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Provost resignation a shock

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Gary Minish resigned as provost Wednesday, a month after taking over the campus' No.2 position, citing disagreements with Chancellor Rita Cheng over the direction she is taking the university.

Cheng said Minish resigned in an e-mail to her Wednesday morning. She said she would name an interim provost soon, and hoped to appoint a permanent provost who was already on board with her vision for the campus. There is no set time frame as to when a new

provost will be selected, Cheng said.

"It seemed like when I hired him that his thinking was consistent with mine," Cheng said. "In a very short time, a few days, it seemed like he had other directions that he felt the campus should go."

Sources who were briefed on the situation and spoke with the Daily Egyptian only on the condition of anonymity said Minish and Cheng had argued heatedly in recent days over Cheng's plans for a university college and other changes.

Cheng said Minish, who retired

in December 2009 as dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, asked to be reassigned to the college as a tenured professor. Minish's resignation takes effect Friday, she said.

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Graduates receive belated recognition

"I feel that SIUC has robbed me of a very special moment due to the negligent actions of staff."

— Brittany Freeman
SIU graduate

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

After five years at SIUC, Brittany Freeman was ready to exhale, relax and celebrate her master's degree in workforce education and development.

On the day of her graduation this past December, she was told she was not scheduled to graduate and her name was unintentionally omitted from the commencement program listing students' names and degrees, she said.

"I have invested over \$40,000 of money in this institution, successfully completed all the courses in workforce education and development's master's program in a year and a half with honors, filled out and submitted the proper graduation form in the ideal timeframe and purchased my cap and gown," she said. "I feel that SIUC has robbed me of a very special moment due to the negligent actions of staff."

Celina Manieca, a fall 2010 master's graduate in workforce education and development, said she experienced the same situation. She said there was nothing that needed to be done on her or Freeman's part; it was a lack of communication between the workforce education and development department and the graduate school.

"They said they did not receive something from our department, stating that we were a non-paper option," she said. "The workforce education department said they sent a fax or e-mail in September that we were to graduate, but the grad school says they never received either."

David Wilson, associate dean and director of the graduate school, said the problem was miscommunication.



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Celina Manieca, left, and Brittany Freeman, both graduates with a master's degree in Workforce Education and Development, pose for a portrait Wednesday in the Communications Building. Manieca

He said in most master's programs students are required to write a thesis or research paper, but some have a no-paper option where they could take extra classes, though it varies from program to program.

"They had apparently signed up to do the thesis-paper option when they actually were no-paper option, so when it came time for graduation clearance, we looked at that as they hadn't met the deadline and were automatically moved to the next term," he said.

Four others who graduated with a fine arts master's degree were also left out of the commencement program,

but it was because of a printing error, not paperwork, Wilson said.

"It is a complicated situation with hundreds of people that you are looking to clear for graduation, and in some respects it is probably never going to be a perfect process," he said. "But we try to make it as perfect as we can."

Manieca said she felt the university handled the situation in a very nonchalant and cavalier manner.

"Nobody ever called me back; I had to keep on them and call back persistently," she said. "It's not fair to us, and it's not fair to our families. We had families that came from out of

state and they don't have anything to recognize our graduation to go back home with."

Matt Shackleton, assistant director of event services, said names are never left out purposely, but it does happen.

Both Freeman and Manieca wrote letters to the graduate school that explained their situation and listed ways they should receive proper recognition. After discussions, they said the only one accepted was that the program would be reprinted including the six names left out. The money to reprint will come from the commencement fee, Shackleton said.

While she is thankful the university

will reprint the program, the issue is not about the book; it is that this should never happen to another student, Freeman said.

"I have talked to some other students who had the same thing happen to them that same day," she said. "We are not trying to be vengeful or anything with the institution; we just don't want this to happen again."

Shackleton said he hopes the actions the university is taking show this is something it greatly regrets.

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Correction

In the Wednesday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the article "Council denies group home, approves two-way traffic" incorrectly identified Terri Hogan in a quote. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

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Immigration project receives grant to offset costs

JULIE SWENSON
Daily Egyptian

Seventeen-hundred dollars may not pay for a lawyer, but it does pay for some education.

The Illinois Equal Justice Foundation awarded SIU's School of Law \$1,700 for its work with the National Immigrant Justice Center for providing detained immigrants with legal information, said Cindy Gabway Buys, an associate professor of law and director of international law programs.

She said the Immigration Detention Project focuses on getting students interested in immigration law involved with immigrants by meeting and interviewing detainees.

Each semester, Buys takes a group of law students to the Tri-County Detention Center in Ullin, which is about 35 miles south of Carbondale, she said.

"We meet with the immigration

detainees being held there and we provide them with information about immigration to the United States, laws and procedures and what their rights are," Buys said.

Susan Burns, a graduate student in international and immigration law from Carbondale, said she worked in the program last semester and it was very enjoyable.

"And a lot of people say 'Well, how can you deal with those criminals?' But you actually find that they're people, and a lot of them just made a dumb mistake where the crimes are pretty minor or result from not being able to pay child support because they lost their job," she said. "You get to know about their lives and the problems they're dealing with, and you really want to do your best to make things a little easier for them. You want to see that justice is done."

Some of the immigrants just let their student visas expire, or some

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Graduate student in international and immigration law from Carbondale

committed a crime while they had a green card, which makes them eligible for deportation after they serve their time, Burns said.

"A number of the (detained immigrants) are here illegally. They have no status whatsoever because they did not come in at a port of entry, they just crossed the border surreptitiously in the night," she said.

Most of the grant money goes toward paying for photocopying and translating the project's 30-page "Know Your Rights" packets into Spanish, Chinese, French, Arabic and other languages, as well as the cost of

interviewing and driving students to and from the detention centers, she said. The project can give information collected from the immigrants to the NIJC, which will represent the immigrants for free.

Burns said she got involved with the project after graduating with a bachelor's degree in law with an interest in immigration law and deciding she didn't want to practice privately or take another bar exam.

The Tri-County Detention Center holds between 180 and 200 detainees at any given time, a university press release on the grant stated. According to

the release, IEJF said funding for civil legal aid had been \$3.5 million for three years, but last year it was cut to \$1.75 million.

Buys said keeping the program running is important because of the sheer number of people the center holds, the lack of regional representation available to immigrants and the detainees' confusion as to why they are being held.

Two reasons why the area's immigration population has been growing recently is an influx of migrant workers and foreign students coming to the university, Buys said.

