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# Wendler: USG not broken

Chancellor discusses possible changes surrounding student government

**Wayne Utterback**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 constituency 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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**Chancellor Walter Wendler speaks at the USG meeting** as USG President Akeem Mustapha listens Wednesday evening in the Student Health Center auditorium.  
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From past players such as Jim Hart, left, to current players such as Craig Turner, right, the SIU 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 resurgence of Saluki football.

## SALUKI FOOTBALL: THEN AND NOW

STORY BY JORDAN WILSON

Somehow, Jerry Kill convinced future champions to join a losing team.

It wasn't an easy task for the first-year head coach of the Saluki football team — the program he took over in 2001 had losing records in 15 of its last 17 seasons, including nine straight.

All the players had to do was buy in.

"We knew we didn't have great facilities and things of that nature," Kill said. "But we didn't hide it. We showed it to them, and said, 'Hey, your job is to help us get better.'"

Those who know Kill now wouldn't second-guess anything the sixth-year coach said. They would cling on to any of his coaching philosophies.

In 2001, though, Kill had none of that. All he had were championships at the high school and Division II levels.

Kill's slate at SIU was blank.

Yet that didn't matter to Joel Sambursky.

"In my heart, I knew to ... jump on board with coach Kill," Sambursky said. "But the first year when we went 1-10, I didn't

look so smart. Looking back at it, I look like a genius."

Sambursky believed in the sweater-vest-wearing coach from Wichita, Kan. Sambursky, who ended up breaking just about every SIU passing record before he graduated in 2005, helped orchestrate a transformation that turned SIU from a cellar dweller to a national power.

It started with honesty, something Kill still preaches to his players to this day.

"I told them, 'Hey, if you come in here and believe in us, we're going to make the biggest turnaround in college football history,'" Kill said.

Kill wasn't far off.

The Salukis' Sept. 16 win against Indiana University — the Gateway Football Conference's first-ever win over a Big Ten program — showed nonbelievers what the SIU football team already knew: It was a legitimate program.

It took a while for Kill to polish a rusted program that had gone through decades of despair.

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## Inauguration ceremony for Poshard today

**Brandon Weisenberger**  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 processional, 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 speak, Ruiz said. Rep. John Shimkus and Sens. 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 Cerchio, 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.

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#### Museum Student Group Presents

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• Opening reception for an exhibit on student life at SIU

#### Veterans Reunion

• 2 p.m. Saturday at the Marion VFW  
• Live bands, dancing, food, drinks, T-shirts and caps

#### Mt. Dew Amp 1st annual fashion show

• 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Carbondale Civic Center  
• \$5 entrance fee, featuring models from St. Louis

#### Monday Movie Monster Mania

• 10 p.m. Monday at the Sigma Nu fraternity house, 609 S. Poplar St.

#### All-majors job fair

• 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Student Center Ballrooms

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### FAA considers raising pilots' retirement age to 65

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is considering raising the mandatory retirement age for airline pilots from 60 to 65, the Federal Aviation Administration said Wednesday.

The agency said the change is prompted by the United Nations organization that governs aviation, the International Civil Aviation Organization. ICAO will increase the international standard to 65 on Nov. 23.

FAA administrator Marion Blakey ordered a forum of airline, labor and medical experts to recommend whether the United States should raise the age limit.

Duane Woerth, president of the Air Line Pilots Association, will co-chair the group. He said the FAA is considering the change only because Congress is likely to order it before the end of this year's session.

"They definitely should not allow Congress to be dictating a safety rule," Woerth said.

ALPA, the largest pilots' union, opposes changing the mandatory retirement age, though Woerth said only a thin majority of pilots want to keep it. Some pilots want the retirement age raised because they've lost their airline pensions.

Woerth said ICAO didn't analyze the safety impact of changing the retirement age.

Under current international standards, foreign pilots older than 60 may fly into the United States as co-pilots. When the ICAO change takes effect, foreign pilots will be able to fly in the United States up to age 65, as long as they're accompanied by a co-pilot under 60 and they undergo medical testing every six months.

The FAA forum has 60 days to report its findings.

#### Sixteen horses die in crash on Interstate 44

SULLIVAN, Mo. (AP) — Sixteen of 42 horses on their way to an Illinois slaughterhouse died after a crash early Wednesday on Interstate 44 in Franklin County.

The truck overturned about 3:30 a.m. between Sullivan and St. Clair while en route to Cavel International Inc., a horse processing plant in DeKalb, authorities said.

The Humane Society, which directed the rescue effort, said 26 of the 42 horses in the trailer were rescued. Seven died at the scene, and nine were euthanized because of severe injuries. The 26 rescued horses were treated at the nearby St. Clair Saddle Club.

The Humane Society's Jeane Jae said the Missouri State Highway Patrol asked the society to care for the horses at its Longmeadow Rescue Ranch for now. The Humane Society is seeking custody of the horses.

Patrol Cpl. Al Nothum said he had no other details.

Horses are slaughtered at three foreign-owned plants — two in Texas and one in Illinois. In all, about 88,000 horses, mules and other equines were slaughtered last year, according to the Agriculture Department.

In a statement Wednesday, Cavel said even though the horses were bound for the slaughterhouse, "where they would have been euthanized under the supervision of federal inspectors and USDA veterinarians," the horses belong to the horse trader who bought them until they reach the plant.

#### Republicans pick Twin Cities for GOP Convention

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans will hold their 2008 presidential convention in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis-St. Paul, choosing a location in the politically pivotal Midwest.

Party and state officials announced the selection Wednesday. The convention is slated for Sept. 1 to 4, 2008.

"This is fantastic news," Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty said. "We're very, very pleased."

Losing out were New York City, Cleveland and a joint bid from Tampa and St. Petersburg, Fla., other cities that had sought the convention.

The four-day event will be held at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn., a concert venue and the home of the National Hockey League's Minnesota Wild.

Democrats also had been considering holding their convention in the Twin Cities, but the Republican announcement left Democrats with two competing cities to choose from — New York and Denver.

