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Rain can’t stop rugby

Freshman Zac Bird, who plays wing, struggles to maintain possession of a wet ball in Saturday’s match against Indiana University at Ruggapalooza. Even with rain in the forecast, 20 club teams traveled to the SIUC campus Saturday to participate in the event’s 10th anniversary. SIUC’s men’s team finished 1-2 and the women’s team finished 1-3. The following rugby teams were in attendance: SIU men’s and women’s teams, University of Illinois’ women’s team, Cornstars and The Lake County Gladiators from Gunnese. For more information on SIUC’s Ruggapalooza, see page 3.

University adds handicap parking spaces

New spots need to comply with federal regulations

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University parking lots have added more handicap accessible spaces, belatedly complying with federal regulations.

Todd Sigler, director of Public Safety, said the addition of the nearly 40 handicap parking spaces was not done just to comply with federal laws.

“If you’re disabled and you’re trying to find a space and there’s not enough, then that’s a real problem,” Sigler said.

Allan Gill, city manager, said no new ordinances were put forth by the federal government or the city of Carbondale dealing with handicap accessible parking.

The new spaces were created because of a complaint made last fall semester about the lack of handicap-accessible spaces in a parking lot on campus, Sigler said.

The Illinois Attorney General’s office assessed the parking lots last October, Sigler said.

Most parking lots on campus only needed one or two more spaces, while Lot 44, located by the Communications Building, and Lot 45, across from the Recreation Center, needed more than 10 each, Sigler said.

More than 500 federally approved handicap signs were also installed, he said.

Sigler said a nationwide formula is followed to determine the amount of handicap spaces based on how many parking spots are available in each lot.

Sigler said the lack of handicap spaces was a complete accident.

These changes cost the Parking Division more than $50,000, Sigler said.

However, he said the project would have been done at any price.

“The money is really not a factor,” he said. “It’s the right thing to do, and that’s what we needed to do.”

No complaints have been made about the increased handicap spaces, only inquires as to why there are more, Sigler said. Many students have not noticed the change.

Chelsea Gibson, a sophomore from Crystal Lake studying zoology, said she never realized there were more handicap accessible spaces because she walks to class.

“I’m not affected at all by it,” Gibson said.

Gibson said she has a friend who commutes to class and is in convenience of because of the lack of parking.

“But it’s probably because he’s always late for class,” she said.

Five wounded in weekend shootings

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Five people were hospitalized this weekend after being involved in two separate shootings.

According to the Carbondale Police Department, which did not release the names of any people involved, officers responded to a disturbance at 9:55 p.m. Friday on the 500 block of North Michaels Street. Officers reported two suspects, one armed with a shotgun, had approached the victims.

The armed suspect then beat one victim, who suffered minor injuries, and shot another in the leg before fleeing the scene on foot.

The suspects were described as black males, about 20 years old, about 5 feet 10 inches tall and about 130 pounds each. One was wearing a gray shirt and jeans shorts, the other a dark-colored shirt and blue jeans.

The victims were taken to the Memorial Hospital of Carbondale for treatment.

At 3:20 a.m. Saturday, officers responded to another disturbance call on the 400 block of South Marion Street. Officers reported several people had been involved in a personal dispute and began fighting, which lead to one suspect firing multiple shots from a handgun. Four people, all involved in the dispute, were shot and taken to the Memorial Hospital of Carbondale for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

One person has been arrested in connection with the shooting, but the identity of the suspect is not being released pending further investigation.

Commissioner Joel Frittsler said the incidents were disturbing, especially the second shooting which appeared to be in a party setting.

“This is very unusual, especially two in the same night,” Frittsler said.

Frittsler said these were sudden incidents and most likely could not have been prevented. He said the city could possibly look into ways to avoid these parties that happen after the bars close at 2 a.m.

“My concern since I’ve lived here is why do we have a 2 a.m. bar closing, cause then you’re forcing everyone out at the same time,” he said. “If you had a later bar closing… then they’d just be gradually leaving, as opposed to all having to leave at two o’clock.”

Rossland Rice, Southern Illinois Healthcare spokeswoman, said no information on the victims’ conditions could be released until the police release their names to the public.

Anyone with information about these shootings should contact the Carbondale Police Department at 457-1200 or Crime Stoppers at 549-2677.