"Immigration has grown everywhere in the United States... but also the Tri-County facility has only started housing immigration detainees in the last 10 years," she said. "I don't think there was as much demand for immigration services until the last 10 or 15 years."

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Todd Winters, interim dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, said his department warmly welcomes Minish back despite its disappointment about him stepping down as provost.

Minish, whose salary as provost and senior vice chancellor is \$225,000 a year, deferred all comments about his resignation to SIUC spokesman Rod Sievers.

Sievers said some issues Minish disagreed with Cheng on were the restructuring of the Division of Student Affairs, the reassignment of former Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Larry Dietz, and solutions on handling the budget, furlough and enrollment management.

Minish was selected by Cheng to the position Nov. 18, a selection that was ratified by the Board of Trustees Dec. 15. Before accepting the position, Minish served as the dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences from 2004 to 2009.

Sources said Minish was actively in office for 10 days before his resignation.

Minish told the college deans Tuesday at his biweekly dean of deans meeting that he was considering resignation. Come pleaded for him to reconsider, while others were disappointed in his decision to announce he wanted to resign before he told Cheng, sources said.

Although Minish's frustration reflected on him at the deans meeting, he showed no signs of immediately stepping down throughout it, said Jay Means, dean of the College of Science.

"He said at the very end of the

meeting that he was considering stepping down," Means said. "I was very surprised this came about a month after he was hired. We as a group of deans supported his candidacy for the job, and most of us had worked with him as a dean before he retired."

Cheng said deep philosophical differences between the vision she and Minish had for the future of the campus became apparent in just a few days.

In September, Cheng told the Faculty Senate that salary cuts, as well as closure days, might be needed to help with the budget shortfall. Sanjeev Kumar, Faculty Senate president, said he suspects there's more to what Cheng says about Minish's disagreement about the university's direction.

Faculty Senate officers are concerned about leadership not being able to compromise on a direction to lead the university, Kumar said.

Dr. Minish is the second leader who resigned within the last two months," Kumar said. "We are not sure how these resignations are going to help us convince students to come to SIUC and top-notch faculty and administrators."

Sources said Cheng sees herself as an agent of change and expected Minish, as provost, to support her decisions.

One decision Minish didn't agree with Cheng on was the urgency with which she wanted to push the university college model through without consultation from the deans or anyone else, sources said.

Kumar said Minish is someone who listens to his peers and could not

become one of the most successful deans at the university without being a team player. The difference in how leaders at the top proceeded through their agenda led to Minish's resignation, he said.

Brooke H.H. Thibault, associate director of foreign language and international trade, said she thinks Minish was coerced to act out of character. She said Minish's resignation came as no surprise.

"Gary's a nice guy. ... I don't think he wants to be part of this," Thibault said. "When I saw his name on all the (NTT layoff) notices, I was surprised. I couldn't imagine him being a part of that."

Cheng took over as chancellor June 1 and reassigned the assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management, Victoria Valle, less than two weeks later. Cheng appointed John Nicklow to lead enrollment management shortly afterward, and reassigned his office to report to the provost.

Cheng has faced a budget crisis since she took over. As the university faced a \$15.3 million shortfall coming to fiscal year 2011, Cheng asked each department on campus to cut 4 percent of its budget. The Board of Trustees approved this year's budget Sept. 16, and listed the cuts as saving \$7.3 million.

Other actions on the budget included four unpaid closure days in university personnel, and layoffs notices sent to 93 non-tenure-track faculty in December. The university later rescinded the notices.

Cheng said she was deeply disappointed by how short of a term Minish served but respects his decision.

Recent Provosts

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<p>Margaret Winters January 2000-March 2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> served as interim provost after Guernsey resigned to refocus on School of Law 	<p>John Perkins March 2002-August 2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> served as interim provost after Winters left 	<p>Don Rice December 2006-December 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> named as interim provost after John Dunn became interim chancellor was one of four finalists for permanent provost position serves as a tenured professor in department of psychology 	

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Ala. governor apologizes for remarks

BOB JOHNSON
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Two days after being sworn in as Alabama governor, Robert Bentley apologized Wednesday for proclaiming to a Baptist church audience that only Christians were his brothers and sisters and vowed to work for people of all faiths and colors.

His comments Monday shocked and offended some believers of other faiths, but the backlash didn't seem to be a serious political wound for the retired dermatologist and Southern Baptist deacon.

In a conservative state with some of the highest levels of church attendance in the country, some Christian leaders defended the remarks and the Republican will likely get a fair chance to pursue his agenda in the coming legislative session.

"If anyone from other religions felt disenfranchised by the language, I want to say I am sorry. I am sorry if I offended anyone in any way," he told reporters Wednesday after meeting with leaders of other faiths in his new office.

After he took the oath of office at the Alabama Capitol on Monday,

"I will never deny being a born-again Christian. I do have core beliefs and I will die with those core beliefs."

— Robert Bentley
Alabama governor

Bentley headed across the street to a service honoring Martin Luther King Jr. at King's first church, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church.

During his speech he remarked, "Anybody here today who has not accepted Jesus Christ as their savior, I'm telling you, you're not my brother and you're not my sister, and I want to be your brother."

The former director of the Center For The Study Of The Law And The Church at Samford University, Chris Doss, said he believes Bentley stumbled briefly, partly because he is a Baptist deacon, speaking in a Baptist church.

"He was talking to his own flock," Doss said. But he added Bentley will need to be careful that he doesn't repeat that mistake.

Bentley apologized for his remarks, but not for being a Christian.

"I will never deny being a born-again Christian. I do have core beliefs and I will die with those core beliefs," Bentley said. "But I do not want to be

harmful to others. As I will die if I have to to defend someone else's right to worship as they choose."

The pastor of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, the Rev. Jay Wolf, said he thought Bentley's remark was misunderstood by the news media.

"He was trying to relay something that is fundamental to our faith, that people who believe in Jesus are related," Wolf said. "He didn't mean that he's not part of the brotherhood of humanity."

Wolf said the 67-year-old Bentley has spent his career as a physician helping people.

"To say now that he's being exclusionist, that's absurd," Wolf said.

The president of the national Interfaith Alliance, I. Rev. Welton Gaddy, said Bentley "went too far."

"I thought that with his statement he treated two classes of citizen in Alabama, those that were his brothers and sisters in Christ and everyone else. As an elected official, he has the responsibility to serve all the people

and treat all the people equally," Gaddy said.

