Chancellor: USG not broken

Wayne Utterback

Chancellor Walter Wendler told Undergraduate Student Government leaders Wednesday that he does not think the organization is broken, but there is room for improvement.

Wendler appeared at the USG meeting to speak about the administration’s goals but instead mainly addressed concerns about a suggested new form of student government.

Wendler said 22 people have been selected for a student leadership task force, which will review how student government works, identify its objectives and recommend strategies to make it more efficient. The task force has representatives from USG, the Graduate and Professional Student Council, faculty and university retirees.

College of Agricultural Sciences dean Gary Minish is chairing the committee. Neither Wendler nor former USG President Nate Brown, who helped form the committee, will be a member.

Sen. Dylan Burns, who represents Brush Towers, said his consistency was concerned about the elimination of elected student government. Wendler said he personally did not support the elimination of elections in favor of appointments, but the committee could think otherwise.

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Saluki football: Then and Now

Story by Jordan Wilson

Saluki football — the program he took over in 2001 — showed nonbelievers what he knew to …

It wasn’t an easy task for the first-year head coach of the Saluki football team — the program he took over in 2001 — to turn an SIU program — showed nonbelievers what he knew to …

It was a legitimate program.

The Saluki football program has turned from inconsistent to a premiere I-AA team in the nation. Head coach Jerry Kill has been widely credited with the recent transformation of the program he took over in 2001.

In 2001, Kill had none of the major players to this day.

Wendler: USG not broken

Chancellor Walter Wendler speaks at the USG meeting as USG President Areem Mustapha listens Wednesday evening in the Student Health Center auditorium.

Inauguration ceremony for Poshard today

Brandon Weisenberger

SIU’s spotlight is on President Glenn Poshard today as he is formally installed as the system’s leader after more than eight months in office.

Poshard’s inauguration is the first since the 1949 induction of Delyte Morris, who is largely credited with turning SIU into the second largest state university and who Poshard said he sees as an inspiration.

The ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. in the SIU Arena, followed by a reception there at 3:30 p.m. Poshard has invited everyone to the events.

Students, trustees and administrators from throughout the SIU system are participating in the ceremony, which will include a procession, orchestra music and a reading from the classic novel “Ulysses” before Poshard is inaugurated as the system’s seventh president.

President’s spokesman Mike Ruiz said several state dignitaries are scheduled to attend the event.

Among those, Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Senate President Emil Jones will be in attendance. Rep. John Shimkus and Sen. Dick Durbin and Barack Obama will deliver taped addresses. A letter from Gov. Rod Blagojevich will be read.

The president’s office staff and Shryock Auditorium director Bob Cechia, who leaves SIUC after this week for a job at Southeast Missouri State University, organized the ceremony.

At a rehearsal Wednesday night, Poshard said his inaugural speech would not be full of “pats on the back,” but rather consist of challenges for everyone in the SIU system, which includes sites in Carbondale, Edwardsville, Springfield and East St. Louis.
Mon., Oct. 2 — Sandwich: Monster Mania, an annual fashion show, will be held at the Marion VFW. The event will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday at the VFW. The show will feature models from St. Louis community groups. We cannot mention the name of the group. The event will include a raffle and other activities. A portion of the proceeds will go to the VFW. The event is open to the public. Doors will open at 4 p.m. A $5 donation will be collected at the door. The event will also include a silent auction. Items will be available for purchase by members of the VFW. The VFW is located at 201 W. Michigan Ave. in Marion. The event will benefit the VFW and its programs. The event will also feature a food court. Food will be provided by the VFW. The event will be a fun and family-friendly event. The event will benefit the VFW and its programs.

Mon., Oct. 2 — Sunday: Two lifts will be available for the snowboarders and skiers. The lifts will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The lifts will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The lifts will be provided by the VFW. The VFW is located at 201 W. Michigan Ave. in Marion. The event will benefit the VFW and its programs.

