Students lend ESPN a hand
ESPN taps radio-television department for broadcast
David Lopez
Daily Egyptian

As the Saluki football team fell to the University of Delaware, fans across the country were able to watch the game thanks to some dedicated SIUC students.

Twenty students in the radio-television department were tapped to help with the technical duties of filming Saturday’s game for broadcast on ESPN. The students spent more than 20 hours Friday and Saturday setting up the equipment.

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Presidential candidate joins local protesters
Former U.S. Representative, Green Party candidate visits Carbondale
Barton Lorimor
Daily Egyptian

Former U.S. Representative Cynthia McKinney is fighting for the Green party presidential nomination—not security guards.

McKinney, former Democratic representative from Atlanta, made several public appearances in Carbondale Saturday as part of her national presidential campaign. McKinney is one of four presidential candidates running in the Feb. 5 primary for the Green Party nomination.

The Green Party will only appear on the ballot in California and Florida and states that will hold caucuses for the Green Party in February. McKinney is one of only a few candidates running in the Feb. 5 primary for the Green Party nomination.

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Whitney said she endorsed McKinney’s nomination, and said she is a better candidate than the Republican and Democratic options. McKinney has been a life-long democrat and has a family history with the party, but will convert to the Green Party for the 2008 elections.

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Civil rights leader and former U.S. Representative McKinney was the first black woman to represent Georgia in the U.S. House of Representatives. She was first elected in January 1993 but was defeated for re-election in 2002.

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McKinney spoke to a crowd gathered at the Student Center about an incident with police that made her feel “entirely the guard’s fault.”

The incident, McKinney said, was entirely the guard’s fault for not recognizing her as a member of Congress.

While in Carbondale, McKinney joined a group of weekly protesters at Town Square. Norma Wheeler, an 87-year-old Marion native, said the group protests the war in Iraq and use of torture in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Former Green Party gubernatorial candidate Rich Whitney joined McKinney, and displayed a sign reading “Peace on Earth,” to traffic traveling west on Walnut Street.

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Mark Dosham, a political activist and friend of McKinney’s, said she has endured racial profiling and a bad image inflicted by corporate media.

“She’s not a radical,” he said. “She’s very caring and warm.”
**Oprah comes to early voting South Carolina**

**Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) greets Oprah Winfrey with his wife, Michelle Obama, at a rally in Des Moines, Iowa Saturday.**

Jada M. Osako

**COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Thousands of people streamed into a football stadium on Sunday for media mogul Oprah Winfrey’s second day of campaigning with Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama.**

Campaign supporters helped promote a rock-concert-like atmosphere, yelling “Fire it up” and bands entertained the crowd at 86,000-seat University of Southern California stadium. Temperatures were in the 70s — a stark contrast to frigid Iowa, where Winfrey told crowds a day earlier that Obama “has a new vision for America.”

Some early arrivals said the Illinois senator already had their vote. Others said they wanted to learn more about him, and that the popular talk show host’s presence drew them to the event.

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Salukis devour ‘brain food’

Campus officials collaborate to distribute snacks

Allison Petty

For some college students, free food can be a powerful incentive to do almost anything, including study.

The ninth annual Saluki Finals Finish, which was sponsored by every college in the university, began Sunday with faculty and other volunteers distributing sub sandwiches to hungry students from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Student Recreation Center. The event will continue with pizza and tacos on Monday and Tuesday, respectively.

Andrew Wood, a professor of plant biology, said it was his first year volunteering as a server.

He said the event was important because it helps students remain calm during a demanding time.

“Finals, it’s important to be relaxed,” Wood said. “Being stressed is not a good way to study.”

Paul Wood, Andrew’s 10-year-old son, helped him distribute sandwiches to hungry students.

Paul Wood said he came with his father because he knows how important it is to get good nutrition before a test.

“We’re making these subs so the students can go study harder,” Paul Wood said.

He added that he performs better in his hardest subject, social studies, when he eats well.