The Anti-Defamation League, a Jewish group that fights discrimination, said it sounded like Bentley was using the office of governor to advocate for Christian conversion.

"If he does so, he is dancing dangerously close to a violation of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which forbids government from promoting the establishment of any religion," said ADL regional director Bill Nigut.

Retired University of Alabama political scientist William Stewart said the remarks were a mistake.

"I don't think the governor needs to get into things like who is going to be in the kingdom and who isn't going to be in the kingdom," Stewart said.

But he believes Bentley will be able to rebound.

"There's going to be goods by anybody," Stewart said. "Once he gets into his policies, and the substance of his administration, I think he can turn it around."

Candy Gunther Brown, an associate professor of religious studies at Indiana University in Bloomington, said Bentley was making a "theological statement" to a church crowd. She

called Bentley's statements a "classic altar call" from an evangelical.

"He's saying I want to be your brother. That's an invitation. But basically the way it's heard is as an exclusionary statement," said Brown, who studies evangelical Christian literature.

"My guess is that expressions of shock and concern by critics are even perhaps disingenuous, because this can scarcely be the first time they've heard a similar statement. If they're in Alabama, they've heard this before, they've heard it many times before and maybe even by political leaders."

One of the Jewish leaders who met with Bentley Wednesday, Rabbi Jonathan Miller of Temple Emanuel in Birmingham, called the new governor's remarks "a difficult misstep" at the beginning of his administration. But he said he was pleased with the governor's apology and said "I hope and pray we can come together in the next four years."

Another rabbi, Elliot L. Stevens of Temple Beth Or in Montgomery, called the meeting with Bentley a positive step. "We are all gathered here at the table in the first days of his administration and we are talking about inter-religious dialogue," Stevens said.

WASHINGTON

Obama engages Hu on human rights; Chinese leader sees 'enormous progress,' need for more

WASHINGTON — Chinese President Hu Jintao declared Wednesday that "a lot still needs to be done" to improve his country's record on human rights, a rare concession that came after President Barack Obama asserted that such rights are "core values" among Americans.

The exchange over human rights was balanced by U.S. delight over newly announced Chinese business deals expected to generate about \$45 billion in new export sales for the U.S.

Those agreements were cemented during Wednesday's summit meeting between the leaders of the world's two largest economies.

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TUNISIA

Tunisia calms as government rejects old guard, targets assets of deposed president

TUNIS — Tunisia's new government said Wednesday it has freed all the country's political prisoners and also moved to track down assets stashed overseas by its deposed president and his widely disliked family.

Tensions on the streets appeared to be calming as the administration tried to show it was distancing itself from the old guard.

Hundreds of protesters led a rally in central Tunis demanding that former allies of deposed President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali stop clinging to power.

Later, about 30 youths in the capital broke a curfew and set up camp near the heavily guarded Interior Ministry, bringing mats, food and water for an overnight sit-in. Police didn't bother them.

In recent days, police had fired tear gas and clubbed protesters. The U.N. said more than 100 people have died in the unrest that surrounded Ben Ali's ouster.

NEW YORK

In encouraging sign for economy, bank reports suggest Americans are getting finances in shape

NEW YORK — Americans are starting to get their household finances in order.

In an encouraging round of earnings reports, major banks say fewer mortgages are going bad, credit card defaults are down and more people are paying the bills on time.

One of the nation's largest consumer lenders, Wells Fargo, said Wednesday that 29 percent fewer loans went bad in the last three months of 2010 than the year before. And late payments on loans considered likely to default declined for the first time since 2008.

Late payments on credit cards improved by Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase and Citigroup also improved at a record pace at the end of last year, according to an analysis by Barclays Capital.

The reports are a sign that Americans are feeling more comfortable about their finances. Personal spending powers about 70 percent of the U.S. economy, and most economists say a fiscal stimulus is critical to a strong economic recovery.

Jury weighs sex charges against former Iowa player

RYAN J. FOLEY
Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Jurors deliberated for hours without reaching a verdict Wednesday in the case of a former University of Iowa football player accused of sexually assaulting a female athlete while she was passed out in a dorm room.

The jury met for more than 7 hours in the Johnson County courthouse before leaving for the night and was expected to resume deliberating Thursday morning.

Jurors must decide whether they believe an October 2007 sexual encounter between former Hawkeyes defensive back Cedric Everson and a woman, an Iowa freshman scholarship athlete at the time, was consensual. Everson is charged with third-degree sexual abuse, and faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys

agree that the woman was out partying before she ended up in the empty dorm room that night. But they presented jurors with very different accounts of what transpired inside.

The woman testified that she ended up in the room with one of Everson's teammates, Abe Satterfield, and that he forced her to have intercourse despite her pleas for him to stop. She told jurors she was a virgin at the time, and performed oral sex on Satterfield to try to avoid having sex with him.

She said it wasn't until weeks later that she learned Everson had also had sex with her that night. Lahey said Everson had bragged to teammates that he and Satterfield had had sex with the same woman.

Lahey told jurors Satterfield and Everson "traded places" while the woman was passed out. Everson entered the room, told Satterfield to

get out of bed, and had intercourse with her before telling Satterfield to get back in bed to cover up his actions, she said.

Satterfield reached a deal with prosecutors in which he pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault in exchange for testifying at Everson's trial. During the trial, Satterfield testified that the woman was "the aggressor" and that the sex between him and her was consensual. He said he got out of the bed in the middle of the night after Everson tapped him on the shoulder, but that he doesn't know what happened afterward because he fell back asleep.

Even if jurors believe Satterfield's testimony that her sex with him was consensual, the woman never consented to sex with Everson, Lahey told the jury.

Everson's attorney, Leon Spies, told jurors the woman consented to have sex with Everson and doesn't

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remember because she had been drinking heavily that night. He said she doesn't remember many details of the night, including having sex with his client, because she was in a state of "functional blackout."

District Judge Paul Miller, who is presiding over the trial, rejected a request from the jury on Wednesday to review the video testimony of Christine Kuczek, a former Iowa swimmer and friend of the alleged victim. Miller told jurors they would have to rely on their memories of the testimony.

Kuczek testified that she was drinking with her friend hours before the alleged assault and that her friend told her the next morning she had been raped. Kuczek drove her friend

to the hospital.

The jury will first consider Everson's guilt on third-degree sexual abuse. If they find him innocent of that charge, jurors could consider two lesser charges — assault with intent to commit sexual abuse and assault.