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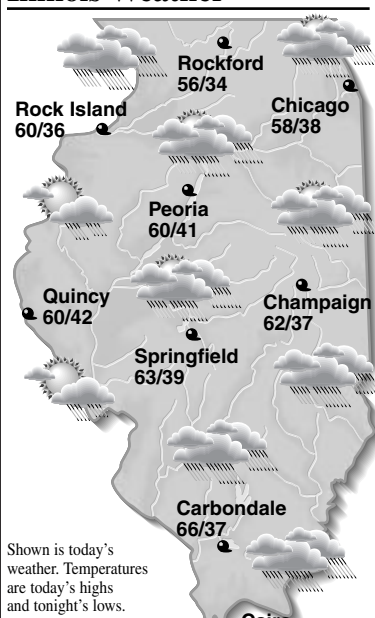
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### Illinois Weather



### Regional Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Bloomington	61 39 c	64 47 s
Cape Girardeau	64 37 c	70 50 pc
Chicago	58 38 c	60 52 s
Danville	64 38 c	65 51 pc
Edwardsville	62 42 c	70 53 pc
Moline	60 37 c	67 52 pc
Mt. Vernon	64 36 c	66 49 pc
Paducah	66 40 c	68 51 pc
Peoria	60 41 c	66 52 s
Quincy	60 42 pc	68 53 pc
Rockford	56 34 c	61 48 s
Springfield	63 39 c	67 52 s

### Almanac

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High/low yesterday ..... 83°/49°  
Normal high/low ..... 76°/51°

Precipitation:  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. yest. .... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 3.32"  
Normal month to date ..... 2.86"  
Year to date ..... 37.39"  
Normal year to date ..... 34.32"

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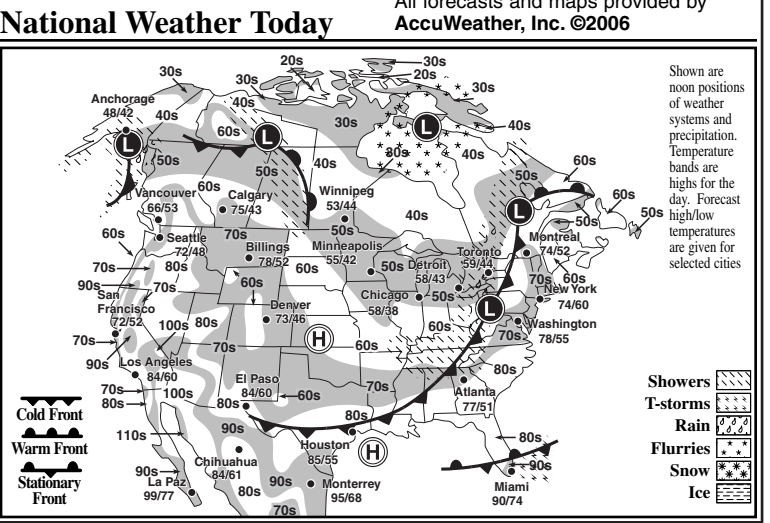
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Dallas	79 53 pc	80 64 s
Denver	73 46 s	82 47 s
Indianapolis	60 41 c	62 49 pc
Kansas City	62 44 pc	72 56 pc
Las Vegas	95 67 s	95 68 s
Nashville	67 44 t	66 49 pc
New Orleans	86 63 t	77 58 pc
New York City	74 60 pc	67 52 r
Orlando	88 68 pc	88 68 pc
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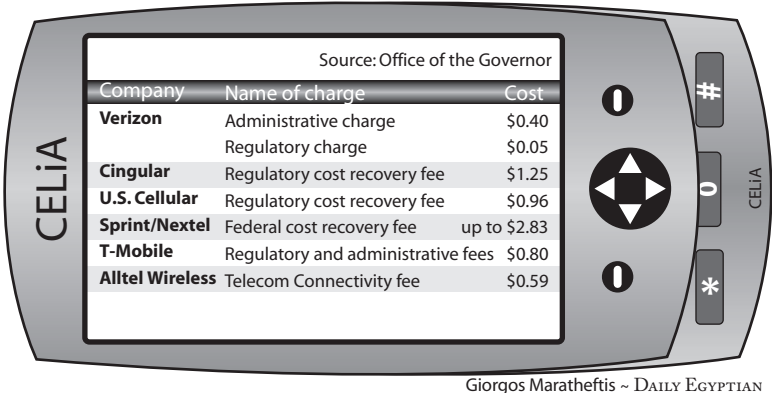
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**Secret cellphone charges**



Source: Office of the Governor

Company	Name of charge	Cost
Verizon	Administrative charge	\$0.40
	Regulatory charge	\$0.05
Cingular	Regulatory cost recovery fee	\$1.25
U.S. Cellular	Regulatory cost recovery fee	\$0.96
Sprint/Nextel	Federal cost recovery fee	up to \$2.83
T-Mobile	Regulatory and administrative fees	\$0.80
Alltel Wireless	Telecom Connectivity fee	\$0.59

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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 unexplained fees every month.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich announced Wednesday he plans to propose legislation to defend 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 \$.05 up to \$2.83 a month and are labeled as "administrative charges" on the bill, according to the governor's office.

Rebecca Rausch, spokeswoman for Blagojevich, said a recent court ruling allowed the state to consider these regulations. In late August, a court in Washington said states have the right to protect their citizens from unfair billing practices by cell phone companies.

A customer service representative

from Alltel Wireless, the mother company of First Cellular, said she could not explain what a "regulatory cost recovery fee" is or why it appears on the bill over the phone.

She said Alltel customers could obtain the information by looking at the back of their bill to find explanations of the assessed fees.

Representatives from Verizon, Cingular and U.S. Cellular had no comment regarding the fees.

These fees, which average about \$1 per month for each line, are estimated to cost Illinois consumers \$127 million a year, according to the governor's office.

Rausch said these fees are unregulated under federal law.

Keelia Fowler, a senior from Jamaica studying public relations, said the fees are very annoying.

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

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# Blogging about Carbondale

**Brandon Augsborg**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Peter Gregory has been on the cutting edge since he left southern Illinois in 1984 to seek a job in Silicon Valley, Calif. Whether it be at the helm of a computer company or blogging about community, Gregory has always been successful, or as he calls it, "stunningly 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 Bsquared Corporation in 1994 in Bellevue, Wash. The company designed software for Microsoft and quickly became a cash cow.

"We built real nitty-gritty, low-level software," Gregory said. "We built compilers and operating systems for Microsoft under contract. It was kind of not sexy and highly specialized and highly lucrative."

Despite the riches his company afforded him, he saw the dot-com era ending and sold his shares in 1999.

He said he was fried after years of 80-hour workweeks, and he realized he hated the traffic around Seattle.