SIUC is scheduled to release fall 2009 enrollment numbers today. Check siuDE.com at 4:30 p.m. for immediate coverage.
Rodney Beckman, 43, of Murphysboro, inspects a 1963 penny he found while scouring Riverside Park with his metal detector in search of rare coins. Beckman is a corn and bean farmer, working 2,000 acres west of Murphysboro near the towns of Gorham and Jacob. Beckman has been collecting coins since he was a youth and said he thinks metal detecting is just an extension of this hobby.
The rain came and went, but that could not stop the SIUC Women’s Rugby Club from hosting the 10th annual “Ruggapalooza.”

These are rugby players after all. For the 10th anniversary, the club decided to make Saturday’s tournament special, including live bands and an inflatable slide.

Luke Mathews, president of the SIU Men’s Rugby Club, said the rugby club wanted to go “all out” for the event this year.

“We’ve got a bunch of bands out here and the tournament’s a little bit bigger,” Mathews said. “They’ve done a real good job on setting it up.”

Mathews said teams from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri were represented in the tournament.

SIU women’s team captain Jessica Schleiner said the tournament is a great way to get new players acquainted with the game.

“It’s a gentleman’s game.”
— Luke Matthews
spokesperson of the SIU Men’s Rugby Club

“It gives rookies chances to understand what positions are, how to play the game; and then when we get to the union matches they know what they’re doing,” Schleiner said. “So, it’s basically just a big warm up.”

The women’s team captured fourth place in the tournament, going 1-3 with the lone win coming against the University of Illinois 19-0.

The win was the first time SIU had beaten the University of Illinois since 2004.

The men’s team, meanwhile, finished 1-2 in the tournament, taking third place. The University of Indiana was able to defeat Ball State in the finale to take the championship.

Forwards coach Stephen Ellis said the tournament was not about winning, but getting accustomed to the team at hand.

“This is just an opening opportunity,” Ellis said. “It’s pretty much everyone’s first taste of rugby for the season. It gathers teams from all over the state, a couple out of the state, so you’re playing people you normally wouldn’t play against.”

Some of the bands appearing at the tournament included Footlight Frey, the Emerald Lizards, Juniper Mays and Surrender Dorothy.

And while the rain put a momentary stop to the music, it could not stop the teams from continuing to play.

Mathews said the game of rugby is like a mixture between football and soccer.

“It’s a gentleman’s game,” Mathews said. “Certainly, as you can see, nobody’s wearing pads, so when you make a hit, you respect that person. It’s really about respecting your opponent, and at the end of the game we have a nice little social party.”

Schleiner said she is anxious to get the season started.

“I have high expectations for us,” Schleiner said. “We have a lot of rookies, but could always use more, and our vets are awesome.”
Afghan group says NATO strike killed 70 civilians

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KUNDUZ, Afghanistan — An Afghan rights group said Monday a recent airstrike on a pair of hijacked fuel tankers killed as many as 70 civilians in northern Afghanistan, as the German troops whose commander ordered the bombing defended the action.

Afghan Rights Monitor, an independent human rights group, reported that its survey of the area following Friday's attack shows it killed as many as 70 villagers who were uphoning gas from the vehicles after they became stuck on a sand spit in the Kunduz River.

The group's report came as the German government backed down from its previous insistence that only the Taliban hijackers had died, conceding some civilians likely were killed.

But Germany defended the decision to call in an airstrike, citing fears the tankers could have been used to mount a suicide attack on its troops.

Mohammad Omar, the governor of Kunduz, has also said he fully supported the airstrike, which he said killed up to 72 people — likely all militants.

The Taliban, however, issued a statement calling on the U.N. to join an international investigation of the bombing and claiming that 150 villagers had died. "If they respect human rights and the blood of human beings, they should determine the truth or falsity of this situation," the statement said.

German soldiers in Kunduz on Monday rejected criticism that their commanders acted rashly in calling in the U.S. warplanes.

Three soldiers from Armored Infantry Battalion 391, who spoke on condition of anonymity under German military rules, said they went to the scene of the airstrike hours after it occurred and found Afghan police carrying broken weapons away from the smoldering tankers — proving, they said, the dead were linked to insurgents.