Miller on Tuesday threw out the most serious charge against Everson, second-degree sexual abuse, which carries a maximum penalty of up to 25 years in prison. He said he found "insufficient evidence" that Everson was aided and abetted by Satterfield, an element essential to justify the charge.

Both players were suspended from the Iowa team days after the assault and later transferred to other schools, as did the woman.

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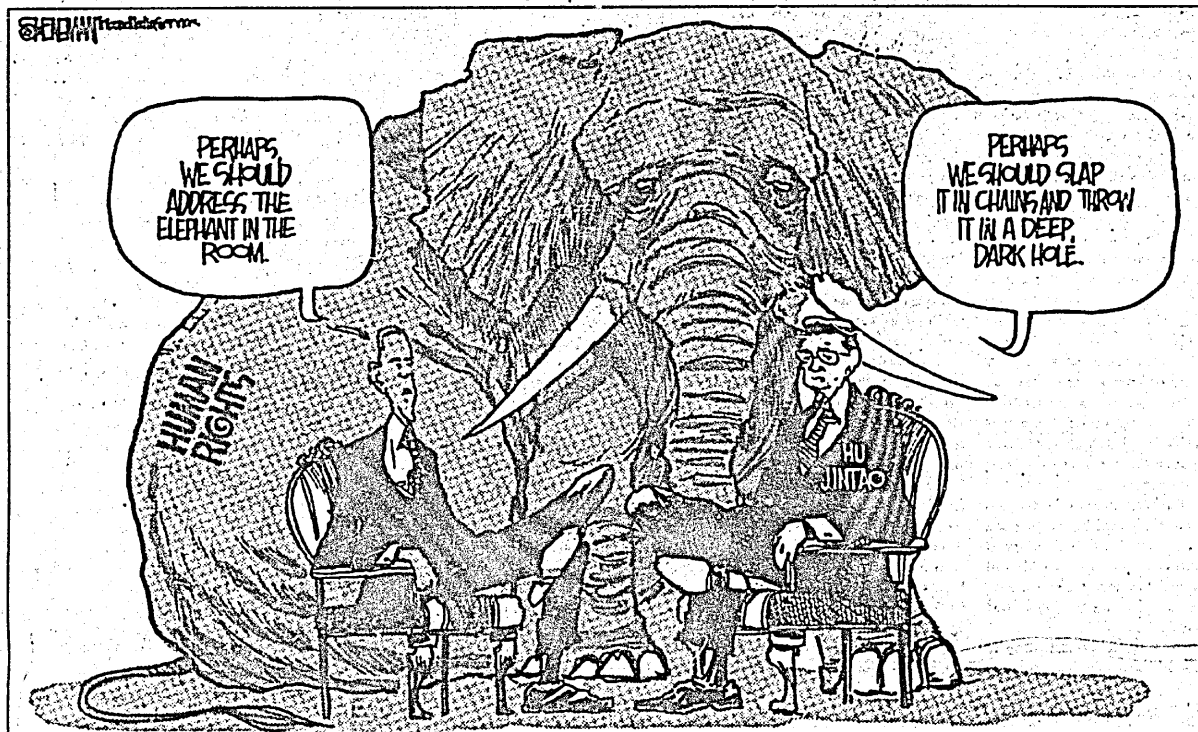
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GUEST COLUMN

The future of America's wilderness is ours

This new policy is a win for the public at large, for our leaders and for local residents.

MIKE MATZ
McClatchy-Tribune

When most Americans hear the words "public lands" they think of our national parks or national forests, or perhaps even our national wildlife refuges. Yet, what might surprise them is that the largest category of our publicly owned land is administered by a little-known agency, the Bureau of Land Management, with a big mandate — taking care of 400,000 square miles, an area nearly four times the size of Colorado, on behalf of all Americans.

These sweeping lands stretch across 12 states, including Alaska, and though relatively

unknown compared to parks like Yellowstone, Yosemite, Mount Rushmore or the Grand Canyon, their very vastness represents a resource of enormous importance to us — a diverse trove of wild treasures. Happy Canyon in the archeologically rich lands near Canyonlands National Park in Utah is such a place. So, too are the towering sequoias in the Milk Ranch-Case Mountains of California or the desert of Otero Mesa in southern New Mexico, which stretches from horizon to horizon.

Forty years ago, a blue-ribbon commission studied these lands and found some spots so magnificent they could be national parks, national monuments or wilderness areas. Yet, the study also noted a serious problem: much of this terrain had never been examined to formally determine opportunities for conservation. The commission

recommended "a comprehensive inventory of these public lands, to identify all such areas ... and they should be assigned a priority for protection" until lasting conservation decisions could be made by Congress.

Four decades later, this work is only now just beginning to safeguard what is left.

On Dec. 23, Americans received a wonderful holiday present when Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, along with Bureau of Land Management Director Bob Abbey, issued a historic directive that reaffirms the ability of the BLM to determine if there are public lands with wilderness characteristics, including ecological, scenic, recreational, educational and scientific values. The Bureau is to make this scientific assessment and planning analysis available to the American people, who will then have the opportunity to become involved in

the process by which decisions are made affecting lands all of our own. Because it's so important for us to participate, and for our country to protect wilderness areas for future generations of Americans, this order was designated "high priority" and the secretary told the BLM to report back to him by the end of June.

Hardly typical of such legal documents, Salazar's order includes inspirational phrases explaining that these lands with wilderness characteristics "provide visitors with rare opportunities for solitude and personal reflection," noting that "many people and communities value these lands for hunting and fishing, observing wildlife, hiking, and other non-motorized and non-mechanized recreational uses."

The order further stresses: "Managing an area to protect its wilderness characteristics

provides unique opportunities and benefits for present and future generations that may otherwise be irreparably lost." This new policy is a win for the public at large, for our leaders and for local residents. It means that, from on-the-ground planning that engages people in nearby communities all the way to the halls of Congress, everyone will have better information to make improved decisions about the fate of the wild places. Now the public can take into proper consideration all the resource values at stake, including the option of preserving some wonderful new wilderness areas.

Now it is incumbent upon us as Americans to carry the torch and make sure our children can enjoy the clean water, scenic views and recreational activities just as we have had the opportunity to do. The revised approach to the largest segment of our public lands will give us that chance.

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Legislation will give school lunches extreme makeover

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— Lella Dreyer
director of food and services
for Desoto Elementary

LEAH STOVER
Daily Egyptian

Food choices offered in local school lunches could soon be healthier as a result of new federal guidelines.