"After a year, I woke up and realized that I wanted to do something that made meaning in my life," Gregory said.

He returned to southern Illinois in 2000 to invest in area businesses and try to boost the local economy.

He ran a business plan contest at the Small Business Incubator

Program at the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center for three years, but he didn't find anything to invest in.

"It's kind of an amusing thought to have a couple million bucks you're willing to blow and not be able to give it to anybody," Gregory said.

When his plans didn't turn out like he had hoped, he decided to say something.

He started his blog a few months ago, and he originally posted his thoughts about the city and the local economy.

He said there is a sad story in southern Illinois — the region just can't keep its talented people around.

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole, who had heard of Gregory's blog but never read it, said he might have some valid arguments because of his keen understanding of business, but Cole said he has tried hard to help the community grow.

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

He said Gregory's zeal for improving Carbondale's economic outlook might actually be able to help set the city apart from others in southern Illinois.

"The fact that we have him here — that he's willing to do something — shows that we have something other communities don't have," Cole said.

Gregory is not simply an economic commentator.

He shifted his focus to SIUC once the university was back in session this fall because he said he

saw many problems with the way it is run.

Many of his posts about SIUC focus on the administration, Saluki Way or the university's marketing strategy.

He said he has no problem with the university taxing students through tuition increases because it allows them to leave a legacy at their university.

He said his main problem was with the order of construction — athletics before academics.

Chancellor Walter Wendler, who also has heard about the blog but never read it, said Gregory's reaction was not uncommon.

"A lot of people don't agree with Saluki Way, so that doesn't surprise me," he said.

Gregory also chastises the administration in his blog.

He said the students have changed, and the university has not kept up with the times.

He said raising tuition has hurt the university's credibility with prospective students because the education is no longer as affordable.

Wendler, who initiated Southern at 150 and Saluki Way, two projects to revamp SIUC, said some people want SIUC to stay the way it was in the past.

"He may be one of those people who wants to keep it the way it was 20 years ago," Wendler said.

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**Peter Gregory's blog**

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## WORLD &amp; NATION

# Gunman kills himself, hostage at high school

**Chase Squires**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAILEY, Colo. (AP) — A gunman took six girls hostage at the high school in this mountain town Wednesday, using them as human shields for hours before he shot and fatally wounded a girl and then killed himself as a SWAT team moved in, authorities said.

The gunman, believed to be

between 30 and 50 years old, was cornered with the girls in a second-floor classroom, and he released four of them, one by one.

Park County Sheriff Fred Wegener said authorities decided to enter the school to save the two remaining hostages after the man cut off negotiations and set a deadline. He said the gunman had threatened the girls throughout the four-hour ordeal and had shielded himself with the hostages.

The man was not immediately identified, and the sheriff was at a loss to explain a motive.

"I don't know why he wanted to do this," Wegener said, his voice breaking.

The wounded girl was taken to a Denver hospital in critical condition but was declared dead, a hospital spokeswoman said. She did not release the girl's name.

The last hostage was unharmed

and talking with authorities.

After the suspect entered the building, hundreds of students at Platte Canyon High School were evacuated in a scene that recalled the horror at Columbine, just a short drive away.

Students said the bearded suspect wore a dark blue hooded sweat shirt and a camouflage backpack. The sheriff said the man threatened to set off a bomb he claimed to have in the backpack. The man was also toting a

handgun.

Tom Grigg said his 16-year-old son, Cassidy, was in a classroom when the man walked in, fired a gun and began telling some students to leave and others — all girls — to stay.

"He stood them up at the blackboard," Grigg said. "He hand-picked the ones he wanted to get out."

The gunman told Cassidy to leave, but he said he wanted to stay with the girls, Grigg said.

## Terrell Owens denies trying to commit suicide

Outspoken NFL player makes statement to press

**Jaime Aron**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys receiver Terrell Owens denied a police report Wednesday that he attempted suicide, saying he became groggy after mixing painkillers with supplements.

As if to prove he's doing fine, Owens went from the hospital to catching passes from quarterback Drew Bledsoe within two hours, then proclaimed himself "very capable of going out there and playing on Sunday" — despite whatever happened Tuesday night and a broken right hand.

Owens said the confusion likely stemmed from an empty bottle of pain medication found by his publicist, who was with him at the time and called 911. He said the rest of the pills were in a drawer.

"I was non-responsive when she made that call," Owens said. "She made the call out of her judgment for my well-being."

Appearing in a news conference at team headquarters a few hours after leaving a hospital for what a police report described as "a drug overdose," Owens wore workout gear and no bandage on his right hand. The star receiver smiled and seemed more amused than peeved at the latest ruckus surrounding him.

Owens, 32, blamed a combination of hydrocodone, a generic form of Vicodin, with all-natural supplements for making him ill.

"It's very unfortunate for it to go from an allergic reaction to a suicide attempt," he said.

Rescue workers arrived at Owens' home around 8 p.m. Tuesday and took him to an emergency room. When word spread, publicist Kim Etheredge said it was an allergic reaction.

But the story shifted Wednesday morning when several media outlets received a police report — that had yet to be released by the



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Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens explains during a press conference held at Valley Ranch in Irving, Texas, on Wednesday that he did not try to commit suicide. Owens flatly denied that he tried to commit suicide, explaining that he was groggy from taking a couple of painkillers

authorities — saying Owens had attempted suicide by overdosing on the painkillers, even putting two more pills into his mouth after an unidentified friend, later identified as Etheredge, intervened.

The police document, first reported by WFAA-TV, said Owens was asked by rescue workers "if he was attempting to harm himself, at which time (he) stated: 'Yes.'"

"I was kind of out of it," Owens said. "I can barely even remember the doctors, much less the police officers asking me questions."

Owens also said that he's "not depressed about anything."

### WIRE REPORTS

#### IRAQ

#### Majority of Iraqis back attacks on U.S. troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — About six in 10 Iraqis say they approve of attacks on U.S.-led forces, and slightly more than that want their government to ask U.S. troops to leave within a year, according to a poll in that country.

The Iraqis also have negative views of Osama bin Laden, according to the early September poll of 1,150. The poll, done for University of Maryland's Program on International Policy Attitudes, found:

- Almost four in five Iraqis say the U.S. military force in Iraq provokes more violence than it prevents.
- About 61 percent approved of the attacks — up from 47 percent in January. A solid majority of Shiite and Sunni Arabs approved of the attacks, according to the poll. The increase came mostly among Shiite Iraqis.