The soldiers, interviewed at their Kunduz base, were eager to defend their commander, Col. Georg Klein, who asked U.S. jets to attack the hijackers.

But that decision has come under intense criticism, inside and outside Afghanistan. In another incident where NATO coalition troops were criticized for their use of force, a charity Monday accused American soldiers of storming through a provincial hospital, breaking down doors and tying up staff and visitors. The U.S. military said it was investigating the allegation.

Civilians deaths have undermined support for foreign forces among many Afghans. Growing public anger prompted the top American and NATO commander in the country, U.S. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, to draw up a new doctrine aimed at limiting such casualties.

McChrystal has pledged to investigate Friday's air strike.

The attack on the hijacked tankers prompted outrage in Germany, where newspapers ran graphic photos of badly burned victims, taking opposition to the war.

Germany, which has some 4,200 soldiers in northern Afghanistan — the third largest contingent of foreign forces behind the United States and Britain — has been reluctant to commit more troops. At the same time, the U.S. and its NATO allies are considering a major expansion of their troop levels here.

For many Germans, the country's role in the Afghan conflict raises unwelcome memories of their country's past militarism.

The German public also fears losing more soldiers — 35 have been killed in Afghanistan since 2002. Battalion 391's third company has already lost two soldiers in combat since arriving in Kunduz three months ago.

Sitting in a shady courtyard in the Kunduz base, the three German soldiers said they hoped voters and politicians would rally behind their work, which is under intense scrutiny as the country gears up for Sept. 27 parliamentary elections.

They added that they are proud of their record in Afghanistan.

German troops operate under more restrictive rules of engagement than some other NATO forces, and until last week had a reputation for caution. They have even drawn criticism for their restraint.

U.S. military expert Anthony Cordesman has said the German’s low profile has contributed to an increase of militant activity in the north, particularly around the Kunduz region where support for the Taliban is strong.

Omar, the Kunduz governor, told senior German officers Monday that the people of his province want them to take a tougher stand against militants.

But the German soldiers said they have engaged militants wherever necessary and would continue to do so. They also said their caution has resulted in fewer civilian casualties than U.S. troops operating farther south.
Today, schools across the nation will be asked to air an address by President Obama that encourages students to finish school and set goals in their education.

This type of address to the nation’s school children should be celebrated and promoted, but this is not entirely the case. Some school districts will be opting out of showing the president’s address to students.

The far right has accused Obama of trying to indoctrinate school children with his education agenda.

The chairman of the Florida Republican Party encouraged parents to take part in a “National Skip Day” on the first day of school to avoid their children being shown the address.

According to the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics, the dropout rate of students between the ages of 16 and 24 who don’t receive their GED or diploma is 8.7 percent.

Political leaders should be encouraging students to stay in school and excel beyond high school and earn advanced degrees in science and math in order to compete in the global economy.

So instead of conservatives offering important ideas about the 46 million Americans without health care, they offer taking a day of education away from children.

Offering no plan to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that have claimed over 3,100 American lives since 2003, they set back children.

The country still awaits a solution in the six-nation talks with North Korea or the amount of our nation’s debt held by China, but conservatives instead hawk on the president for encouraging students to stay in school.

Are these the people that have taken over the Republican Party? Is this where the loyal opposition stands?

To only deny children education while offering no loyal opposition plan, but hoping for failure.

Liberals do not escape blame either in this mess.

The month of August has shown the Democratic Party to be lacking the unity and courage to address the real needs of health care. Liberal political leaders and organizations stood by while ultra right-wing groups mobilized against any health care reform.

When hope seemed lost, the AFL-CIO, one of the nation’s largest labor unions, announced it would not support any democratic candidate that voted against a public option as a part of the health care bill.

This was the first real leader that emerged to solidify the left.

The second may be the president; he will be addressing a joint session of Congress on the issue of health care Wednesday.

It is reported the lines will be drawn and the president will lay out what he wants in health care reform and what he will not accept.

Will this be the backbone some liberals have been waiting for in this debate? Or will this be another opportunity for conservatives to attack an idea and offer no solutions themselves?

If there is one thing the American people want it is a real and respectful debate on health care.
Coffee Hour connects students

Language exchange looks for English speakers

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The International Coffee Hour remains a cultural interaction at SIUC, providing students a break by offering free coffee and conversation.