Mary-Beth Goff, a local parent and sixth grade teacher at Cairo Junior/Senior High School, said her biggest complaint about school lunches is the excess starch.

"They can have chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese and tater tots all in the same meal and peas as their vegetable, so it's all starchy foods," she said.

President Barack Obama signed the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act in December, creating a new set of nutritional guidelines for school lunches. The new requirements include a ban on trans fats, reduction of sodium, fat restrictions, portion control, limits on starches and cuts in calories.

Goff said several low-income families with children enrolled in her district can't afford healthy meals at home, highlighting the importance of healthy school lunches because they may be the

only place a child gets the nutrition he or she needs.

Colleen Human, a registered dietitian at Carbondale Memorial Hospital, said a positive aspect of the hunger-free act is that students may be inspired to suggest healthier food options to their parents.

Some local schools are already making healthy changes. Lella Dreyer, director of food and services for DeSoto Elementary, said her school is still waiting for directions from the state to make changes related to the federal guidelines, but healthier meals are being served.

During the past few years, Dreyer said DeSoto's lunch program has completely replaced fried foods with baked ones and offers low-fat foods.

"The state already does a great job," Dreyer said. "They're in tune with nutrition and recommend adding more fruits and vegetables to the meals."

Human said obesity is one of several long-term consequences of unhealthy eating during childhood.

Obesity can lead to many chronic illnesses, Human said.

"During my grad program we did a citywide research project on Type 2 diabetes, and it is in children," Human said. "It's becoming an increased risk in overweight kids. So as far as the health aspect, it is a huge problem in the area."

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act

May 5
Bill is introduced

Dec 13
Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act was signed into law by president Obama

Aug 5
Bill was passed through Senate with a unanimous vote

Dec 2
Passed House by roll call vote

Dreyer said she isn't certain when schools will be contacted by the state regarding other changes that need to be made. She said school administrators are as in-

formed as the public and will continue to make changes to the lunch menu.

"We try to do what's best for our students," she said. "We care

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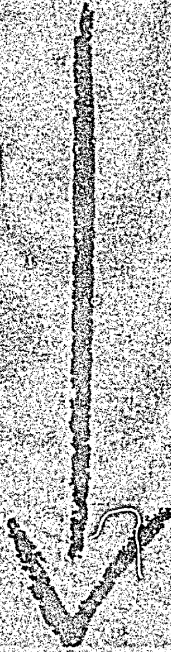
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Long-awaited Distortion album disappoints

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Social Distortion
Hard Times and
Nursery Rhymes

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

For a band that releases albums every seven or eight years, one would imagine it would work tirelessly to craft the best possible album it could to repay the fans for the long wait. Unfortunately, Social Distortion's

"Hard Times and Nursery Rhymes," the band's first album since 2004's "Sex, Love and Rock 'n' Roll" and third in the past 15 years, sounds far too similar to the material the band has been putting out since the 1980s. That's not necessarily the problem though. The band just sounds as though it's going through the motions.

Distortion began their career with a swift kick to the rock genre. 1983's "Mommy's Little Monster" was a chemically-enhanced mixture

of punk and rockabilly turned up as loud as possible. But they have since returned to their Americana roots. Lead singer and songwriter Mike Ness' rough voice and lyrics give each song added weight as though Ness is at confessional on each track.

But after 27 years, it's starting to sound like the same tired confession.

The opening track, "Road Zombie," sounds as though fans would be getting back their punk roots. Although Ness doesn't sing on the track, the instrumental piece

is a good start for the album. The next track "California (Hustle and Flow)" is just as good, sounding like a soothing soul number, like a B-side, the Rolling Stones would have written in the early 70s.

But the rest of the album mostly disappoints. Track after track seems to be on cruise control, veering ever so slightly from the same road the band has been on for years but without the interesting hooks and build-up it can do so well. Though bare-knuckled rock anthem "Machine Gun Blues"

and album-closer "Still Alive" bring up the intensity, reminding long-time fans of when Distortion could mix heavy riffs and soulful lyrics. But it is too little, too late as there are still too many slow patches, which take the listener out of the experience.

Hopefully when Distortion release their next album in 2018, they won't disappoint again.

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Back-to-basics brings out best in Decemberists

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

The Decemberists
The King is Dead

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The Decemberists' new release, "The King is Dead," is almost quaint — at least by their standards. Although it still features fiddles and accordions and lyrics that sound as though they

are pulled out of the dictionary, it is the band's most straightforward release since 2006's "Picaresque." The band has done away with excursions into progressive rock and album-long stories of shape-shifting creatures and fairy queens, choosing instead to create a tight, 40-minute album with 10 songs independent from one another.

Simple is definitely better in this case.

Make no mistake, singer-songwriter Colin Meloy did not dumb down his music in any way. If anything, Meloy has developed into a better songwriter, perfect at capturing different emotions in songs. Whether it is the stirring opening track, "Don't Carry it All," where he reflects on our collective burdens or the sad despair of "Rox in the Box," the Decemberists capture emotions we all go through.

While those topics may sound

like a burden to put on listeners, the music is so crisp and involving that they should be thrilled to experience so much emotion in such a short time. Therein lies the simplicity of the album: it doesn't take complex metaphors or multiple songs to tell a narrative, just a certain amount of intensity and musicianship to connect to the listener's emotions.

The Decemberists continue to be one of the dopest-knit music groups out

there. Only those with a close ear will be able to tell there is an acoustic guitar, steel guitar, two vocalists, drum, and electric piano on album-closer "Dear Avery," as it sounds so soft and elegant.

The Decemberists have released their best album yet and proven sometimes less is more.

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Mathien: Homegrown heroes working on new album

BRENDAN SMITH
Daily Egyptian

Chris Mathien began his music career as a student more than seven years ago at SIUC. With his band's self-described, "reggae influenced soulful indie rock," the former Sahati has come a long way from juggling gigs, girls and grades. Nowadays he performs under his surname; calls Chicago home after moving there in 2008, and is wrapping up recording on his third album. The musician talked to the DE about the pressures of fame, being single and his admiration for whiskey.

Daily Egyptian: Hey Chris, how are you doing?

Chris Mathien: I'm really good right now. Sexy, I'm outside. It's pretty nice out.

DE: You're in Chicago right?

CM: Yeah.

DE: How do you feel the scene in Chicago is different than where you started at here in Carbondale?