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Secret cell phone charges could stop

Liz Choate
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Illinois could become the first state in the nation to stop cell phone companies from charging customers for unplanned fees every month.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich announced Wednesday he plans to propose legislation to define cell phone users from misleading charges listed as government mandated fees or taxes that appear on monthly bills because these fees deceptively increase the price of the originally advertised cellular service plan.

Depending on the company, fees range from 50¢ up to $2.45 a month, and are labeled as "administrative charges" on the bill, according to the governor's office.

"I hate it because I'm paying for something that was not explained to me," Fowler said.

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Despite the riches his company has accumulated, Rausch said these fees are unregulated under federal law.

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Peter Gregory has been on the cutting edge since he left southern Illinois in 1984 to seek a job in Silicon Valley, Calif. Whether he be at the helm of a computer company or blogging about community, Gregory has always been successful, or as he calls it, "damnably lucky."

Gregory, 44, is a Carbondale native who graduated from Carbondale Community High School in 1980 and SIUC with a degree in computer science in 1984.

He and two partners started Bioguard Corporation in 1994 in Bellevue, Wash. The company designed software for Microsoft and quickly became a cash cow.

"It's always a challenge to attract and retain good people in any community," Cole said.

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**Gunman kills himself, hostage at high school**

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**Anne Plummer Flaherty**

"**This bill is everything we don’t believe in.**"

Washington (AP) — The House approved legislation Wednesday giving the Bush administration authority to interrogate and prosecute terrorism detainees, move- ing President Bush to the edge of a pre-election victory with a key piece of his anti-terror plan.

The mostly party-line 253-168 vote in the Republican-run House came shortly after senators agreed to limit debate on their own nearly identical bill, all but securing its pas- sage Thursday.

Republican leaders are hoping to work out differences and send Bush a final version before leaving town this weekend to campaign for the Nov. 7 elections.

For nearly two weeks, the GOP have been embarrassed as the White House and embattled Republican senators have fought publicly over whether Bush’s plan will provide them too much authority. But they struck a compromise last Thursday, and Republicans are banking that it will bolster their effort to cast themselves as strong on national security, a mar- quis issue this election year.

House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, all but dared Democrats to vote against the leg- islation.

"Will my Democrat friends work with Republicans to give the presi- dent the tools he needs to continue to stop terrorist attacks before they happen, or will they vote to force him to fight the war without the benefit of the tools he needs behind his back?" he asked just before members cast their ballots.

Democrats opposed the bill by a vote of 40-2, with many wanting to stop the bill. But Congress would lack the power to use secret evidence to convict them in secret courts, our action do in fact embargo our enemies," said Rep. Jim Cox, D-Ohio. "This bill is every- thing we don’t believe in."

The legislation would establish a military court system to prosecute ter- ror suspects, a response to the Supreme Court ruling last year that Congress was necessary. While the bill would grant defendants more legal rights than they had under the admin- istration’s old system, it nevertheless would eliminate rights usually granted in civilian and military courts.

The measure also provides extremes in their ability to defend themselves during trials.

In response to comments by critics who fear the bill endangers national security, an amendment that would require a declaration of war before the bill could take effect was withdrawn.

"This is a bill of last resort," said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y. "It’s a bill that we hope we never have to use."
Learning to salsa dance

Alicia Wade
THE DAILY EGYPTIAN

Heels clicked to the beat and skirts swished around as people of all ages learned the spicy moves of the salsa during lessons Wednesday.

The Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity and the Student Center Special Program and Center Events sponsored the free dance lessons Wednesday night in the Student Center Ballrooms to help people prepare for Friday’s Noche de Gala.

Noche de Gala, which means night of full dress or night of elegance, is one of many events that make up the celebration of Latino Heritage Month. It will be held at 8 p.m. Friday in Ballroom D of the Student Center. The doors will open at 7 p.m., and the night will feature salsa dancing, lessons and the live music of Orquesta Rumba.