Brian Hickman said he was exercising when he noticed signs advertising the free food.

Hickman, a sophomore from Chicago studying business, said he expected all of his final exams to be very difficult, and sandwiches help his concentration.

“Of course the food helps,” Hickman said. “You can’t study on an empty stomach.”

Paul Sarvela, dean of the College of Applied Science and Arts, said he had been volunteering as a server for the past four or five years.

Sarvela said even though it was cold and raining, students show up to receive the free food because the event always has a good turnout.

He said his three steps to acing finals including eating good food, sleeping well and, of course, studying.

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Iraq plans new crackdown

Sunni VP supports pact with US

Lori Hinnant
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iraq’s defense minister promised on Sunday to wage a new crackdown in a volatile province northeast of Baghdad where militants are trying to regroup after being ousted from their urban stronghold there last summer.

Suicide attacks have killed more than 20 people in the last three weeks in Arbil, a Kurdish-majority province, a tribal patchwork of Sunni Arabs, Shiites and Kurds that stretches from Baghdad to the border with Iran.

Defense Minister Abdul Qader al-Obeidi told The Associated Press that preparations had begun for a fresh military operation in the provincial capital, Arbil, some 35 miles from Baghdad.

“If we succeed in controlling areas of Diyala close to Baghdad, the rate of incidents in Baghdad decreases by 95 percent,” Abdul Qader al-Obeidi, Iraq Defense Minister, said. “The British need to hand over security responsibility...”

Iraq plans new crackdown

The British are due to end their military mission in the country to the Iraqi army in one to one with a stronger economic component, aimed at reassuring the country torn apart by war and years of neglect by Saddam Hussein.

“The great venture that started with all the difficulties is far better positioned. We face, that cost...”

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Violence has declined sharply in Iraq since June, when the influx of US troops to the capital and its surrounding areas began to gain momentum. The British are due to hand over security responsibility for the oil-rich area to the Iraqis in the coming weeks.

Also credited to subdue extremism were the freeze in Diyala, which is the eastern gateway to Baghdad. More than two years ago, U.S. forces threw out the Mahdi Army, led by the corner and American commanders handed over substantial control of the province to the Iraqi army in August 2005.

A man and a woman were killed and two more were wounded, Medina said. All four were staff members in the center, said Paul Filidis, a Colorado Springs Police Department spokesman with Youth With a Mission.

When told he couldn’t stay, the gunman walked inside, spread fire, then left on foot, Warren said.

Warren said he didn’t know whether any of the students or staff knew the gunman. “We don’t know why” he came to the dormitory, Warren said.

Witnesses told police that the gunman was a 20-year-old white male, wearing a dark jacket and skull cap, who left on foot.

Police with dogs searched the area through the night, and residents of the Mission center were told that the search was done by reverse 911 to be on the lookout.

Medina said residents were asked to look inside their windows for footsteps for left in the snow during the night. Medina said residents were asked to look inside their windows for footsteps for left in the snow during the night.

Early Sunday afternoon, Lance Corporal Jonathon Lauer, a U.S. soldier in a New Mexico National Guard unit in Colorado Springs, received a report that a man was shooting at people in the area. The gun that the man had entered the Mission center, he told The Associated Press.

Two killed at missionary center in Colorado

George Merritt
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A Senate Democratic leader said Sunday a special counsel to investigate the CIA’s destruction of videotapes had been appointed.

Sen. Joe Biden, a Democratic presidential candidate chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, cited Michael Mukasey’s refusal during confirmation hearings in October to describe waterboarding as torture.

“I just think it’s clearer and crisper and every one will know what the truth is...”

Biden wants special counsel to probe CIA’s destruction of tapes

Calvin Woodward
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHINDURI BEACH, South Korea —...
Student arrested with Internet threat of campus shooting in Los Angeles

Noaki Schwartz
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles police arrested a 21-year-old Loyola Marymount University student in connection with an online threat to shoot people on campus, officials said Saturday.

