, as it appears, Americans can look forward with hope.

But there are just as many hopeful signs. If the administration’s broad economic stimulus program has any value, it should start to pay off soon, because the money is only now starting to be spent. Exports are on the rise, thanks to a decline in the dollar and better conditions in other parts of the world. Businesses are not drawing down inventories so fast — raising hopes that new orders will soon pick up. Inflation and interest rates remain happily low.

None of this is any immediate comfort to Americans who have lost their jobs, and who cannot realistically expect hiring to pick up for a while yet. If the sun isn’t shining on them, though, the first rays of dawn can be seen peering above the horizon.

The third quarter results are no grounds for celebration, but they are cause to breathe a big sigh of relief.

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune Monday.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“In the U.S., people shoot up people in a shopping mall. There are crazy people everywhere.”

Humayan Hamidzada

A spokesman for the Internationalrotary

Kurans, saying the fact that an Afghan police officer killed five British soldiers in Helmand province does not indicate a problem within the Afghan police force.

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While Kingfisher wants students to know Native American tribes are not all the same.

Kingfisher, who is a Miniconjou Lakota, said people tend to think all Native Americans are the same.

“We’re not just brown,” Kingfisher said. “We have seven different bands in our tribe. We’re just all totally different, even amongst the bands.”

Kingfisher said Miniconjou, which means “camps by the water,” is the band of Lakota he is in. Lakota is a tribe located in South Dakota.

Possibly the most well-known Lakota was Crazy Horse, who was in the Ogala band and participated in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in June 1876.

Nichole Boyd, president of the Native American Student Organization, said she contacted Kingfisher to come to SIUC and speak for Native American Heritage Month because he has experience teaching about his heritage.

Kingfisher helped kick off Native American Heritage Month Monday with Iron Necklace, a traditional Native American drum and dance group that performed throughout the day at different dining halls. The performance was the first of 13 events taking place this month.

Gordon Green, a member of Iron Necklace who comes from the Chippewa in Michigan, said the dances and songs they performed were chosen to invite everyone to join in.

“Anybody who wants to join in is welcome during intertribal,” Green said. “It’s a really big part of our culture. Those particular songs didn’t have any words to them; it’s more about the feeling you get from the visuals.”

Green said the intertribals are dances for everyone — Native American or not — to express themselves through drum and dance.

Kingfisher said he knows more than 1,000 songs, ranging from ones sung when a girl gets her ear pierced for the first time to when a tribe member prays in a valley.

“We have some real sacred and spiritual songs that most people will never hear,” Kingfisher said. “We’re not allowed to sing them except for a certain area at a certain time.”

Kingfisher said he began learning the different songs when he was about 5 years old, and his grandfather would often quiz him on them.

Green said his goal for his visit to the university is to field questions from students who want to learn more about the heritage.

“I would love for people to feel comfortable enough to approach us and ask us intelligent questions about our culture,” Green said. “I like it when those from the younger generation ask questions, because then they’re getting it not out of the book, not from a teacher. They’re getting it from us.”

Green said he could end many of the stereotypes and misinformation about Native Americans just by fielding questions from students.

Boyd said she wants students to realize that their culture still exists.

“I want students to understand that Native culture is still alive and well,” Boyd said. “We are on this campus. There are natives on this campus that you would just pass by.”

Boyd, who is part Blackfoot and part Comanche, said if she could help one student break down stereotypes, then everything she has put into events for the month is worth the work.

Boyd organized many of the events going on for Native American Heritage Month.

Kingfisher said there is a lot of misinformation about the culture.

“I read a lot of books about my tribe, and they’re all wrong,” Kingfisher said. “I’ve yet to see anything that’s written about us that’s really true.”

Kingfisher said Monday’s activities were representative of everyday life for Native Americans. He said students walked by and maybe stopped and looked for a minute, but did not have the desire to learn about their culture.

Kingfisher said his tribe’s culture is not written, but is passed by word of mouth from generation to generation.

“There’s nothing written,” Kingfisher said. “I’ve never seen an actual songbook. Everything that we do is always evolving. We’re always learning.”