#### WASHINGTON

#### Intelligence analysts see a need for policy shifts

WASHINGTON (AP) — National Intelligence Estimates are notorious for being watered down, partly because analysts spread across 16 different spy agencies often have difficulty settling on just the right words.

That's what makes the tough language in this week's terrorism analysis all the more striking. And it has left many puzzling over why the White House decided to release it.

To almost any reader, the assessment of trends in global terror for the next five years looks grim. It warns that most jihadist groups "will use improvised explosive devices and suicide attacks" on "soft targets." It cautions that extremists still seek chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons. And it contemplates whether other types of leftist or separatist groups, such as anti-globalism factions, could adopt terrorist methods.

#### WASHINGTON

#### Bush to host dinner for bickering terror war allies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Afghan President Hamid Karzai calls Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf "my brother." But after months of bickering between the two key allies in the global terror fight, President Bush decided it was time for a family meeting.

Bush hosted the two for dinner Wednesday night at the White House, a command performance for leaders who have joined their fortunes to Bush's antiterror drive since the Sept. 11 attacks five years ago.

For months, Karzai and Musharraf have been trading barbs and criticizing each other's efforts to fight terrorists along their long, remote, mountainous border. Afghan officials allege that Pakistan lets Taliban militants hide out and launch attacks into Afghanistan. Musharraf says Karzai has bad information and notes that Pakistan has deployed 80,000 troops along the porous border.

## House approves detainee bill

**Anne Plummer Flaherty**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The House approved legislation Wednesday giving the Bush administration authority to interrogate and prosecute terrorism detainees, moving 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 assuring its passage 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 congressional elections.

For nearly two weeks, the GOP have been embarrassed as the White House and rebellious Republican senators have fought publicly over whether Bush's plan would give him too much authority. But they struck a compromise last Thursday, and Republicans are hoping approval will bolster their effort to cast themselves as strong on national security, a marquee issue this election year.

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

"Will my Democrat friends work with Republicans to give the president the tools he needs to continue

to stop terrorist attacks before they happen, or will they vote to force him to fight the terrorists with one arm tied behind his back?" he asked just before members cast their ballots.

Democrats opposed the bill by about a five-to-one margin, with many wanting to tone down the powers it would give to Bush and the limits it would impose on terror-war suspects' abilities to defend themselves during trials.

Said Representative Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio: "This bill is everything we don't believe in."

The legislation would establish a military court system to prosecute terror suspects, a response to the Supreme Court ruling last June that Congress' blessing was necessary. While the bill would grant defendants more legal rights than they had under the administration's old system, it nevertheless would eliminate rights usually granted in civilian and military courts.

The measure also provides extensive definitions of war crimes such as torture, rape and biological experiments — but gives Bush broad authority to decide which other techniques U.S. interrogators can legally use. The provisions are intended to protect CIA interrogators from being prosecuted for war crimes.

With elections just weeks away, the debate over the legal handling of terrorists was often partisan with some Democrats contending the bill would approve torture.

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— Dennis Kucinich  
Ohio representative

rorists accountable, but if we try to redefine the nature of torture, whisk people into secret detention facilities and use secret evidence to convict them in special courts, our actions do in fact embolden our enemies," said Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va.

Others vehemently opposed language that would give the president wide latitude to interpret international standards of prisoner treatment and bar detainees from going to federal court to protest their treatment and detention under the right of habeas corpus. Supporters of the bill have said eliminating habeas corpus was intended to keep detainees from flooding federal courts with appeals.

The bill also gives the president the ability to interpret international standards for prisoner treatment when an act does not fall under the definition of a war crime, such as rape and torture.

"It gives too much leeway to the president," said Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa. "And I think when you tamper with the Geneva Conventions . . . you hurt our ability to protect the troops."

Republicans defended the measure as sound.

"Is it perfect? No," said Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla. "Do we have an obligation to pass it? Yes."



# 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 Alejandro 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

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

— Denisha Bell  
senior studying education

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



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A group of people watch as Josefa Infante, a junior studying administration of justice, and Alejandro Infante, an undecided freshman, demonstrate the basic steps in salsa dancing Wednesday evening in Student Center Ballroom D. Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity and Special Programs and Center Events sponsored the free salsa lessons.

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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.

You just have to try to catch the beat, Garcilazo said. It might

seem cliché, but it is easier to learn the steps.

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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 hobnob and feel self-important while sheltered in the SIU Arena enjoying a \$40,000 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 Allyn 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



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have skyrocketed and other budgetary decisions averted 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  
MCT

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 partici-

pation 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 turned 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.

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“ I don't care why gas is going down. ”

Kent Delai  
Junior from Springfield studying forestry



# INSIGHT



## Unexpected excitement

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As a photographer, when I hear the paper is light 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 Amtrak Station to greet Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Before the band left for the station, 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 says the Iraq war has made the terrorist threat worse. Then came a rush of bad news about the resurgence of the Taliban in southern Afghanistan, where it is fiercely fighting NATO forces.

But most astonishing was a series of bitter and public ripostes between the visiting presidents of Afghanistan and Pakistan, both U.S. allies, over who's to blame for the Taliban's return. Afghan President Hamid Karzai says (with evidence on his side) that Pakistan permits hard-line Islamists to train and headquarter in its tribal regions; Pakistani leader Pervez Musharraf heaps scorn on the charges.

This is no mere tiff between competing politicians. The Taliban attacks in southern Afghanistan have become

so bad that Gen. James Jones, the senior NATO commander, has been begging for more forces. The Karzai-Musharraf hostility reflects a problem that could drag Afghanistan down and ensure an ongoing haven for al-Qaida and other terrorists.

So what's an American leader to do? President Bush is inviting Karzai and Musharraf to an extraordinary White House tête-à-tête Wednesday night. He will urge them, over dinner, to iron out their differences. "It will be interesting for me to watch the body language of these two leaders to determine how tense things are," Bush said, half-joking, at a news conference yesterday.

While Musharraf has cooperated in the hunt for al-Qaida operatives in Pakistan, under heavy U.S. pressure, his record on controlling Islamic extremists at home has been far more spotty. (The Pakistan military had close ties with the Taliban until the 2001 U.S. invasion.) In recent years the Pakistani leader did send tens of thousands of troops into tribal regions where foreign

jihadis, including al-Qaida militants, were hiding.