Police arrested Carlos Huerta, a senior at Loyola, for investigation of making criminal threats. Huerta was taken into custody on Saturday night near his apartment on campus.

Huerta is suspected of posting a message that he would shoot and kill as many people as possible on campus before being killed himself by police, authorities said. The threat appeared on Juxxycampus.com, a chat board that describes itself as having the "simple mission of enabling online, anonymous free speech on college campuses."

University officials reported the threat to police around 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, said Los Angeles Police Department spokesman Officer Mike Lopez. Calls made to Loyola were not immediately returned.

Some officers were dispatched to patrol the campus as a precaution and campus entrances were restricted.

Investigators working with campus officials were eventually able to determine that the threat had come from the computer registered to Huerta, police said.

"There was never an indication the threat was made was a valid one, and there is no on-going threat to Loyola," said Deputy Chief Michael Downing, head of the LAPD Counterterrorism and Criminal Intelligence Bureau.

It was not immediately known if Huerta had an attorney.

This is the second time in less than a week that someone has been arrested for allegedly posting an online threat to go on a shooting spree in Los Angeles. Both occurred just days after the mass shooting in Omaha, Neb., that left eight holiday shoppers and the gunman dead.

Kathy Stanish, a junior in radio-television from Glen Ellyn, collects sound for ESPN during the 2007 NCAA Division I Football Championship Semifinal matchup between SIU and the University of Delaware Saturday evening at McAndrew Stadium.

CHOR

Stephanie Hanson, who primarily works with the younger children, said she has fun working with them. "The children were enthusiastic and did very well," Hanson said.

The two annual concerts are performed by all groups of the choir, Hanson said, but the older children perform more throughout the year.

Choir director Alice Berry said all children were enthusiastic and did very well. "The songs of Tomorrow," received a standing ovation from the audience.

Berry said the performance concluded with songs of children creating a brighter future. Berry said that's exactly what these children are doing.

The song, "We are the Children," came to the holiday performance to see a family friend sing with the choir. Biggs said the performance was delightful. It was warmer than the football game, Biggs said. "Plus, the little ones are entertaining."

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The song, "We are the Children of Tomorrow," received a standing ovation from the audience.

"These young people are making a difference and I applaud them," Berry said.

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ESPN

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Donning vests with the ESPN logo, students rushed up and down the sidelines assisting cameramen, audio technicians and newscaster throughout the misty afternoon and into the evening.

Mark Wetstein, TV productions coordinator for WSIU Public Broadcasting, was contacted by Kwookman, the production company working for ESPN, to find students willing to work on the field.

"Basically they sent an e-mail to the radio-television department requesting help with the productions," Wetstein said.

Wetstein said he was still waiting to hear back from the Kwookman Production Company about his students. Based upon the students’ performance during the event, Wetstein said they may get another chance to work under Kwookman and ESPN in the future.

"This may come up again when Gameday comes to town for Creighton," Wetstein said. "So I wanted to make sure they had a good referral pool for next time."

Robyn Lovecchio, a sophomore from Bartlett studying radio-television, performed camera-grip duties throughout the game and said the students were called upon to perform a variety of tasks.

"We did odds and ends," Lovecchio said. "If someone needed something, we'd go get it."

Lovecchio said her time working the game was fun, but she especially enjoyed the chance to gain hands-on experience in the field and work with people who broadcast for a living.

"They've been really cool with us helping them. They're surprised with what we already know, but they've been teaching us even more," Lovecchio said.

Thomas vonBerg, an SIU alum and freelance cameraman working for ESPN, manned the camera behind Delwane's bench. He said he was excited to return to his alma mater and was on the tail end of a 16-stop tour of the Midwest covering the NCAA playoffs.

"When I was a student here, it was considered one of the best R-TV schools around," vonBerg said. The hands-on used to be one of the best in the country.