Students — both international and local — and community members attend the weekly gatherings to discuss different cultures, meet new language partners and practice foreign languages, said Bob Hall, coordinator of International Coffee Hour. Hall said the university offers several services to international students, but the most popular is the coffee hour.

“I have met a lot of friends and I understand more about other cultures communicating with each other.”

— Kwang Sub Son
senior from South Korea studying business

“If I look around here, I see lots of students that have been coming (to coffee hour) for several years,” Hall said.

The coffee hour is an informal event open to students and community members from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. every Friday at the international programs and services office. Several organizations sponsor the function but Hall said more are always welcome.

“We would like to see more students get involved,” he said. Volunteers brought fresh fruit and snacks while Common Grounds Coffee House owner Jason Bourgue donated the coffee. Bourgue said he’s happy he can give back to the coffee-drinking community.

Kwang Sub Son, a senior from South Korea studying business, said he started attending Coffee Hour two years ago and received a scholarship by networking at the social.

“I have met a lot of friends and I understand more about other cultures communicating with each other,” Son said.

While the coffee social has seen several successful years, the Language Exchange program needs more speaking partners, said Elaine Conrad, community programs coordinator.

Conrad was thrilled to see so many people at the coffee hour, but said there is a shortage of English-speaking students involved in the Language Exchange program, and she would like to see more.

Conrad said students are matched according to interests, and it’s a great way to build friendships.

“Often people find they have more in common than they thought,” Conrad said.
Mike Judge must have suffered through some awful jobs. The man behind "Office Space" returns with another peek into the world of yawn-inducing 9-to-5 occupations.

This time around, Judge puts Jason Bateman front and center as Joel, the creator and owner of a flavor extract company. Joel has got everything going for him at work with a function- ing plant and the possibility of the company being sold to General Mills, which would get him a big payday. On the home front, things are not as hot. His wife, Suze (Kristen Wiig) is his largest source of frustration, as the two have not had sex in months. Joel races home from work each day to try and catch his wife before she settles into her sweatpants, because he knows when the drawing string on those pants is pulled, his dry spell continues.

Things begin to go sour for Joel when there is an accident at his plant involving Clifton Collins Jr. and a lost testicle. Joel confides in his stoner/bar-tender buddy Dean (Ben Affleck) and they set in motion a plan to get Suze to cheat on Joel so he can cheat on her with the newest hire at his plant, Cindy (Mila Kunis). Cindy has utter- most motives however, as she is taking the job only to get a piece of Collins’ settlement check.

The plot is a loose one, but just like Judge’s other two live action, feature-length films, this one stands up on its performances and great characters. Judge can write the dry, funny every- man like few others. Bateman does a solid job as Joel, filling the character with tenacity that eventually turns into a strong hearted, get-up-and-go attitude. Kunis’ con- woman is mostly eye-candy here, but still turns in her laughs. Affleck, Collins and Wiig bring the goofy, have-to-feel-sorry-for-them side player performances, which Judge’s films are always larded with. Affleck especially wins here, as he does not go for the easy, big laugh stoner jokes. He just plays it cool, offering up subtle one-liners to contrast Bateman’s anxiety.

The film lags a bit in the third act as Judge’s films seem to do. The plot lines have a little trouble being tied up, but these bits are minimal ones when Judge is delivering such fun characters and settings.

The film is being pushed as a new "Office Space," which is somewhat un- fair to the films. It is a slower film and does not reach for as many laugh-out- loud moments as Judge’s cult classic. “Extract” is not Judge’s best work but it certainly fits nicely into the realm he is most comfortable working in, Runmore jobs and boasted relationships.
Salukis win despite top two runners resting

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The Saluki men’s cross country team dominated its preseason invitational without its top two runners.

Junior Dan Dunbar took first place in the 6-kilometer run at the Early Bird Invitational in Carbondale Friday, as four of the top five Salukis — including seniors Jeff Schirmer and Mhammad Mohamed — rested on the sidelines in the top-10 before the season. “Dan Dunbar dominated the way that we had hoped,” cross country coach Matt Sparks said. Dunbar beat the second-place runner, Southeast Missouri State’s, Jason Lamplugh, with a time of 19 minutes, 35.5 seconds. Sophomore Brad Wrigge, the second Saluki to cross the finish line, finished fourth with a time of 19:23.3. Sparks said Wrigge performed well, but thinks he is capable of keeping pace with the top runners on the team. “I think he is capable of running a lot closer to Dan,” Sparks said. “When Dan makes his move, Brad needs to react better and run with (him).”