Dancers started off the night learning basic steps from instructor Josefa Infante, a freshman from Chicago studying architecture. As he instructed, other members of the fraternity circulated through the group helping with the moves.

Celeste Hernandez, a freshman from Riverside studying psychology, found the student instructors helpful, even as an experienced salsa dancer.

“I’m a little rusty,” Hernandez said. “It is a little better without real instructors who use technical terms. With someone our age teaching, it is easier to catch on.”

Some in attendance were there to support partners who wanted to learn. Robert Kulavic, a sophomore from Chatham studying business management, was invited by his girlfriend.

“I came because my girlfriend wanted to go out dancing,” Kulavic said. “She went to Costa Rica and knows how to dance — I don’t.”

Other students came to the dance session with larger ideas in mind. Denisha Bell, a senior from Chicago studying early childhood education, is a resident adviser in Brown Hall.

“I wanted to try something new,” Bell said. “I heard about it from a co-worker, and I hope to make this a floor program. This is a multicultural event.”

Juan Garcilazo, a doctoral student from Chicago studying civil engineering and a member of the fraternity, said they were pleased with the turn out, and it was a good learning environment. He also said the secret to the success of the night was all about the music.

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Let’s show them the other side of SIUC

Anyone familiar with southern Illinois’ temperamental weather knows to look outside and expect anything because around here, forecasts don’t mean that much.

Today’s forecast predicts a 40 percent chance of rain — and for once, maybe we shouldn’t complain about the torrential downpour that is bound to happen.

Legislators and other powerful people are on campus today for the inauguration of SIU President Glenn Poshard. The formal celebration has attracted the legislators to hobo-hat and feel self-important while sheltered in the SIU Arena enjoying a $400,000 party. But we shouldn’t allow them to come onto campus without showing them some of SIUC’s worst buildings. Perhaps our architect chancellor can use his years of experience to give them the tour.

Age and neglect have forced some of SIUC’s most treasured buildings to become embarrassments. After just a few short years, the university’s campus infrastructure is in a state of emergency. Just walk through Faner Hall and peek into classrooms where students sit near wastebaskets that catch leaking water or the offices where professors produce top-notch journal articles while rain drips into a bucket in the corner. Take them to the Blue Barracks where art students risk having their beautiful projects ruined if it rains overnight.

How about going to the Alyn Building where a professor thinks the maintenance staff is kind for giving her a dehumidifier just so the carpet won’t mold?

Better yet, why don’t we find the students who had water-logged tiles fall onto their heads last year while in class in Faner Hall?

The buildings weren’t always in such bad shape. In fact, until 2002, the university was only about $50 million short of affording to fix damaged roofs, rusted equipment and filthy vents.

That number sounds like a lot, right?

It’s just another raindrop in the bucket compared to the current price — more than $300 million.

It was in 2002 that the state stopped increasing the amount of money it gave universities for deferred maintenance. Obviously that isn’t the only reason SIUC’s maintenance budget is $300 million in the hole. Utility costs have skyrocketed and other budgetary decisions avowed money away, but the state ignoring this issue is a telling one.

In the spring, Physical Plant director Phil Gatton said eight buildings need state money, and he can only afford to fix one every few years. Chancellor Walter Wendler, once a practicing architect, recognized the problems we had and attempted to propose a solution — a student fee.

He probably didn’t have much choice because it was clear state money was nil, and donors aren’t usually jumping at the chance to help the university repair a damaged roof. Naturally, they want their hard-earned money to go toward student scholarships. If legislators and the governor can find it within themselves to increase the amount of money they give to their state universities, at least help us maintain our buildings to the status quo. It’s shouldn’t just be a consideration — it should be their job. And for the rest of us, pray for rain.

Guest Column

Voter ID bill imposes new barriers on minorities

Jenigh Garrett

The House has retreated from its commitment to ensure equal access to the voting booths. It recently passed a photo ID bill that would impose new, substantial and unnecessary barriers, especially to the nation’s most vulnerable citizens — minorities, the elderly, the poor, the disabled and even married women.