Barb Hansen, operations manager for Kwookman, said McAndrew Stadium was not very TV ready, but the students' help was invaluable to their broadcast. Both she and vonBerg were pleased with the work done by the students.

"Their level of knowledge of technical equipment was better than at most places," Hansen said. "Probably some of the best people we've worked with all year."

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A reflection on the Salukis

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SIU Basketball
I just wanted to thank the 11,000-plus who braved the elements to watch the Salukis play in their first semifinal playoff game since 1983. Even though the game didn’t turn out the way we wanted it to and Saluki Nation will have to wait another year for the next championship run, I thought Saturday’s game was one of the best football games I have ever been to at McAndrew Stadium.

Fans were cheering from 30 minutes before kickoff until the last play on the field. The pulse of thousands of screaming fans stomping on the aluminum bleachers resonated throughout the area and I was told that at times it was so intense the mounted camera on top of the press box shook up and down.

For four years I’ve never seen a game with that level of intensity coming by the way some people have been talking lately, but I’m not ready to push the panic button quite yet.

Here are my thoughts on the season so far:

• Forget about the losses to USC and Indiana. Even “Floor Burn U” is going to have trouble defending the likes of O.J. Mayo, DAVE, Jefferson and Eric Gordon, because this was like years past in college basketball, these three guys would never have played against the Salukis in the first place. They would have all been first round picks out of high school straight to the NBA. Keep in mind the rule change in effect now that keeps players from going from the NCAA until they are a year removed from high school ball.

• Anyone who thought our non-conference schedule would be a cakewalk needs to get his head examined. Besides USC and Indiana, the other teams we play this year are quality teams, not cupcakes like other teams have on schedule this time of year. Three of our remaining non-conference games feature opponents who will probably be in the tournament in St. Mary’s, Western Kentucky and Butler. We’ve also got a game at Saint Louis against coach Rick Majerus.

• Get used to seeing teams double-up on Randal Falkner the rest of the year. This guy is a ball player. We know that and now everyone else knows that, too. Our guys have to knock down shots when he is double-teamed. In fact, we have to start knocking down shots period. Our defense isn’t going to win the game by itself without help from the offensive side of the ball.

• The Missouri Valley Conference is down this year compared to previous years. Bottom feeder Drake is currently leading the conference at 8-1, although they play a fairly weak schedule. Northern Iowa has two losses already. Creighton lost Nate Funk and big man Anthony Tolliver, so it is in a rebuilding year. Missouri State lost in Blake Altherr and Wichita State already has losses to Baylor, Monmouth and Texas-Arlington. We all need to keep an eye on Bradley. They played No. 10 Michigan State close, losing 66-64 Tuesday night.

• The undefeated Gaels of St. Mary’s come to the SIU Arena 7 p.m. Tuesday. For those of you wondering what a Gael is, apparently it’s a Scottish Warrior. For those wanting how good St. Mary’s is, they already beat No. 11 Oregon at their place this year so they can play with the big boys. I know it’s finals week, but to those of you who can make it, you are in for a very good game between the Scottish Warriors and the Egyptian Hunting Dogs.

To all my readers, good luck on finals and I have a great winter break. I’ll be back next semester with more weekly commentary to keep you entertained as you fight your “case of the Mondays” by reading the DE every Monday morning.

Fruth is a graduate student in curriculum and instruction.

Holiday stress eating: Minding your stress

COUNSELING CENTER

Picture it: It’s the start of the holidays and your family has gathered for a festive evening of fun.

Your mother and sister are arguing over who put green or red icing on the cookies, your little brother is sitting in his room refusing to join the family meal, your great aunt continues to make comments about your mother’s hungry glare while your uncle asks you whether you’re “put on a few” lately, and you’re wondering whether you will make it through the meal without losing it.

Sound familiar?

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When you’re eating, enjoy it.

When we eat too fast, we miss out on the taste, the texture, the scent and the sensation of fullness and satisfaction. These aspects of eating are what make it comforting to us in the first place.