Sparks said even though the Early Bird Invitational is a preseason meet, it is important for the freshmen and sophomore runners. “It is most important to the younger runners because they are still trying to figure out what college league long distance running is all about and it is a chance for them to get their feet wet,” Sparks said.

There were several unattached runners representing the Salukis on Friday and a few of them finished in the top-10. Lucas Cheruiyot, the second-place runner, finished in the top-10, but Sparks said they would wear the red shirt for the remainder of the season. Junior Emily Tourein and Megan Houston were the runners for the women’s team to cross the line fourth and fifth, respectively.

Tourein said it felt good to get into running her first meet under her belt. “I was nervous,” Tourein said. “I think it takes this first race to get the jitters out and to be relaxed and get the feel for it again.”

University of Missouri and Southeast Missouri State also competed in the Early Bird Invitational. In the men’s 6-kilometer run, Missouri finished fifth and Southeast Missouri State came in at second. In the women’s 4-kilometer run, Missouri finished first and Southeast Missouri State took 10th.

Dunbar said the team took a more conservative approach to the meet, but would be more aggressive as the season progresses. “I felt like I was a little too conservative,” Dunbar said. “I never really pushed at as hard as I could because I didn’t trust my own limits and next week I will definitely be able to pack it up and run faster towards the end.”

Cross country dominates preseason invitational

Junior Dan  
Dunbar, wearing No. 81, moves through the pack at the Saluki Early Bird in Carbondale on his way to a first-place finish Friday. The Salukis hosted University of Missouri and Southeast Missouri State at the preseason warm-up.

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Down but not out  
oudin rallies against US Open

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NEW YORK — Forget about forehands and backhands. Melanie Oudin is fighting to win the biggest match of her career.

The 17-year-old sparkplug from Georgia proved it again Monday at the U.S. Open, extending her remarkable run to the quarterfinals with another come-from-behind victory, 1-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3 over 13th-seeded Nadia Petrova.

In a match of two points that would have put her behind 5-3 in the second set, then rolled through the third, hitting corners with those underrated groundstrokes and taking advantage of 22 unforced errors by her more seasoned, higher-ranked opponent.

Rankings, like her age, however, are only numbers. The 70th-ranked player already had comeback wins over No. 4 Elena Dementieva and No. 29 Maria Sharapova at Flushing Meadows, along with one over former No. 1 Jelena Jankovic this summer at Wimbledon. Now, she’s 17 and ready to shock the world.

“Too young to know any better? Maybe. Regardless, she has become one of the American kids to watch,” said Lisa Raymond, the American who faces Petrova in the quarterfinals.

“After hitting a forehand to the corner for her 18th and final win on match point, Oudin threw her racket in the air. This time, however, she didn’t cry any tears of dehydration. Instead, it was twin sister Katherine sobbing in the stands.

“It’s kind of hard to explain how I’ve done it,” Melanie said. “Today, there were no tears because I believed I can do it. Now I know I do belong here. This is what I want to do. I can compete with these girls no matter who I’m playing. I have a chance against anyone.”

Oudin improved to 6-1 at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open this year when she lost the first set. She’s 17-4 overall this year in three-set matches. “I don’t actually mean to lose the first set,” she insisted. “Sometimes, I just start off slowly. Maybe I’m a little nervous. Today, my timing was off a little. But I just totally forgot about it, started off the second set like it was a new match, and I started playing better.”

Oudin won this match without serving a single ace, another indication she is not blowing anybody away with sheer power. Instead, it’s footwork, technique, precision. Mostly, though, she is thriving in pressure situations that make so many others in the sport shrivel away.

“You don’t know if she’s winning or losing,” said her father, John. “She doesn’t seem nervous out there — and I don’t know where that came from.”

Maybe it’s the shoes. They have the word “Believe” stamped on them, and it’s easy to see how those Oudin midsole could become top sellers in tennis shops across America soon.