Green said he made his 10-year-old daughter, Lydia, first regalia, which is an important symbol for his tribe.

“The floral part of it comes from our culture, the way we survived, the way we fed our families,” Green said. “A lot of these flowers are first being used or used for medicinal purposes. There’s a reason certain types of flowers are on certain patterns.”

Green said the regalia consists of five main pieces: moccasins, leggings, skirt, vest and shawl, and is used for ceremonial occasions.

Green said he began teaching his daughter the traditional Chippewa dances when she was a year and a half old.

“We made her her first regalia and brought her into the circle with the right type of ceremony when she was 3 years old,” Green said.

Kingfisher said he does not understand how the university can have a Native American studies course when there are so many tribes.

“Which one are you studying?” Kingfisher said. “How are you going to know what the East Coast tribes are doing compared to the West Coast tribes?”

Roger Campbell performs a traditional Native American dance.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Story by
Stile T. Smith

Charles Castle, left, Gordon Green, right, and his daughter Lydia Green relax just before their performance in Lentz Hall Monday.
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— Wade Kingfisher member of the Minnicoujou Lakota tribe

Some Upcoming Events

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9**
- Film – The Manitou’s Shoe: Satirizing (Mis)Perceptions of the American Indian
  Dr. Lisa King (Delaware) and Dr. Thorsten Huth
  7:00 p.m., Student Center, Kaskaskia Room

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10**
- Native American Theme Meal
  11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at University Hall/University Housing
- “My Grandma was a Cherokee Indian”, Native American Legal Status in the United States
  Dawn C. Stricklin
  7:00 p.m. at Student Center, Ohio Room

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12**
- Blackhorse Mitchell (Navajo)
  7:00 p.m. at Student Center, Ballroom B

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13**
- Michael Jacobs (Cherokee)
  Umetanwah Ujëdë Dekanugisgo
  11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Student Center, Roman Room

**SUNDAY, NOV. 15 — SATURDAY, NOV. 21**
- Exhibit: Mapping the Trail of Tears through Southern Illinois
  Student Center 1st Floor, Display Case 51 South – located next to Starbucks

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16**
- “Unconquered: Allan Houser’s Apache Modernism”
  W. Jackson Rushing III
  7:00 p.m. Student Center, Ballroom D

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**
- Historical & Present Day Interactions between African Americans and American Indians
  Dr. Pamela Smoot
  7:00 p.m. at the Student Center, Ballroom B

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19**
- Stories from the Earth
  Robert Lewis, Master Cherokee Storyteller
  7:00 p.m. at the Student Center, Ballroom B

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20**
- Summer Sun, Winter Moon
  Film & Conversation with Dr. Anthony Webster
  7:00 p.m. at the Student Center, Illinois Room

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Salukis set to end fall season

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The Salukis are preparing for their final test before the conference tournament.

The SIU mens tennis team concludes its fall tournament season with the Murray State Invitational in Ken Lake, Ky. starting Friday. It will be the last time it plays until the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Championships in January.

Head coach Dean Nelson said the team has performed admirably during the fall season.

“Pretty much everybody we played had no experience,” Nelson said. “So for them to come out and perform like they did, it wasn’t bad. It goes me a lot of faith in how the spring season will go.”

Nelson said the reason a lot of new players on the team had an opportunity to gain experience was because of the number of injuries the team had. Senior Lucas Waked and Anton Leonenko both suffered arm injuries. Junior transfer student Falk De Beers become, from Belgium, also suffered an arm injury in the fall season.

Nelson said the play of his freshmen has impressed him.

“It wasn’t really surprising, but Brandon Flores and Chikara Kidera have been really high for us,” Nelson said. “Really, all the freshmen have performed well, considering this is the first college competition they have seen.”

Nelson said he was impressed with how well Kidera and Flores performed as a doubles team.

Kidera and Flores knocked off the sixth-seeded Wichita State duo Vlad Marincu and Adrian Cherniuc in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Championships in the first round, 9-7.

In singles play, Kidera and Flores have played in the No. 1 and No. 2 spots.

“It’s been a learning experience, I have had to play a lot of tough competition,” Kidera said. “I would say that it has made me ready for when we play in conference.”