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When you’re eating, slow down and savor each bite. Notice the appearance, the taste, the texture, the scent and the satisfaction you feel. You may feel comforted sooner, through fewer bites. Become aware of what else is going on while you’re eating.

If you’re hungry surrounding as well as your food. Who is eating with you? Pay attention to what works for you and what doesn’t.

Focus on choice.

What is going on for you physically, mentally and emotionally that led to your choice to eat. Notice what you told yourself to eat, what led you to choose the foods you’ve chosen and to eat when you chose to eat them.

Learn from past events.

Do your choices about foods help or hurt you?

If the last time you were stressed, you ate an entire bag of cookies and then felt guilty, eating only added to your stress. This time, take some steps to control portions like buying only one cookie instead of a dozen.

Slow down. Pause.

Taking a moment to reflect on what you are about to eat may allow you to notice if you are reacting automatically in an attempt to relieve some discomfort.

Be mindful of cravings.

When we deny ourselves the opportunity to eat something we crave, this only serves to strengthen the desire for that food. Contrarily, recognizing the craving allows us to make a choice of whether to eat the food and when. This puts us in charge of the craving.

Rate your hunger.

When we tune in to physical hunger signals, we can distinguish physical hunger from emotional hunger. Give your hunger a rating on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 being not hungry at all and 10 being starving. If your hunger is at a 0 or 1, wait to eat until the rating moves up. If you are at a 9 or 10, you have waited too long, since we are usually hungry, we’re much more likely to overeat.

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WORDS OVERHEARD
“They have made stunning progress. They’ve really just zipped along.”

David Carlson
Dean of Library Services on the progress of renovations to Morris Library
Abortion coverage is necessary

Dear Editor:

For all of you on this campus who are opposed to our university health insurance coverage of surgical abortion, I have some interesting numbers for you from the 2005 National Crime Victimization Survey put out by the U.S. Department of Justice. These numbers do not include the victims who are under the age of 12.

Every two and a half minutes, someone in the United States someone is sexually assaulted, yet 59 percent of these assaults go unreported. Being raped is a traumatic event – having to go to the authorities and tell them what happened makes you have to relive the horror that you’ve already gone through.

Many women do not find themselves strong enough to speak about their rape to others, but that doesn’t make what happened any less real. Did you know around 4.7 percent of rapes result in the victim becoming pregnant?

I fully support our university’s health insurance coverage of surgical abortion. I know not every abortion performed for students at this university is the result of rape, but I would hate for a woman who has been victimized to be forced to carry that financial burden on her own, when most likely she is already carrying the emotional and psychological burden on her own.

For those of you who plan to ask the university for a refund because you don’t want your money going to fund surgical abortions, I say good luck getting a refund from them. I would also suggest you attempt to get a refund from the federal government on your tax dollars as well if you really don’t want any of your money going to fund surgical abortions, because our tax dollars help fund them too.

Amy Nelson
graduate student studying exercise physiology

Vote ‘yes’ for the GA United contract

Dear Editor:

In response to voicemail concerns about the new GA United contract, the Union made great headway toward a more equitable environment between graduate assistants and the university. Great headway, of course, does not imply getting everything we wanted. It does, however, strongly assert that for an initial contract with a bargaining mechanism, the Union created something on which to build. We need not make the perfect the enemy of the good. To do so is both foolish and ridiculous.

In the upcoming vote, I’m going to vote “yes” and I urge all other GA United members to do the same.

Richardson B. Adams
Graduate student studying psychology

Keep up the good work SIU

Dear Editor:

As an otherwise unrepeatable SIU student, I had no idea surgical abortions are covered by the school’s health plan until I read about it in the DE. Let me be the first responder to say, “Three cheers, lap- lap hearty and way to go SIU!” This is one of the few sensible and sensitive things that I have heard out of the campus in some time.