The teenager, schooled at home in Marietta, Ga., can she concentrate on tennis, swing two forehand winners, including one when she was positioned completely outside the court, to take a quick 3-0 lead in the second-set tiebreaker.

She also took advantage of three unforced errors and a double-fault from her 27-year-old opponent, who was trying to make her third Open quarterfinal.
Boise State making a statement against Oregon at home was pretty impressive. Maybe more noticeable about that game was the statement Oregon’s LaGartee Bount made on Boise State’s Byron Heath’s face. Just like that, Oregon’s No. 16 ranking drops and it loses one of the best running backs in the country for the season. It’s gonna be a long year for the Ducks.

BUU beating Oklahoma seemed like a pretty big story. Both teams were ranked, but Oklahoma was at home and did anyone seriously think Oklahoma would drop the first game of the season? Granted, Oklahoma lost their starting QB — but it is still a big win for BUU. Man, I bet it stinks to be eliminated from contention right away. If only there was a system where they put eight teams into a tournament and the winning team won the championship. Boy, that’s a dream.

I liked the Missouri vs. Illinois game. It is always exciting to see border states duke it out. Even though Illinois isn’t very good this year, it was still fun to watch Missouri put up good numbers despite not having Chase Daniel. Gary Pinkel must be proud of his ‘Missouri boys’.

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Wiesleder said it showed the character of the team to be able to come back and win the match in five sets.

The final match of the tournament was a rematch against Stetson University. Errors were not an issue this time as SUU beat Stetson again in straight sets (25-13, 25-14, 25-16). The Salukis did not allow Stetson to score more than 16 points in a single game.

In the match, junior outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger get her third double-double of the weekend. Berwanger has five double-doubles through seven games this season and was named the most valuable player of the tournament.

Berwanger and Brown were named to an all-tournament team for a second time this season while Roberston earned the honor for the first time.

“Tori (Berwanger) is like our miracle player,” said freshman middle blocker Alyssa Mayes. “She always plays well and is pretty much our go-to player on any given play.”

SUU played its first home match at 7 p.m. Friday against University of Alabama at Birmingham in the Saluki Invitational.

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Marshall needed only 90 seconds to tie the game, as quarterback Brian Anderson connected with Antavio Wilson on a 24-yard pass.

After Dieker fumbled on the ensuing offensive drive, Marshall took the lead for good with an 11-yard touchdown run by Terrell Edwards.

Marshall scored on all three of their possessions in the third quarter, outscoring the Salukis 21-7. Missouri Valley Football Conference Defensive Player of the Week Brandin Jordan said in a postgame interview the Salukis’ defensive rhythm was thrown off by Marshall’s hurry-up offense.

“Second half, they came in a quick huddle, no huddle. They just came out and gave us a change of pace,” Jordan said. “I guess we just didn’t do as well as a unit today.”

The Salukis would come back though as Dieker led the Salukis 91 yards downfield to bring them within three points with 3:55 remaining.

But SIU failed to recover kicker Kyle Daugherty’s onside kick, allowing Marshall to run the clock down to 30 seconds before the Salukis’ final chance. Dieker’s last-ditch had many pass to Jeff Evans fell short to end the game.

Lennox said the team was not satisfied with just playing competitively against Marshall.

“We weren’t looking for a moral victory,” Lennox said. “Our intention was to come in and win this football game. I’m sitting here thinking we had our chance to win this game and with that, I’m disappointed.”

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**FOOTBALL**

**Salukis fall short at Marshall, 31-28**

Leak erased by third quarter lapse

Ryan Voyles  
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**9-8-09**

When the Salukis entered the locker room at 7:17 Saturday, it looked as if they were on their way to another upset against a Football Bowl Subdivision team.

But penalties, turnovers and a third-quarter meltdown helped Marshall University overcome a 14-7 halftime deficit and defeat the Salukis 31-28 Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium in Huntington, W.Va. SIU head coach Dale Lennon said in a postgame interview his team had more than a chance at winning the game.

"This was a game that we could have won and should have won, had we played a little smarter football," Lennon said. "We made a few mistakes that gave them opportunities."

The Salukis looked poised at first to continue their recent winning ways against higher division opponents.