Kidera said he was glad to see the fall tournament season end, and he was looking forward to playing conference teams in the spring.

“It’s been hard balancing my schedule between studying and playing tennis,” Kidera said. “I feel that in the spring I will be more used to it and will be able to perform better on the court.”

Kidera said the fall season has gone well for him, but sophomore Pablo Busay was not as happy about his fall season.

“It hasn’t gone that well for me,” Busay said. “I think I can do better.”

Busay said he wants to use the last tournament of the season as a stepping stone to the spring season.

“I really want to get some wins this weekend,” Busay said. “I think it would be good and build some confidence for me. I want to be better for when we play conference.”

Busay said while his play has not been up to his standards, the teams play has been solid.

“We have done really well considering all of our injuries,” Busay said. “When spring comes, I think we will be ready because all of the (experience) everyone got.”

Nelson said his main focus going into the spring season was to improve physically.

“We have done a good job, but what is best for the team is having everyone healthy,” Nelson said. He said until the spring, the only thing on his mind is the tournament at Murray State.

“I want us to end the fall well,” Nelson said.
For me, it has been the Minnesota Vikings. I knew they were going to be good, but the addition of Favre has made them really good. Simeon Rice now seems like an elite receiver and Purple Jesus is doing his thing out of the backfield. Gambled with their defense, which seems to think it has the right to sack quarterbacks on a whim, and you have a team that could make any team do a Najeh Davenport in its parts.

For me, it would be the Houston Texans. Every year it seemed like the Texans would break out. You would have one analyst every season who would scream that this is the year of the Texans. Yet, every year, the Texans would end 5-00 and look all kinds of average. This season, the Texans are an offensive force and could conceivably go toe-to-toe with most any NFL team. Matt Schaub has been a force to reckon with this season. I guess I should just wait for him to pan that Texans’ QB. Suite that David Carr loved so much.

Hand’s down, the New Orleans Saints. Last year they were 8-8, and this season they remain unbeaten at 7-0. Drew Brees is not human, and each week he impresses me more and more. As a whole though, every piece fits together perfectly. They have been a very balanced team.

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Jackrabbits look for conference supremacy

SIU, South Dakota State to play for share of title

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Five years ago, the Jackrabbits just wanted to make a successful jump to the Football Championship Subdivision.

Now they look to establish themselves as an elite program in the FCS.

No. 9 South Dakota State University (7-1, 6-0 Missouri Valley Football Conference) will look to claim at least a share of the Missouri Valley Football Conference Championship Saturday as it faces No. 3 SIU at 1 p.m. in Brookings, S.D.

Saturday’s winner will guarantee itself at least a share of the conference title, and an automatic berth in the FCS playoffs. It would be the first playoff appearance by South Dakota State, which moved up to the FCS from Division II football in 2004.

Head coach John Stiegelmeier said the key to a Jackrabbits’ victory would be to shut down at least one element of the Salukis’ balanced offense. “We know they can throw the ball, and we’ve got to stop the run. Ideally we can do that,” Stiegelmeier said. “Hopefully, we can turn it into a one-dimensional game and, hopefully, we will come out of the game with a win.”

Stiegelmeier should be optimistic if the Jackrabbits’ defense plays the way it has all season.

With a 17-3 win Saturday against Youngstown State, South Dakota State retook the FCS lead in scoring defense, allowing only 11.3 points per game. The Jackrabbits have held opponents without a touchdown in three of their eight games.

South Dakota State also leads the conference in rushing defense (89.89 yards per game), total defense (272.75 yards per game), and pass efficiency defense (92.54).

Junior linebacker Derick Domino said the key to his unit’s success has been the focus of every player. “We’re working hard, everybody’s doing their job,” Domino said.

The coaches preach that we’re each 1/116th of the defense and that’s why we are succeeding this year.”

The Jackrabbits still have some lingering questions on the offensive side of the ball.

Senior quarterback Ryan Crawford returned to action against the Penguins last week after missing three straight weeks with a knee injury. The senior finished 19-of-28 passing for 178 yards. The Jackrabbits did not put too much pressure on Crawford, electing to run the ball in key situations.

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