As the editors stated in Our Word, abortion is a legal medical procedure that cannot be discriminated against. Other students have responded saying if a woman makes the personal decision to have sex, then it should be her personal responsibility to pay for the abortion, so she should choose. Let me note that the woman is not the only person in this situation who decided to have sex. The male part of the equation can pay for half, but only if he chooses to, and many are not so kind. This leaves the entire emotional, mental, physical and financial burden on the woman.

I have never had an abortion, but after reading about it and talking with many women, I can tell you that the other burdens are heavy enough. Now, let’s relate this idea to a non gender-specific issue: STIs. In this situation, the decision to have intercourse was also made. Either proper precautions were not taken, or there was a giant UH-OH. So, should the Health Center not treat STIs? Considering what a huge problem venereal disease is in the student population, I don’t think that many people would agree.

Now, don’t get me wrong — I do not think that pregnancy is a disease, but the issues of personal and societal responsibility are the same. And if you want to talk purely about money, a single woman who couldn’t finish her degree and has to raise a child on welfare costs a lot more. What costs the least in every sense is preventative measures. I fully advocate reality-based sexual education, and enlist the virtues of teaching masturbation (which, when practiced, alone or with friendly company will not get you sick or pregnant) along with abstinence as food-proof ways to stay safe. Both males and females should know the mechanics of reproduction (that’s right guys, learn about menstrual cycles) and have birth control that is affordable and readily available.

There is also information available online on how to gently, naturally and subtly resist a mistimed period. In all, SIU and the Student Health Center do a great job of providing many sensuality-based services at the college level, so do our community a favor and keep up the good work.

Bridget Shepherd
Senior studying American Studies

Gus Bode says: The DE is looking for more student columnists for the spring and wants you to apply. Want to make your opinion heard on a university policy? Is something important on your mind? Do something.

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7. Michelle
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12. Keep your eye on.
13. Make a list.
14. You're smart and lucky.
15. Figure out what you want.
16. Dinner while you're out there, so you can waste this valuable time winning easy games.
17. It's back to work, and the pile of stuff that's stacked up while you were doing something else. Some of it's been there for quite a while. No more excuses, get busy.
18. Quiz.
19. The flurry of activity provides a welcome respite. Pick up something for dinner while you're out there, so you can enjoy the couch tonight.
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If there’s one good thing to be said about “The Golden Compass,” it’s this: At least there’s no way to walk away from this film without wanting to see the sequel.

Unfortunately, the Philip Pullman novel-turned-movie features too little character development and plot direction to feel like a film in its own right. It suffers from the curse so many movies in trilogies do — seeming like a space holder introducing some ideas before filmmakers get to the meat of the series.

“The Golden Compass” tells the story of Lyra (Dakota Blue Richards), who lives in a world where human souls are present beside people in the form of daemons, talking animals that are vaguely representative of who the person is. Lyra’s daemon, Pantalaimon, has not settled on his shape, transforming from a ferret to a mouse, then a reindeer, then a giant, to a big cat and back again.

Children begin to disappear, including some of Lyra’s friends, when she learns of the existence of a woman who lives in a world of mysterious dust — the few parts of the movie, including the presence of Lyra’s friends, who can read it — and of course, she can read it. She finds the Magisterium is responsible for her friends’ disappearances and experimenting with dust and soon sets out on a journey to free them.

It’s a lot for a movie that runs just under two hours. Add in warring polar bears, cowboy pilots, witches and prophesies and this movie becomes a jam-packed film begging for a little bit more plot direction to stop the deluge of events.

Strangely, however, this movie isn’t hard to follow just a lot to take in. Because of the packed and scattered plot, there isn’t much character development. Almost no one has a back story or reasons for his or her actions other than it’s just what he was meant to do.

The best parts of the film is the way it looks. There’s an abundance of computer graphics creating each animal and battle, which are sometimes cartoonish but mostly stunning.

The polar bear fight is one of the most exciting parts of the movie, conveying the brutal strength of the beasts as well as being one of the few parts of the film where emotions are attached. The audience is rooting for one of the bears to win, to regain his pride and his throne as king of the polar bears.