The misleadingly named “Federal Election Integrity Act” would require eligible voters to obtain photo identification to participate in a federal election. This barrier would force otherwise eligible voters to jump through bureaucratic hoops before they could vote. They would have to pay fees to obtain a government-issued ID card and underlying documentation (such as a certified copy of one’s birth certificate). Before the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, many places designed devices to block access to the ballot box. They routinely imposed literacy tests and poll taxes to suppress the electoral opportunities of blacks.

Fortunately, just three months ago, the House voted to renew several sections of the Voting Rights Act that were designed to curb new barriers to voter participation from going up.

Yet, the same House that recognized the need for continued protection has now erected the new photo ID barrier. Requiring voters to obtain this form of identification to vote in a federal election is a modern-day poll tax.

For instance, one 85-year-old black woman, who moved from Tennessee to another state, was unable to obtain a copy of her birth certificate as proof of citizenship because she, like many blacks of her generation, was born at home and did not have a record of her birth. Despite her effort to prove her identity by providing her Medicaid and Social Security card, her home state would not issue a copy of her birth certificate because officials said they could not find a record of her birth. Until then, she had participated in every election since the passage of the Voting Rights Act.

Under the proposed bill, this voter, and many others like her, would be named away from the polls on Election Day. With more than 60 percent of black voters over the age of 60, the photo identification requirement could have a chilling effect on the strongest voting bloc in the black community — the elderly.

Many women whose identity documents may reflect either maiden or married names could face hurdles, too. Proponents of the bill attempt to hide behind claims of voter fraud. But evidence of voter fraud is anecdotal and not substantial. What's more, state laws already have measures in place that guard against illegal voting.

The bill is undemocratic and elevates an administrative requirement above a constitutionally protected right — reinforced by the Voting Rights Act. It is now in the hands of the Senate to prevent the disenfranchisement of these eligible voters.
Unexpected excitement

PHOTO COLUMN BY DuValle Riley

As a photographer, when I hear the light is on stories, I know that means I will have to go feature hunting. This can be a difficult job, especially when you don’t have a vehicle and are limited to campus when nothing is going on. However, on a few occasions, we get lucky and something little like the Marching Salukis’ practicing outside Faner Hall turns into a front-page story. I heard the band and rushed to see what was going on. I talked to a friend in the band, and he told me they were on their way to the Amphitheatre to greet Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Before the band left for the city, I wondered, will the band walk to the station or will they play the whole way? A band member told me, “They never walk anywhere,” and I prepared myself for a show. Following the band down the road with police escorts in the front and back made me feel like I was part of the band. I never realized how much excitement a marching band could bring. They do a great job and clearly have fun doing it.

In this picture, the Marching Salukis’ trumpet players dance as the band makes its way down Poplar Street to greet Blagojevich Monday afternoon.


dinner-table diplomacy for two key feuding allies

Trudy Rubin

The Philadelphia Inquirer

It was a rough week for an administration that is touting its record on national security.

First came the controversy over the leak of a new National Intelligence Estimate that is promoting its record on controlling Islamic extremism or will they play the whole way? A band member told me, “They never walk anywhere,” and I prepared myself for a show. Following the band down the road with police escorts in the front and back made me feel like I was part of the band. I never realized how much excitement a marching band could bring. They do a great job and clearly have fun doing it.

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Amos Bullocks, who played from 1938 to 1941, makes a cut while trying to avoid a tackle. Bullocks ranks seventh on the list for points scored in a career.

Thursday, September 28, 2006

The atmosphere of an SIU football game at Franklin McCormick Stadium may not seem impressive. Yet, taking a look at the program’s history, a night game at the 69-year-old facility would seem like an event.