CM: It's way more competitive. It's like "chew you up and spit you out" up here. You have to be more careful up here about how often you play, where you play at (and) who you play shows with. So many bands get burned out up here. When we were in Carbondale we could play every two weeks and well pack the place. Everyone would come and support us, no questions asked. But you can't ask that of people in the city. ... There are so many different things to do. You don't want to make yourself become an option.

DE: How was it balancing being a

student and a musician when you were at SIUC?

CM: To be completely honest with you, I prioritized music and what I was doing with my career over my schoolwork. I was not a very good student at all, but I still liked going to class and learning things. I was a music student, so I was studying in the field that I'm interested in. By the time I was a senior I was gigging so much and playing and shopping my stuff around to labels. I already had my foot in that field. ... It became kind of difficult for me to balance it.

DE: Your first record was self-produced. What was the difference between the first album and second album, not only in terms of musicianship but also being with a label?

CM: It was a challenge only because I was not used to working with an outside producer. I signed an agreement — a production agreement, management agreement, publishing agreement — and I was just kind of catapulted into this situation. It was freaky; I didn't know anybody. It took like a good year before I got comfortable with everything and by that time I had already recorded my first album for them. I liked the record, but it was hard being in the studio and having to suggest and bounce ideas off another guy. I was used to producing my own stuff. It was just weird.

DE: So, with a label, did you feel that you had someone coming behind you, assuring what you were doing and giving your approval?

CM: I think I went in a direction that I normally wouldn't have if I had done it by myself. I was cool with it

because I was in this new situation. I didn't want to just show up and be like, "I'm the artist. This is how it's going to work." I wanted everybody to feel comfortable and meet in the middle. It worked out because now I'm doing my second record for them and our relationship is super strong. We can yell at each other and take care of what we need to take care of. I think we're both going to be happier with this product because we've come so far together.

DE: Did you work with one producer or was it a team of people?

CM: One. His name is Chris Schneider. He manages the studio we record at, so I have a publishing and production deal with him. After this one's done we're going to do two more records together.

DE: From your first album to now, going into your third, how do you feel you've grown as an artist?

CM: This record we're doing now is called "The Night I Was an Alpha Male." I'm actually not all the way finished writing it. I have two more songs to finish and it will be done. We recorded most of it and I wrote the thing in two weeks. I was on a complete musical and creative writing high.

DE: Yeah, I saw on your Twitter you said "I'm writing songs all day. Don't bother me."

CM: (laughs) Oh not I say all crazy stuff on Twitter. To the point where I wonder if people look at my timeline and think, "Geez, what the (heck) is this guy doing with his life? Is he even doing anything?" But really I am working all day long, but I was on a complete creative high when I wrote

it. ... I wrote so much material within two weeks. I had just gone through a break up, I was single again. I was just going out doing crazy stuff and coming home and writing about it. It was awesome. It was really, really fun.

DE: Will you be previewing any of the material at the upcoming show?

CM: Yeah, we're going to play three songs from the record. A song called "Junkie Son," which is our tribute to Jameson whiskey; a song called "You'll Never Learn," which is about how a lot of women, if they had the choice, between a guy that treats them nice and a guy that treats them mean, they're going to go with the mean guy. It's kind of my stamp on that. It's very observational.

DE: You perform in Carbondale a lot. What's it like for you coming back and doing shows?

CM: I love it. It's so nostalgic.

DE: Must be kind of a thrill.

CM: It gets even more thrilling because when we were in school playing shows a lot of people were showing up to our gigs. But I kind of had this complex about it because I knew all these people. (I thought) maybe they were just coming to support me because they like me and they're just being nice or something. Maybe if they didn't know me they wouldn't be coming to the shows because maybe it's not a style they would listen to. But now that I don't know anybody down there and kids are still showing up to the gigs it's even crazier. It's like they're actual fans of the music and they don't know you any other way. It's really interesting man, talking to people that get star-struck by you. I'm like really? (laughs).

DE: Going off of that, how would you feel about your level of celebrity?

CM: I'm small potatoes man and I realize that. You can just say that (laughs).

DE: Well there are a lot of people who aren't such small potatoes and who don't really have the talent to go along with it. What are your feelings on that?

CM: Like the bullshit on the radio for instance?

DE: Definitely.

CM: I'm kind of glad there's bullshit on the radio. I like doing what's not that, you know? I like being something and representing something that's unique compared to what you're exposed to everyday. Right now there's so much great indie music coming out and because of the internet you can discover so much. I feel like right now popular music is kind of in another disco era. It's so product-based, but it's great living in a society where people are very intrigued by music and people love music. Everyone I talk to says they love it. I ask people what kind of music they listen to and everybody says everything. I listen to everything. I usually make them define everything though.

DE: When people ask what I listen to, I say everything. Only thing I'm kind of iffy on is country. Being in Carbondale I've heard it a lot lately. It's actually starting to grow on me. I must admit.

CM: Like that bluegrass they listen to down there. That (stuff) is awesome.

DE: Hardcore country.

CM: Yeah. They put jeans on, they go out, drink a bunch of whiskey and dance around. I'm down with that.

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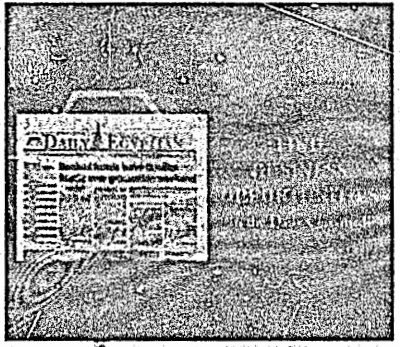
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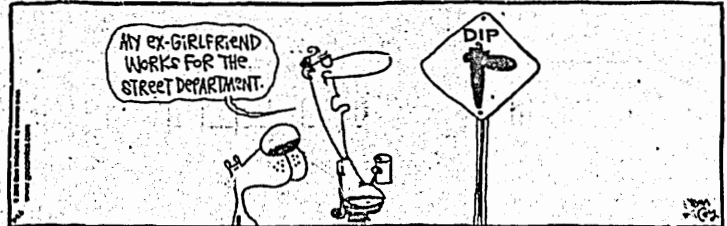
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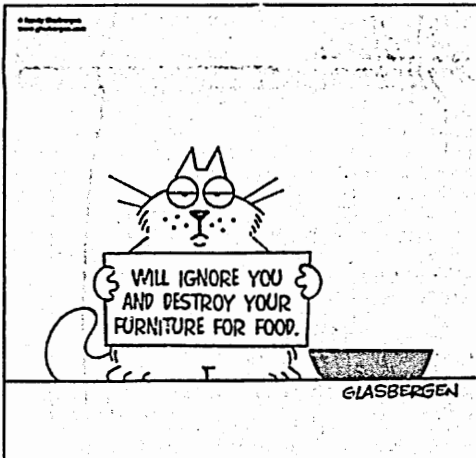
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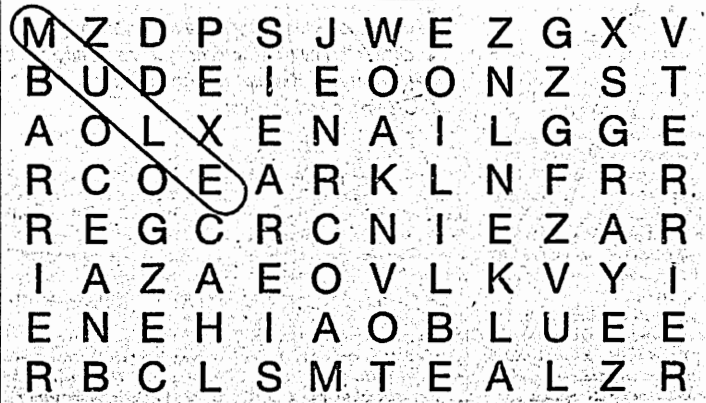
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FOOTBALL