Quarterback Chris Dieker led the offense on two touchdown drives, while the defense forced two turnovers on Marshall's first two possessions, holding the Thundering Herd to a lone touchdown. The touchdown came on a 10-yard pass to tight end Cody Slate after a Saluki turnover.

"You could tell in the first half we looked like a first-game football team," Marshall head coach Mark Snyder told The Register-Herald. "We didn't help ourselves with turnovers. You can't do that. It put our defense in bad situations."

The second half was a different story, though, as the Salukis 14-7 halftime lead quickly disappeared. A year after being outscored 93-15 in third quarters last season, Saturday seemed like déjà vu.

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— Dale Lennon  
SIU football head coach

**VOLLEYBALL**

**SIU volleyball starts season 7-0, wins Stetson Invitational**

Jennifer Berwanger named most valuable player of the tournament

Derek Robbins  
*Daily Egyptian*  
**9-8-09**

History didn’t repeat itself for the SIU volleyball team.

The Salukis started last season 4-0, but lost their fifth game en route to a 9-1 start. This year, SIUC has kept the perfection going a little longer as it picked up three victories during the week-end to win the Stetson Invitational in Deland, Fla., improving its record to 7-0.

“It really helps that we had a similar start to last season,” head coach Brenda Winkeler said. “We want to learn how to take this momentum and apply it to conference play. This year I think we will be able to do that.”

SIUC defeated host Stetson University in straight sets (25-21, 25-17, 25-12) Friday.

Despite the score of the match, Winkeler said she didn’t think the team played to its potential. She said the passing was not as tight as she wanted and the ball control was weak. SIUC had seven receiving errors in the match.

The Salukis started play on Saturday against the eight-time defending Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion Florida A&M. SIUC fell down two sets, but rallied back to defeat the Lady Rattlers in five games (20-25, 21-25, 25-15, 25-17, 15-32).

Freshman setter Rachael Brown recorded her second double-double of the season in the match with 12 digs and 46 assists. Senior middle blocker Chandra Roberson hit for a match-high .438 percent.

“It’s a great feeling beating a team that is so good and has been in the NCAA (tournament),” Roberson said. “They have seen competition we haven’t. I feel like we’re coming along and getting better than we have in past years. I am really excited to see what we can do.”

**Two-minute drill shows promise in loss**

Salukis execute quick 91-yard touchdown drive

Ryan Voyles  
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**9-8-09**

It would have been easy for SIU quarterback Chris Dieker to give up.

With only three minutes, 39 seconds left to play, Dieker and the Salukis found themselves 91 yards away from the end zone and down 10 points to Marshall while 24,012 fans waited for them to fail.

It didn’t bother Dieker as he orchestrated a 91-yard touchdown drive that took only 1:40 off the clock and brought the Salukis within three points.

SIU head coach Dale Lennon said Dieker’s drive was what he wants to see out of his quarterbacks in those kinds of tough situations.

“I really like what he did on that last drive, that is what you want your quarterback to do,” Lennon said.

Dierker showed poise and some speed on the 12-play drive. Dieker faked a third and 10 on two occasions and connected with wide receiver Bryce Morris to convert both attempts.

When the pocket collapsed on him, Dieker showed he could beat teams with his feet as he capped the drive with a five-yard scamper into the end zone.

The drive brought an end to a productive first game for the second-year starter. Dieker finished with 206 yards through the air, 34 yards on the ground and two touchdowns.

Diether committed two turnovers though, including a fumble as the third quarter that put Marshall in prime field position, which led to the Herd scoring the go-ahead touchdown.

Lennon said his second-year starter made some mistakes, but he trusts him as his quarterback for the rest of the season.

“He needs to find a little more consistency with his plays. There were a couple of series that weren’t very impressive,” Lennon said. “That is experience that he can improve upon, but I’m happy with Chris’ day and what we can build upon.

The offense’s ability to almost come back from a 14-point deficit pleased Lennon, but he said the team did not play for “a moral victory” and was disappointed in the loss. Marshall head coach Mark Snyder said while the Salukis’ offense was good, he was disappointed in his defense.

“Our defense, I was disappointed,” Snyder said. “To let SIU go on these drives that they had in the amount of time they took was disheartening.”

Dieker said Marshall deserved credit for their persistence.

“They fought back, they scored points. It was a hard fought game, but we just came up a little bit short,” Dieker said.