In the early 1950s, the stadium was the only football venue in the Midwest capable of seating 6,000 fans. Consequently, SIU football programs battled high school teams on high school fields. They squared off against junior college squads. The Salukis of Davenport played at the old Lincoln Middle School and won long, narrow, sometimes stripped jerseys that resembled dockwear. The Maroons — so the team was then called — fought through decades of mediocrity and dwindled to the lower echelon of the college football world.

Fred Huff, who served as the SIU director of radio and television from 1960 until 2001, said the football program didn’t suffer as much as the rest of the intercollegiate community.

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1914: Heritage Hall, 22-6. The Salukis watch what many call the biggest win in the program’s football history. The Saluki coaching staff was in its first year in the program’s existence.

The team, led by former football star and SIU head basketball coach Fred Huff, started a string of 35-0 wins that had to end at McAndrew Stadium last year.

He rose to the top of the National Association of College Basketball Coaches in 1967. Huff went on to serve as SIU’s athletic director.

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SALUKI FOOTBALL: FROM PAST TO PRESENT

Story by Jordan Wilson | Contributed from page 1

The atmosphere of an SIU football game at Franklin McCormick Stadium may not seem impressive. Yet, taking a look at the program’s history, a night game at the 69-year-old facility would seem like an event.

In the early 1950s, the stadium was the only football venue in the Midwest capable of seating 6,000 fans. Consequently, SIU football programs battled high school teams on high school fields. They squared off against junior college squads. The Salukis of Davenport played at the old Lincoln Middle School and won long, narrow, sometimes stripped jerseys that resembled dockwear. The Maroons — so the team was then called — fought through decades of mediocrity and dwindled to the lower echelon of the college football world.

Fred Huff, who served as the SIU director of radio and television from 1960 until 2001, said the football program didn’t suffer as much as the rest of the intercollegiate community.

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"There are a number of issues facing us in higher education that we must take on in order to move on productively," Poshard said.

Poshard has made rounds throughout the system since Sept. 19 to meet with campus communities and hold town hall meetings. The venture included a Sept. 21 picket by School of Medicine employees in Springfield who are 18 months into contract negotiations.

Poshard’s presidency began Jan. 1 after the three-degree SIUC graduate served terms in state government and the SIU Board of Trustees. Poshard was preceded by James Walker, who died in February after a long fight with cancer.

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A first draft of the task force that circulated campus this summer indicated USG and GPS should be removed and college administrators would appoint student leaders.

“There’s been a lot of misinformation and a lot of assumptions,” Wendler said.

Sen. Demetrius White, who represents the College of Liberal Arts, asked about the speculation that both student governments would be merged into one. Wendler said it could be a suggestion from the committee, but it is not planned at the moment.

“I know what’s going to happen,” Wendler said. “We’re going to make student government better.”

A report of the task force’s findings could be ready by February, Wendler said.

Wendler said he would like to see student government approach different topics, such as academic performance and retention.

“I think we spent too much time on fee allocations,” Wendler said. “I would like to see much more energy put into things other than the fee allocations.”

Sen. Kevin Winstead said he agreed with Wendler on where USG’s focus should be.

“I don’t feel we spend enough time on real issues,” Winstead said.

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**Promises for debates come up empty**

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The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Rod Blagojevich and Judy Baar Topinka started out the race for Illinois governor by challenging each other to 10 or even 12 debates, but they haven’t come close to delivering.

So far, they’ve announced only one debate, a radio event next week in Decatur. A public television appearance in Chicago late next month also appears likely.

Meanwhile, debates planned in Chicago, Marion and Rockford have fallen through, even though both campaigns had accepted invitations to attend. The campaigns said they could not agree on dates.

Topinka, the Republican nominee, said she had begun to fear Blagojevich would never agree to any debates.

“T’m thrilled we got any after what had to be . . . some of the most frustrating sessions in trying to get this put together,” she said Wednesday.