Stark whites of the north as well as those surrounding Kidman’s character give a cold and unforgiving feel to the film. The luscious royal blues and purples the witches wear, along with Kidman’s beautiful gold and white costumes deserve a second look.

“The Golden Compass” is a good starting point for the series, though it lacks a little background for the characters as well as plot. It leaves much to be desired in these areas, giving a huge job to the remainder of the trilogy.

But audiences should have confidence in this series, because once the enormous plot is finally under control, the films can have a meaning to catch how good “Compass” looked.

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"I thought for the most part we got off on two good starts in the first half and second half," Eikenberg said. "If we can do that and add the second parts of each half we will be OK."

Senior guard Jayne Sweere led the Salukis as she tallied 21 points to go with six rebounds, three assists and one steal.

Sweere had 10 first-half points, most of which came off mid-range jump-shots. Her high-light reel basket came when she juked a defender with a quick dribble and finished the drive to the rim with a left-handed finger roll off the glass.

Sweere said her strong start helped her confidence throughout the game, but the practice that led up to the game made the biggest difference.

"It's always nice to hit shots, but I would say it's probably more about the work we have been doing throughout the week," Sweere said. "We wanted to come out and get them in a hole early."

Junior Jasmine Gibson matched Sweere's 21-point total and had five rebounds, two assists and a steal.

"Right now she is giving us work ethic in practice," Eikenberg said. "It's all about the way she is bringing herself to practice. Instead of being fearful of what may happen, she is really taking risks, and you can see it in her game."

The Sugar Bears (2-6) were never close, but managed to have four players finish in double figures. Guard Meaghm Kellybrew led the team with 16 points, but also committed a game-high 10 turnovers.

SIU forced a total of 21 turnovers but committed only seven as a team.

Junior Erica Smith had 11 points with a game-high five steals, while freshman Katrina Swingler and Ellen Young had 13 and 11 points respectively.

Leading into the game, Eikenberg said she wanted to give Swingler more time in the rotation after she showed improvements during practice. Swingler responded to the extra minutes by recording career highs with 13 points, five rebounds and three steals.

"If we can do that and add the second half and second half," Eikenberg said. "We obviously didn't follow our gameplan in regards to the boards, and I'm not sure what we have to do to get an over-the-back call," Eikenberg said.

"We have to find a way to make some extra things happen for us."

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"Freshman guard Ellen Young drives past a Central Arkansas defender Saturday night at the SIU Arena. Young contributed 11 points, two boards and two assists in the game."

"Some days in life ... no matter how hard you work and how hard you push through, it doesn't go your way."

— Jerry Kill
SIU Football Head coach

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But Kill said he is not one to offer excuses, and the Blue Hens executed amid similar circumstances. "We left some points out on the field in the lacking game, and you look at it and it's the difference in the game," Kill said.

Ultimately, the Salukis failed to come through where they had all season, as they knocked in the foot of their opponent's end zone. The team mastered only two scores, one rushing touchdown and one first-quarter field goal, in four trips within 20 yards of a touchdown.

Senior quarterback Nick Hill had his worst game statistically of the season with a less than 50 percent completion percentage and two interceptions. The only other time Hill three more than one interception was in the Salukis' other loss against Northern Iowa.

Hill said the Delaware defense buckled down in the red zone and the SIU offense failed to execute against the pressure.

"A couple penalties hurt us and took us out of a good down and distances. A couple times that we did get it in the end zone it got called back," Hill said. "Just little things that we didn't make the plays we needed to."

Kill, who capped his best season as a head coach with the loss, noted the team failed to capitalize exactly where it excelled in the past, during the pressure situations with the game on the line.

Kill summed up the contest as "a great life lesson."

"Some days in life ... no matter how hard you work and how hard you push through, it doesn't go your way," Kill said. "But like I told our kids, we'll find out what kind of people we are and what kind of football team we really have in how we handle this thing."