SIU defensive star has chance to go to NFL

Lindsey wins 2010 FCS Elite Defensive Back Award

JUSTIN KABBEES
Daily Egyptian

During his time at SIU, senior cornerback Korey Lindsey has played in conference championship games and playoff games, but the game he will play on Saturday could make his career.

Lindsey received the 2010 FCS Elite Defensive Back Award Thursday and will play in the East-West Shrine Game Saturday in Orlando, Fla.

Secondary coach Travis Stepps said this game is right behind the Senior Bowl in terms of its importance for NFL recruiting.

"He's going to go against Big 12, ACC, SEC-caliber receivers," Stepps said. "That will really test him and see where he's at."

Stepps said this weekend's game is a tremendous opportunity for Lindsey to show NFL scouts that he didn't shine at SIU just because he wasn't playing top-ranked competition.

"This is a big stage for me, as far as me getting evaluations and going to the next level," Lindsey said.

Lindsey is the fourth Saluki to play in the game. Running back Brandon Jacobs, who won a Super Bowl ring with the New York Giants, was the last to make it to the game in 2005.

Lindsey said he always plays with a chip on his shoulder. The Baton Rouge, La., native said things weren't handed to him where he came from. Most people he knew didn't go to college and didn't have the opportunities he had, Lindsey said.

"That perspective was always something that stayed in the back of my mind while I was off away at college," Lindsey said.

Lindsey said it took some time to adjust to the differences between Carbondale and his home in Louisiana.

Interceptions (career)			Pass breakups (career)			
1	Travis Taylor	80-88	20	Wille Davis	186-89	29
2	Greg Shipps	80-83	18	Alexis Moreland	01-04	25
3	Korey Lindsey	07-10	14	Daniel Hendricks	94-96	22
4	Chuck Gora	67-69	12	Andre King	98-01	21
4	Pete Winton	61-63	12	U. Chaney	90-93	21
6	Donnell Daniel	82-85	11	Dwaine Lawrence	94-97	18
6	Ovo Craddock	76-79	11	Chancey Mayo	06-09	17
6	Mike McElroy	07-present	11	Yam Akisanya	02-04	17
				9. Korey Lindsey	07-10	16
				9. Frank Johnson	03-05	16
				9. Fred Bratcher	02-05	16

SOURCE: SALUKI FOOTBALL RECORD BOOK 2010

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"It means a lot and that hard work actually does pay off. It's a grind, but I would definitely say it's a journey that I wouldn't take back, and I appreciate and am proud of my achievements."

— Korey Lindsey
senior cornerback

Despite that, he said college life helped him grow as a player and a person.

"I grew, and I matured," Lindsey said. "I think that's the main thing I noticed about myself during my four years at SIU."

Not only does he play hard for himself, Lindsey said, but his primary motivation is his 2-year-old daughter Kennedy. He said it was challenging to be a father while going through school and playing football at the same time.

"It was definitely difficult," Lindsey said. "It kept me on track and focused on my main goal, and that is to be

somebody successful and be a great father to her."

Lindsey's most recent award recognizes him as the top performer at the corner based on his cumulative performance among all Division I FCS cornerbacks in 2008 and 2009.

"It means a lot and that hard work actually does pay off," Lindsey said. "It's a grind, but I would definitely say it's a journey that I wouldn't take back, and I appreciate and am proud of my achievements."

With 14, Lindsey ranks third for career interceptions in school history.

He is also tied for ninth in pass breakups with 16. He has played in every game since he joined the Salukis and has started 36 consecutive games in the last three seasons.

His teammate, senior safety Mike McElroy, said Lindsey didn't motivate the team through words but rather by the example he set with his effort on the field.

"Lining up with him, I knew he was going to take care of his job," McElroy said. "It really makes you a better player by playing with guys like that."

Stepps said recruiting players such as Lindsey is one of the most important variables for his team's success.

"You always look for a guy who is a playmaker," Stepps said. "He wasn't necessarily that type of guy when he first got here but he improved ... and became that type of player."

Lindsey is one of only five players in school history to be named to the All-Missouri Valley Conference first team three times in a career and one of three to be a first team All-American in back-to-back seasons. He was also a finalist for the 2010 Buck Buchanan Award, which is annually given to the best FCS defensive player.

The East-West Shrine Game will be televised on the NFL Network at 3 p.m. Saturday.

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SWIMMING & DIVING

Salukis aim to bring winning ways home

JACQUELINE MUHAMMAD
Daily Egyptian

In its first meet since classes began this semester, the men's swimming and diving team will return to competition Saturday as it hosts Ball State in Mid-American Conference competition at the Recreation Center.

At their last meet Jan. 7 in St. Louis against Washington and Lindenwood, the Saluki men and women combined for 24 first-place victories. The men placed first in 11 events and beat each of the opposing universities by more than 100 points.

Coach Rick Walker said he was pleased with the team's performance at its last meet, and after a winter break full of long practices the Salukis are looking forward to the rest of the season.

"You just have to focus on the training. Whenever we're here, we're working hard. I've told all the other guys on the team right now we might be tired for this meet, and maybe our next two meets leading up to conference, but if we're racing when we're tired at conference it's all going to work itself out."