A spokeswoman for the Democratic governor denied Blagojevich was avoiding debates. Sheila Nix said scheduling them would have been easier if Topinka had agreed to hold some of the events before Labor Day.

Even when the two sides agree on a date, the event can still fall through. Both campaigns said Sept. 26 would be acceptable for a debate in Marion, said one of the organizers, Mike Lawrence, who runs the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University.

But Blagojevich later decided that date would not work. “The Blagojevich people just said their schedule had changed,” Lawrence said.
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ST. LOUIS — Orlando Pace made a rapid return from a concussion to the St. Louis Rams’ lineup last week.

But the seven-time Pro Bowl offensive tackle was extremely limited in practice because of post-concussion syndrome on Wednesday and will again be listed as questionable for this week. Coach Scott Linehan said it’ll be a day-to-day proposition this week and probably for many weeks to come.

“This post-concussion syndrome is something that goes on and on and on,” Linehan said. “We’ll just keep an eye on it.”

Linehan said Pace wasn’t specific about the symptoms.

“He said his head’s not quite right and he just doesn’t feel quite right,” Linehan said. “So we’ve got to be a little cautious with him, as we have been.”

The Rams would go with the same alignment they used after Pace was injured in week two if his symptoms do not subside. Left guard Todd Steussie moved to Pace’s left tackle spot, and Adam Goldberg moved to left guard. Richie Incognito moved to center from guard in week two after center Andy McCollum was lost for the season with a knee injury.

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Ricky Manning pleads no contest

LAKE FOREST — Chicago Bears defensive back Ricky Manning Jr. didn’t want to go to trial during the season or have a jury decide his fate.

So he pleaded no contest Tuesday to a felony assault charge stemming from an altercation with a man in a Los Angeles restaurant, even though he said he didn’t commit a crime.

“I didn’t do what he accused me of,” Manning said Wednesday. Manning and two other former UCLA football players — Tyler Ebell and Maurice Drew — were accused of punching and kicking a man in the face until he lost consciousness at a Denny’s restaurant near the Westwood campus early in the morning on April 23. Manning, who initially pleaded not guilty, faced up to four years in prison if convicted.

Instead, he was placed on three years probation and ordered to attend a year of anger management counseling. He must also complete 100 hours of community service with a municipality, public agency or nationally recognized philanthropic organization not associated with the Bears. Andy McCollum was lost for the season with a knee injury.

Rams were hurt on an extra-point attempt in the second quarter at San Francisco when the 49ers overloaded his side and bowled him over. He landed hard on his head.

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It was reported early Wednesday morning that NFL superstar and Dallas Cowboys’ wide receiver Terrell Owens attempted suicide by means of a drug overdose. Later in the day, it surfaced that Owens just had an allergic reaction to his pain medication. Whether it is by their own means or not, I’m sure this thing will be playing non-stop on all networks, just as every T.O. escapade is. It’s tough to imagine the frenzy in Big-D whether it is by their own means or not. I’m never like hearing about any athletes who die, but you never like to see a guy try to take his life away. Even if you are the most avid T.O. hater, you have to be worrying about him. That’s what we’re hoping for. Everyone I’m talking to is trying to get as many people as we can to help support us. That’s one thing that we try to emphasize, the crowd support. That really helps the team out on the field. That gives them the fans cheering, screaming. That really pumps everybody up and gets everybody motivated.

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Saluki cross country looks for early season success

Matt Hartwig

Saluki cross country has the sad Monday to take on the largest field they have faced since the 2005 Missouri Valley Conference Championship.

SIU will compete against 25 schools and more than 200 men’s and women’s runners at the Sears Earl LakesHort Invitational in Chicago. The meet marks the first competition for the Salukis since the Eastern Illinois Panther Open on Sept. 16.

Head coach Matt Sparks said Marquette seniors have faced against this many people since they went down state for high school, Sparks said. “This is going to be a new, familiar, yet challenging, position. These freshmen haven’t raced against this many people since they went down state for high school,” Sparks said. “This is going to be a new experience and an added stress for the younger runners.”