But early this month the Pakistani government signed a peace pact with tribal leaders in North Waziristan, whom many believe are fronts for the Taliban. Jihadist Web sites are trumpeting the agreement as a Taliban triumph.

When I asked Musharraf, at a Council on Foreign Relations meeting, whether he had handed the Taliban a victory, he vociferously denied it.

We argued that heavy use of military force against local Pakistani Pashtun tribes could drive them into an alliance with the Taliban. Supposedly the tribal leaders are going to prevent foreign militants from entering their areas, but few believe this.

"My initial impression was that this was a deal signed by the Taliban," Afghan leader Karzai said bluntly. He said the test would be whether "the terrorists will not be allowed to cross over (from Pakistan) into Afghanistan" to assassinate Afghans and attack coalition

troops. A top female Afghan educator was assassinated just this week.

I also asked Musharraf about Karzai's charge that former Taliban leader Mullah Omar was hiding in Pakistan. Karzai says his intelligence chief gave the Pakistanis GPS coordinates, phone numbers, and addresses for Omar in the Pakistani city of Quetta. Musharraf claimed the numbers were outdated and "useless" and that "Mullah Omar never came to Pakistan after 1995."

The bottom line is that Taliban insurgents are crossing the Pakistani border to destabilize Afghanistan and, if not stopped, will undercut what progress has been made there during the last five years.

"This is an extremely important dinner, not just for getting the two individuals together," says New York University's Barnett Rubin, one of the top U.S. experts on Afghanistan. "If the United States can't deliver the end of the Taliban sanctuary... then it signals we are not serious about succeeding in Afghanistan."

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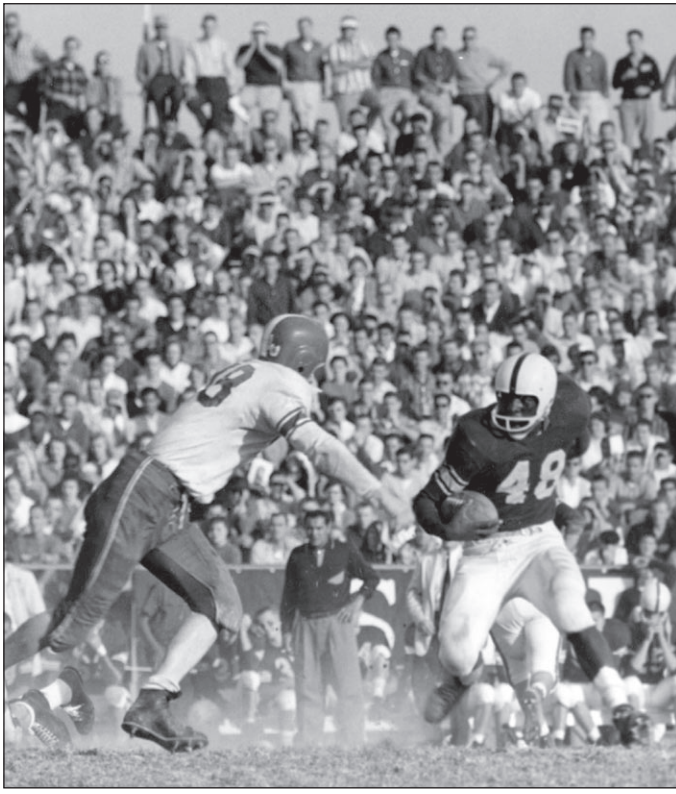


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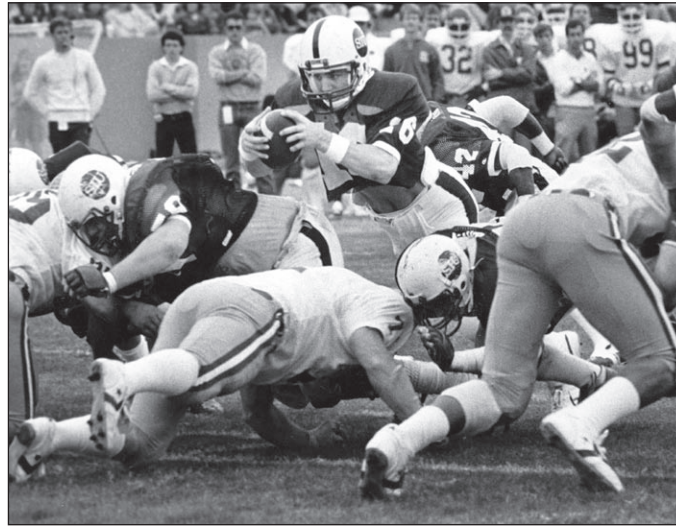
## SALUKI FOOTBALL: FROM PAST TO PRESENT

STORY BY JORDAN WILSON • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

**Amos Bullocks, who played from 1958 to 1961, makes a cut while trying to avoid a tackler. Bullocks ranks seventh on the list for points scored in a career.**  
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**Rick Johnson follows his offensive line and dives into the end zone for a touchdown. Johnson was the quarterback for SIU's 1983 national championship team and ranks second all-time in career passing yards.**  
SALUKI MEDIA SERVICES



The atmosphere of an SIU football game at humble McAndrew Stadium may not seem impressive. Yet, taking a look at the program's history, a night game at the 69-year-old stadium would seem like a luxury.

When it began in 1913, the SIU football program battled high school teams on high school fields. They squared off against junior college squads.

The Salukis of yesteryear played at the old Lincoln Middle School and wore long-sleeved, button-up striped jerseys that resembled dress wear. The Maroons — as they were then called — fought through decades of mediocrity and dwelled in the lower echelon of the college football world.

Fred Huff, who served stints as the SIU director of media services and assistant athletic director from 1960 until 2001, said the football program didn't matter as much to the university early on as it now does.

"Football just wasn't that big of a deal," Huff said. "Athletics were not that big of a deal."

In the Jerry Kill-era, those statements couldn't be farther off.

SIU now competes in one of the nation's toughest I-AA football conferences. The Salukis are no longer a team that proves skeptics right. Instead, the team is perennially touted as one of the premier I-AA programs in the nation.

Before its current state, the program suffered through a history of up-and-down seasons filled with uncertainty. Until Kill's tenure, the Salukis hadn't strung back-to-back winning seasons together since 1983, which was the year they won the school's only national championship.

Most years, such achievements were out of the question. The Salukis normally dealt with a bevy of new coaches and inconsistent play.