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Randle said it was a physical game and his blockers did well locking up with the Blue Hens’ defenders, and this won’t be the last time the Salukis (12-2) are heard from.

“There’s a bright future here at Southern Illinois and I had a good time playing here,” Randle said.

“There’s much more to come.”

The Salukis scored once after Randle’s touchdown without putting the offense on the field on an 89-yard kick return touchdown by senior cornerback and return specialist Craig Turner.

Turner was held up in a crowd around the Salukis’ 35-yard line, but he dodged back to avoid one would-be tackler, then burst past another pair to escape a crowd of Blue Hens. He then streaked down the field for a score to tie the game at 17 in the fourth quarter.

“I was just trying to stay in bounds, see if I could make a play,” Turner said.

Delaware coach K.C. Keeler said the Massachusetts coaching staff told him not to kick to Turner. SIU defeated Massachusetts in the quarterfinals.

“I sure Donny’s (Massachusetts coach Don Brown) watching the game, hollering at me,” Keeler said.

Turner’s score was the only time the Salukis punched it in the end zone for the remainder of the game and his blockers did well locking up with the Blue Hens’.

“I don’t think this is the last we’ll be,” SIU was shut out in the second. SIU was shut out in the second. SIU was shut out in the second. SIU lost an 85 percent scoring rate in the red zone this season, and Hill said Delaware buckled down when the Salukis made it inside the Blue Hens’ 20-yard line.

SIU also had two touchdowns called back, including one on a fake field goal in the fourth quarter, when a faking catch by senior right tackle and tight end Andrew Kernes was nullified by a penalty.

“We didn’t make the right plays when we needed to,” Hill said.

SIU freshman kicker Kyle Dougherty missed a 39-yard field goal attempt in the final quarter, and the Salukis botched a snap on another try.

SIU coach Jerry Kill said the bad snap was a result of the wet and cold conditions, and this game just didn’t work in the Salukis’ favor — the opposite of when the Salukis upset Northern Illinois early in the season.

“Today, we just seemed like we were working for everything we could get, you know, and just couldn’t quite make the play,” Kill said.

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Saluki dream season ends in semifinals

Scott Mieszala  Daily Egyptian

The Saluki football team’s journey from being picked fourth in its conference to being one of the last four teams remaining in its division has come to an end.

The Salukis botched two field goals Saturday and had two touchdowns called back in their season-ending 17-10 loss to Delaware in the Football Championship Subdivision semifinals.

SIU senior quarterback Nick Hill said it was a great season for the Salukis (12-2), though they weren’t just happy to be there.

“Somewhere we’ll be able to look back and say we had a good season,” Hill said. “But right now it just hurts.”

But the fact the Salukis were in the position to make it to the Football Championship Subdivision title game may have come as a surprise to some. Before the season, the team was picked to finish fourth in the Gateway Football Conference.

Hill, who led the Gateway in passing yards, touchdowns and passer efficiency this season, threw for just 106 yards on 12-of-25 passing with two interceptions in his final collegiate game.

Hill’s first pick hit senior wide receiver Justin Allen in the shoulder and bounced into the hands of Delaware linebacker Erik Johnson.

The second interception came with less than two minutes remaining in the game — Hill’s last throw as a college quarterback.

While Hill struggled, Delaware senior quarterback Joe Flacco threw for 243 yards and two touchdowns, and Blue Hen senior running back Omar Cuff ran for 102 yards.

SIU did beat Delaware in the rushing battle, with 224 yards to Delaware’s 135.

Senior wide receiver Phil Goforth struggles with a Delaware defender during SIU’s 20-17 semifinal loss Saturday. The Salukis (12-2) lost the game despite a season-high rushing effort from Randle.

SIU senior running back John Randle is taken down by two Delaware defenders during SIU’s 20-17 semifinal loss Saturday. The Salukis (12-2) lost the game despite a season-high rushing effort from Randle.

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