Sparks said he expected Marquette to enter the invitational as the favorite in both the men’s and women’s fields. The Golden Eagles placed both squads in the top 20 of their previous invitational meet.

SIU has had some recent success, as well.

The men’s team won the Panther Open, while the women finished a distant second to the University of Wisconsin.

Sophomore Mohamed Mohamed and junior Kevin Doran, who finished fourth and fifth place respectively, led the men’s team, while freshmen Alseret Dokubo and Nefe Williams finished 10th and 13th, respectively.

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The focus is usually on Mohamed and Doran in the men’s draw for a reason, but junior Jason Brosseau said they aren’t the entire team. Brosseau, who finished 12th at the Panther Open, said the team is in trouble if they rely on Doran and Mohamed for everything. He said a top-five finish requires a collaborative effort.

“We need to keep the entire pack together,” Brosseau said. “The teams who win big events like this have an entire team of solid runners.”

For the women to do well Saturday, Sparks said veteran runners Sarah Rinker and Brittani Christensen must bounce back from their back-of-the-pack showings at the Panther Open.

The seniors really need to step it up this weekend,” Sparks said. “With their leadership, the freshmen will have less pressure on them.”

Dokubo said the seniors’ problems have been psychological and added the team needed its seniors to lead the way. “The seniors on this team just over-think what they’re doing,” Dokubo said. “If the team goes out there relaxed, we’re going to have good results.”

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**FOOTBALL**

Sycamores face top offensive, defensive team in Gateway Football Conference

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Lou West is a realist.

West, Indiana State’s second-year head coach, has seen SIU’s game tapes and the Salukis’ unflattering record in the Gateway Football Conference standings. He said he heard about the Salukis’ ranking as the top offensive and defensive team in the conference.

The Salukis host Indiana State in the conference opener for both teams at 6 p.m. Saturday. West said he knows the Sycamores, mired in a 21-game losing streak, are Carbondale as underdogs in some folks’ eyes.

“Southern Illinois is one of the best, if not the best, FBS teams going right now,” West said. “They’re pretty hot and on a roll, and we’re going to have to play almost flawless football to have a shot at getting a win.”

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The Sycamores have a mobile-quarterback in junior Nick Hill, who West said makes something of nothing with his legs. When he throws the ball, Hill leads a team with the highest-ranked pass efficiency.

And most important in West’s eyes is an offensive line as able in pass protection as it is running block. SIU’s line has allowed only one sack on the season — a tough break for a Sycamores’ defense tied for last in the Gateway in sacks with four.

Offensively, West said his line must improve it if he hopes to slow the pass rush of SIU’s defensive end Leonard Wins and senior end and linebacker Micaah King. Wins and King have combined for half of SIU’s 13 sacks, with four and 2.5, respectively.

To make matters worse, Indiana State is minus-seven in turnover differential and now faces a defense that forces more than a turnover a game. On paper, SIU should make pulp of the Sycamores, but SIU head coach Jerry Kill said fans should not place too much stock in the statistics or Indiana State’s winless record.

“Bottom line, they’re played a tougher schedule than we have,” Kill said.

Indiana State lost to two Division I-AA teams in Purdue and Northern Illinois. Now it meets the 10th-ranked team in Division I-AA.

“It’s not an easy task but one West said could end with an upset if the Sycamores play ‘within our realm.’

“We’ve got to make sure that we go in to do what we’re supposed to do and take care of our responsibilities, and I think everything will turn out right,” West said.

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**SWIMMING**

Freshman Tim Silkaitis dives off the block to start his warm-up during swim practice Tuesday afternoon at the Dr. Edward J. Shea Natatorium.

The swimming & diving team will compete against Evansville Saturday morning at the Evansville Natatorium.

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“I can tell people is to watch out for freshmen,” Walker said. “There isn’t anyone in particular, but the entire freshmen class we have is amazing.”