A look at SIU football in the late 1950s is proof of this. Starting in 1957, the Salukis turned in five straight winning seasons for a 32-15 record. Over the next five years, they went 16-32-1.

Mike Reis said such swings epitomized Saluki football.

Reis, a Saluki Hall of Famer and a 28-year radio announcer for SIU sports, said the program is usually on one side of the spectrum.

"In 28 years, the low points have outnumbered the high points," Reis said. "That's why you appreciate the high points more."

### Question of respect

Mike O'Day remembers playing in holey, hand-me-down jerseys.

O'Day was a tight end on the 1983 team that routed Western Carolina, 43-7 for the national championship. Even after a pinnacle season, O'Day said the football team didn't get the respect — and more importantly the financial support — it deserved from the university community.

"There were definitely those who felt as if the commitment wasn't there," O'Day said. "It's hard to get motivated when you felt not supported, financially and otherwise."

Reis said that in 1981 a student body vote surfaced on whether to keep football as a university sport.

The support from the administration wasn't there either, he said.

"If Saluki football had the administrative support that it has now, it'd be a lot better off now," Reis said.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said the level and nature of support from the university could vary.

Even though Wendler did not hesitate to laud Kill's accomplishments, he said overall support can be difficult to garner.

"Sometimes it's not easy to be supportive of some of these programs in high-profile athletics because some people are not sure if that's a good way to spend money," Wendler said. "It's a little like paying taxes. As a taxpayer, it's like paying for something they'll never use."



Wendler noted that Saluki Way is not directly affected by the prosperity of the football program, but it "sure helps a little bit with the program being successful."

Saluki Way is a multi-million dollar plan to revamp the east side of campus. The first phase includes a new football stadium.

Bill Norwood has seen the game through multiple perspectives. Norwood, a quarterback for the Salukis from 1955 until 1958, also served on SIU's Board of Trustees from 1974 until 2001.

While some said support was lacking, Norwood said it was always there.

"I think they've been very supportive of the program throughout the years," Norwood said. "But it looks like you get more support when you win."

### Man with the plan

When Paul Kowalczyk started his post as the SIU athletic director in 2000, SIU football was slowly wasting away.

Three different coaches couldn't right the program that Reis said, "was on the verge of elimination."

Saluki football suffered through nine straight losing seasons. The program had never gone that long without a winning season. Record-wise, the football team was the worst it had been in its almost 90 years of existence.

Kowalczyk knew something had to change.

"I did not like what I saw in the football program," said Kowalczyk, who now holds a similar position at Colorado State University. "We weren't successful, and we had kids of questionable character."

The university needed a program it could flaunt. Kowalczyk needed a coach with integrity, great values and a track record of rebuilding programs.

Jerry Kill fit the bill, and at the time, no one expected immediate results. "Fortunately, our expectations were low," Kowalczyk said. "No one gave it any thought at the time. It gave time for people to be patient."

In Kill's first year at the reins, the Salukis tripped to a 1-10 record. In 2002, they finished 4-8.

Kill realized it would be difficult to turn the muddling team around. However, it was a process he eagerly took on.

Wendler said Kill approached his job with "sheer tenacity and determination. It's the kind of commitment that's rare in human beings."

What may be more rare is SIU's abrupt turnaround. One year removed from the 4-8 season, the Salukis turned in a 10-2 record and held the nation's No. 1 ranking for 10 straight weeks.

The winning has continued. Since the beginning of the 2003 season, the Salukis have gone 32-8. Those numbers landed them in the top 10 for wins in all of Division I football, enjoying the company of University of Southern California and University of Texas. This year the Salukis have climbed to No. 10 in the nation, even though they didn't receive any preseason recognition from poll makers and only returned five starters.

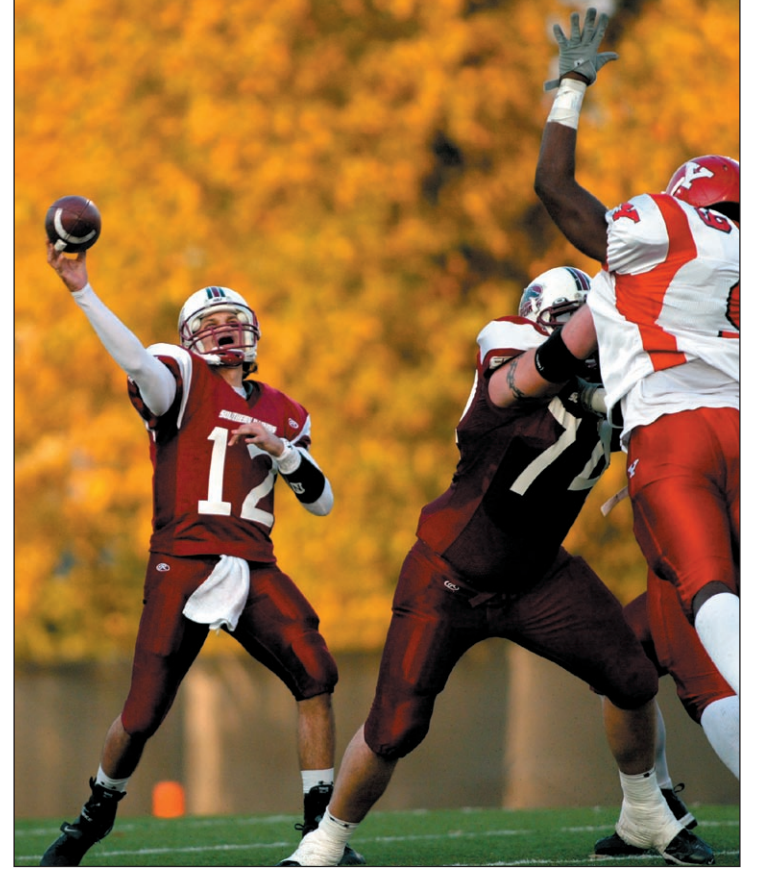
It didn't happen by accident — it is the machine of a program Kill has built.

Huff, who wrote a book chronicling 100 years of Saluki athletics, said the program is the best it's ever been because of Kill.

Huff said the coach has had more of an impact on the football team than anyone else.

"You can get out the record books, say, 'Wait a minute, this is what the team's done in the past three years,'" Huff said. "A lot of crazy old-timers say things aren't the way they used to be. Well, that's B.S. They're not like they used to be. They're better."