— Steve Wood
Junior swimmer

"When we got done they were tired but still swimming well. That was a good sign," he said. "That meant that we could go back and work at the same rate we were going, which was pretty hard."

Walker said the team must again adjust to class schedules and no longer has the same amount of time to practice now that the semester has begun, but he is still optimistic.

"They don't get to train as much,

but they don't get as much rest and it will be interesting to see how the guys respond this weekend," Walker said.

Junior Steve Wood, who will be competing in three events against Ball State, said to avoid succumbing to pressure it's best to take meets one at a time.

"You just have to focus on the training. Whenever we're here, we're working hard," Wood said. "I've told all the other guys on the team right

now we might be tired for this meet, and maybe our next two meets leading up to conference, but if we're racing when we're tired at conference it's all going to work itself out."

After Saturday's meet, the men's team has two more meets until the conference championships start March 3.

Junior Matt Parson said the second half of the season is always the most challenging because of the champ-

ionship meets and having to balance school and swimming.

However, he said he has to separate the two to stay focused.

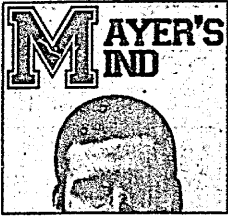
"When I'm at the pool I'm thinking about what I need to do here and at the end of the season come championship time, but when I'm in school I think about what I need to do there," he said.

Despite hard practices and busy schedules, Walker said he expects the best out of the team.

"I want their best efforts. We are there to win," Walker said. "I'm looking for very good, focused and hard racing."

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NFL doesn't need to change playoff-seeding process



JACOB MAYER
Daily Egyptian

The simmering talk about flaws in the NFL playoff format came to a head this year when the Seattle Seahawks and their 7-9 record marched into the playoffs and promptly beat the defending Super Bowl champion New Orleans Saints.

Fans said the Seahawks didn't

deserve to be in the playoffs, and the NFC West shouldn't have sent any team this season.

Is it fair that the Seahawks made the playoffs when two teams with 10-6 records, the New York Giants and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, were left to watch live playoffs from home? No, but that's the format in place right now.

The NFL, and all major sports leagues for that matter, chose this path a long time ago when they created divisional play. For the NFL, that decision was made in 1967.

The decision to create wild card slots to give playoff berths to teams that don't win their division, such as this year's Saints, has proven to be a way for good teams to still have a chance even though they don't get to play a home playoff game.

The Green Bay Packers and New York Jets are the No. 6 seeds in their respective conferences this post-season, but both have advanced to the conference championship games despite having to play every game on the road.

Fans may want the six teams with the best records in each conference to be in the playoffs, but one conference might have better teams than the other, so teams with better records would still be left without a shot at the title.

Why not just dissolve the divisions and the conferences and have one big league where the top two teams play in the Super Bowl? Pansy. That's what has helped football become the most popular sport in America.

It would be extremely difficult for teams to work their way to the top

in a system without divisions and conferences. Teams such as the New England Patriots and the Pittsburgh Steelers have some of the best records in the league every season, and without divisions it would be more difficult for other teams to catch up with them. Under that format, the jets would've never gotten a chance to play the Patriots, and the Pats would've automatically been in the Super Bowl.

The division setup gives more teams a chance at a title. Think the Miami Dolphins had it tough with the Patriots and Jets in their division? Try adding the Steelers, Indianapolis Colts and several other perennially successful teams.

Major League Baseball, for example, went years and years with just two leagues, and the only playoff series was the World Series. Between

1947 and 1958, a team from New York played in the World Series 11 of those 12 years.

Without the addition of wild card slots, the Steelers would've never won Super Bowl XL, and the New York Giants wouldn't have won Super Bowl XLIII.

In baseball, seven wild card teams have played in the World Series since 2000. There have been calls to make it more difficult for them once they make the playoffs, such as giving them fewer home games. Sounds like the NFL setup to me.

Maybe the answer is a 12-team, end-of-season tournament in which the teams with the best records make the playoffs even if they're all from one conference. But it'll never happen. Just look at college football and how hard it's been to change that system.

Friendly foes? Respect rules Bears-Packers rivalry

CHRIS JENKINS
The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Even if Aaron Rodgers wanted to muster up some genuine hatred for the Chicago Bears this week, Jay Cutler has made it awfully difficult to do so.

When Rodgers' little brother, Jordan, was thinking about going to Vanderbilt to play football, Rodgers called on Cutler for advice. Cutler, who played at Vanderbilt, was more than happy to help the younger Rodgers make his decision and then get settled on campus.

"Definitely as a big brother, you

thank Jay for that and appreciate his role in helping my little brother feel comfortable out there," Rodgers said Wednesday.

Talk of brotherly love between Bears and Packers, just days before the two franchises involved in the NFL's most historic rivalry play for ultimate bragging rights in Sunday's NFC championship game at Soldier Field?

To paraphrase Vince Lombardi, what the heck is going on here?

There was a time not too long ago that Bears and Packers players genuinely disliked each other. Games between the teams have been especially

rough, even as recently as the 1980s.

Those feelings haven't really faded between the two fan bases. But those fans might be disappointed to hear that today's Bears and Packers — gasp! — genuinely seem to like and respect each other.

So when Rodgers and Cutler both advanced in the playoffs last weekend, the two quarterbacks text-messaged each other.

"He said, 'Good game, see you in Chicago,'" Cutler said. "I said, 'All right. See you in a week.' He's playing well. He's a good quarterback."

In addition to appreciating the

guidance Cutler gave his little brother, Rodgers works out in the offseason with Chicago cornerback Charles Tillman and has gotten to know other Bears players such as Tommie Harris, Brian Urlacher and Lance Briggs at off-season events.

There probably won't be any texting between Rodgers and his Bears buddies this week, though.

"Jay and I are buddies, but we're not going to text this week," Rodgers said. "Charles and I are not going to probably talk this week. But there's a respect level, I think, when you're on the field."

Cutler agreed to the no-texting

part, saying "cutoff was Sunday night."

Lovie Smith might have gone out of his way to emphasize the rivalry when he took over as Bears coach, but said he did so out of respect.

"There was never any hatred toward the Packers," Smith said. "They were the team that seemed like they were winning most of the time back then. Seems like they have always been around. You can say the same thing about the Bears. That's why to have an opportunity to play in a game with all of the things that have gone before us in our history together, it's just a special time for our players."

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