Walker praised his freshman swimmers’ abilities, and he said their attitudes are even better.

“If you ask any of these swimmers, they will tell you that the team goals come first,” Walker said. “For the first time in my career, these kids want a conference title more than I do.”

Walker has won the top-coaching award in the MVC twice. His positive approach has his team believing they can win.

Freshman backstroke competitor Tim Silkaitis said Walker fosters a strong team environment that has had a major impact on team chemistry.

“I didn’t really have this kind of encouragement in high school,” Silkaitis said. “It’s great for me because it will help me stay in a competitive realm.”

Freshman swimmer Lisa Jaquez said the women’s team expects to handily defeat Evansville. She said the freshmen are outstanding and a solid effort should be enough to win.

“The overall goal is to win conference, and that battle begins in Evansville,” Jaquez said.

The Salukis are set to return to action Oct. 31 at Ebray University.

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**Madden jinx strikes again**

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It only took three weeks for the Madden curse to hit the football owners all over the country.

Players who have graced the cover of Madden have also had their images been played by injuries or poor seasons for the last five years.

This year’s candidate is Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander.

Alexander, this year’s Madden cover, broke his left foot in Seattle’s game against the New York Giants.

Originally, Alexander was expected to miss up to a month. However, Alexander Wednesday he thinks he could be ready to play by Sunday.

Head coach Mike Holmgren, known for his wisdom, said the best chance Alexander will play this week. He cited the protection of Alexander’s long-term health as his reasoning.

Alexander was undoubtedly taken in.

The first-round, over-draft pick, already had his season made and made his fantasy owners wish they paid more attention to the Madden jinx when he got injured.

Maurice Morris is expected to fill in for Alexander during his absence, but look for the Seahawks to dedicate themselves to a pass-first offense.

Oddly enough, SIU head coach Matt Hasselbeck, who had a stellar week three, should benefit from Alexander’s injury.

With receivers such as Deion Branch, Darrell Jackson, Bobby Engram and Nate Burleson at Hasselbeck’s disposal, look for the Seahawks to commit to the pass early and often next week against the Chicago Bears.

Will we see Hasselbeck throw for well over 300 yards? Possibly not. The Seahawks play at Chicago, but Hasselbeck should still put up some solid numbers.

Other quarterback news makes its way out of Arizona, where Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner just can’t seem to avoid a good quarterback controversy.

Warner had an abysmal game in week three against the St. Louis Rams. In Week One, coach Mike Green was asked who his starting quarterback would be in week four.

Green responded by saying he doesn’t talk about starting players this early in the week, leading some to believe Matt Leinart would start in place of Warner.

Monday, rumors leaked that Leinart, a former Heisman Trophy winner, would be taking over the reins as quarterback. Green shut down the notion Tuesday.

Although Leinart won’t start Saturday, it is very possible he will start very soon.

If Warner shows any sign of weakness against the Atlanta Falcons on the field, it may force Green to play Leinart.

With that said, if he is available in your league’s free agent pool, pick him up. Leinart has potential to be a very solid fantasy quarterback, and could be a strong addition to your team.

With the abundance of talent in Arizona receiving corps (i.e. Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin), Leinart could put up numbers equal to Warner’s in his prime.

**FOOTBALL**

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The SIU swim team will begin the 2006-07 season with a confident attitude and a new conference.

The Salukis face the University of Evansville Saturday in a matchup of old Missouri Valley Conference foes.

When the MVC quit fielding a conference for swimming in 2003, SIU and Evansville became independents. Now, both teams enter the season as members of the Sun Belt Conference, which includes Western Kentucky, Missouri State and Florida Atlantic.

Despite the apparent similarities, SIU head coach Rick Walker said each team is headed in a different direction.

Collegesports.com ranked SIU fifth in its mid-major poll during the 2005-06 season, while Evansville went unranked with only 10 combined wins individually.

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