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**Former SIU quarterback Joel Sambursky drops back to pass in a 2005 game against Youngstown State. Sambursky set the bar for future quarterbacks and holds the majority of passing marks in the SIU record book.**  
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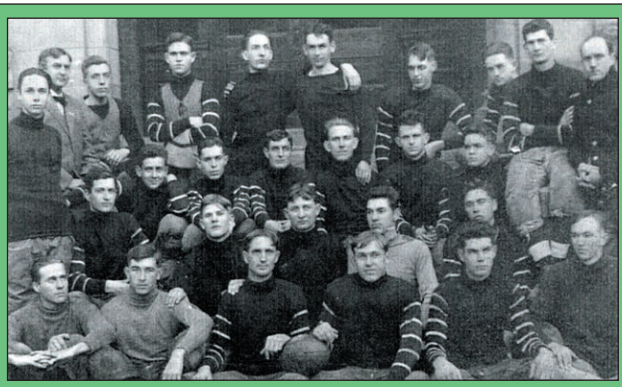
**Head football coach Jerry Kill shouts instructions as he watches players drive through a practice sled at McAndrew Stadium last year. Under Kill, the Salukis have gone 32-8 since the beginning of the 2003 season.**  
ANTHONY SOUFFLE  
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**1914:** Members of SIU's 1914 football team pose for a photo.

Before the school could create an identity for the football team, it had to create an identity for itself. With the official inception of athletics in 1913, then-Athletic Director William McAndrew dubbed the university the Maroons.

At the time, the school was known as SINU, or Southern Illinois Normal University. Before becoming SIU, the university took on the moniker of Southern Illinois Teacher's College, reverted back to SINU, and then settled upon SIU in 1947.

"At one time, they threatened to kick any male student out of school for playing football," former assistant athletic director and sports information director Fred Huff said.



**1967:** SIU upset Tulsa, 16-13. The Saluki notch what many call the biggest win in the football program's history.

Carl Mauck played on the '67 team and joined the Saluki coaching staff in 2006 after 34 years in the NFL as a player and coach.

At the time, Tulsa was 6-0 and ranked No. 5 in the country, and SIU was still a Division I-A program.

"The fact Tulsa was so highly ranked, people didn't think we had a shot at beating them," Huff said. Mauck still remembered the aftermath of the thrilling victory.

"It was a hell of a game, and they tore the goal posts out of the concrete," Mauck said. "They took them all the way downtown to the train station."



**2005:** SIU wins its first playoff game since 1983 by defeating Eastern Illinois, 21-6.

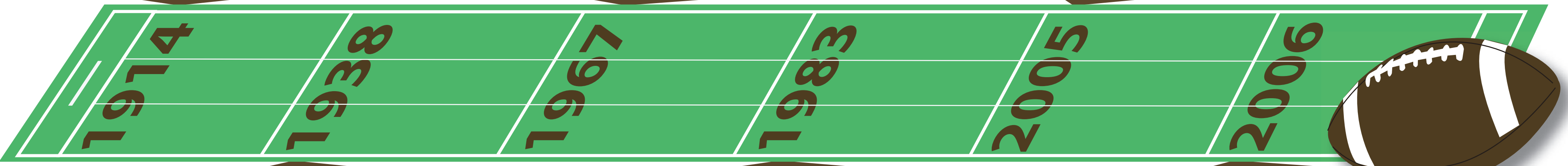
The resurgence of Saluki football started in 2003 when the program turned in its first winning record in 10 years. The Salukis followed that with another 10-2 mark in 2004. However, both seasons came without post-season success.

In 2003, the Salukis were upset by Delaware, 48-7 and were knocked off by Eastern Washington a year later by a 35-31 count.

Even though SIU finished with a worse record in 2005, it was able to take away the elusive playoff win.



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**1938:** Construction is finished on McAndrew Stadium. Teams started playing in the stadium in 1937, even though construction was not finished. The name of the stadium was simply the SINU stadium until 1943. In 1943, after William McAndrew's sudden death, the stadium was dubbed McAndrew Stadium. At the time, there was a university rule that did not allow a building to be named after a living person. However, Huff said, the stadium was erected with McAndrew already in mind.



**1983:** SIU wins its only national championship. The Salukis rout Western Carolina on the road, 43-7 for the Division I-AA National Championship. In '83, the playoff system only incorporated 12 teams. Because SIU was the top-seeded team, it received a first-round bye, meaning it only had to win two games to get to the title game. "It was a fantastic experience," Mike O'Day said. "It was a great ride." However, in typical Saluki fashion, they turned in a 3-8 record the next year. "It's like going from the highest high to the lowest low," O'Day said. Many people said the '83 team was the best squad to ever don an SIU uniform. Mike Reis, a Saluki Hall-of-Fame radio announcer, summed it up. "That '83 team could compete with or beat every team in Saluki football history," Reis said.



**2006:** SIU upsets Indiana, 35-28. The Salukis recorded the Gateway Football Conference's first-ever win against a Big Ten squad by upending the Hoosiers. With the victory, the Salukis snapped a 20-game losing streak to Division I-A opponents. The game was not decided until late. SIU came out sluggish and fell behind, 14-0. After a Craig Turner interception in the second quarter, the Salukis started playing their style of ball and dominated both sides of the ball. Reis said the win was monumental because there was little support for the Salukis outside of their own program. "That was amazing," Reis said. "I don't know more than a handful of people outside of the team that thought they could do that."



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William Colby (Kansas City, MO) is the lawyer who represented the family of Nancy Cruzan in the first right-to-die case heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. He has appeared in many national news network programs and is the author of two books, *Unplugged: Reclaiming Our Right to Die in America* (2006) and *Long Goodbye: The Deaths of Nancy Cruzan* (2002). He will sign books at a reception following the lecture.

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**Shryock Auditorium director Bob Cerchio gives directions to participants at the rehearsal** for SIU President Glenn Poshard's inauguration Wednesday evening at SIU Arena. Poshard's inauguration is at 2 p.m. today in the Arena.

### INAUGURATION

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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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### Prepping for Poshard

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Brandon Weisenberger can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 254 or [brandon\\_weisenberger@dailyegyptian.com](mailto:brandon_weisenberger@dailyegyptian.com).

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# USG

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A first draft of the task force that circulated campus this summer indicated USG and GPSC 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

## Task force breakdown

Tentative membership of the student leadership task force:

- 22 members total
- Nine students
- Three faculty members
- Four staff members
- Three administrators
- Three community members/retired employees

SOURCE: CHANCELLOR WALTER WENDLER

on real issues," Winstead said.

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# Promises for debates come up empty

Christopher Wills  
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.

"I'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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# Pace again questionable for Rams

**R.b. Fallstrom**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

for weeks," 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.

Pace was 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.

Linehan said he didn't believe it would have been beneficial to hold Pace out last week.

"He improved so much that he was cleared to go," Linehan said. "I'm not sure sitting him would have made him feel any better."

But he said the team would now consider resting Pace if symptoms keep recurring.

# Ricky Manning pleas no contest

**Andrew Seligman**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 counsel-

ing. He must also complete 100 hours of community service with a municipality, public agency or nationally recognized philanthropic organization not associated with the Bears.

A civil suit was filed in May, and Manning faces possible punishment from the NFL.

But Manning said, "It wasn't a plea where I'm saying, 'Yeah, I did it. I was wrong.'"

"If I don't plea to this, I have to go through trial," said Manning, who was already on probation for a similar misdemeanor offense four years ago near UCLA.

"We're in season now. Then, I'd have to put it in the hands of a jury. There are tons of things that can happen with a jury. They can say it's a conspiracy, that I conspired with other guys to beat this guy up. I just can't risk that. I would rather put it all in my hands, be on probation, keeping my nose clean and not get in any trouble."

Manning acknowledged he exchanged words with the man and pushed his head, but he said he

walked away after that. He and his companions left and were pulled over by police.

He said none of the three was involved in the beating.

An assault charge against Drew, now with the Jacksonville Jaguars, was dismissed in June because of insufficient evidence, and Ebell's felony charge was reduced to a misdemeanor.

"I didn't see who he got into it with," Manning said. "I don't know the guys he got into it with. I had walked away from the situation. When he started fighting someone, I had no idea who it was. ... I know it wasn't with me."

A day later, Manning signed a five-year, \$21 million offer sheet with the Bears.

In a statement issued Tuesday night, general manager Jerry Angelo called the incident "embarrassing," and Manning did not argue.

"It is embarrassing that I have to go through this," Manning said. "I feel embarrassed for the team. But what can you do now?"

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# Saluki Insider

## Saluki Banter

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. What is your take on the latest saga in Owens' career?



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"I really hope he didn't try and commit suicide. It is all still sketchy right now, and I am sure more will be reported in the coming days, 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."

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"It just shows how hard it sometimes is to get the scoop while using accurate information, I guess. It's tough to imagine the frenzy in Big-D when the Texas-sized tornado of T.O. intrigue hit reporters. I hope he didn't try to end it, but if he did, I hope he gets some help. He's too ridiculous to die."

### SALUKI TRACKER

#### // Quote of The Week II //

#### Brandon Bruner

"That's what we're hoping for. Everyone I'm talking to, I'm 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 when we hear the fans cheering, screaming. That really pumps everybody up and gets everybody motivated."



SIU cornerback Brandon Bruner on the importance of a large crowd for the Salukis conference opener with the Indiana State Sycamores, at 6 p.m. Saturday.

#### Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?

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## Cross country looks for early season success

### Matt Hartwig

DAILY EGYPTIAN

Saluki cross country hits the road Saturday 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 Sean Earl Lakefront 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 the younger runners on his team will be in a 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 Aseret Dokubo and Nefe Williams paced the women. Dokubo and Williams finished 10th and 13th, respectively.

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 it relies 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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**Collaboration will be key:**  
Saluki runners look for a top-five spot  
in Chicago on Saturday, page 15

FOOTBALL

## Sycamores brace for impact

Sycamores face top offensive, defensive team in Gateway Football Conference

**D.W. Norris**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Lou West is a realist. West, Indiana State's second-year head coach, has seen SIU's game tapes and the Salukis' undefeated 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, come to Carbondale as underdogs in some folks' eyes.

"Southern Illinois is one of the best, if not the best, I-AA 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."

Of course, West is a football coach, and those guys never think anything is impossible.

They read box scores or see upsets splashed across the sports pages. They see Directional State University walking in and shocking a Big Ten team and think, why not us?

They say, as West did, "That's why they play the game."

"If it was just a paper-and-pencil deal, that would save us a lot of travel money — we don't have to go," West said. "Just chalk up the win to the team they think is supposed to win."

Playing the game on paper would indicate SIU (3-0) is supposed to win this game.

The Sycamores (0-4) allow per-game averages of 49.5 points and 516 total yards offense. They surrender nearly 300 yards rushing per contest on 6.1 yards per carry. They rank last in the Gateway in every defensive category except red zone scoring percentage, where they rank fifth.

And now they face SIU, a team that nearly equals the yards and points Indiana State allows.

The Salukis score 44 points a game and average 420 yards total offense in their three wins. SIU features a ground attack, led by Payton Award candidate Arkee Whitlock, that gains an average of 273.3 rushing yards a game.

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

And most important in West's eyes is an offensive line as able in pass protection as it is run blocking. 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 if it hopes to slow the pass rush of senior defensive end Lorenzo Wims and senior end and linebacker Micah King. Wims 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 Saluki head coach Jerry Kill said fans should not place too much stock in the statistics or Indiana State's winless record.

"Bottom line, they've 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 ready 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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## Madden jinx strikes again



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It only took three weeks for the Madden jinx to mess with fantasy football owners all over the country.

Players who have graced the cover of the Madden football video game have been plagued by injuries or poor seasons for the last five years.

This year's casualty is Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander.

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

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

Head coach Mike Holmgren, though, said there is very little 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 of all fantasy drafts 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, Seattle quarterback 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 another five-touchdown performance? Probably 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 post-game interviews, head 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 Sunday, it is very possible he will start soon.

If Warner shows any sign of weakness against the Atlanta Falcons on the road, Green could be forced 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's receiving corps (i.e. Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin), Leinart could put up numbers equal to Warner's in his prime.

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 in Evansville, Ind.**

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## Saluki swim team looks to fold the Aces

**Matt Hartwig**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 on 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.

Despite the mismatch, Walker said he is wary of Evansville pulling off a possible upset.

Walker said the Salukis should beat the Purple Aces if they remain focused. He said the team's first competition gauges how well training has worked in the offseason and how prepared his freshmen are for competition.

"All 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,

"...The entire freshmen class we have is amazing."

— Rick Walker  
swimming head coach

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 positive 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 in action again Oct. 31 at Drury University.

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