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Governor faces big challenges in second term

Brandon Augsburg

Gov. Rod Blagojevich won re-election Tuesday, but his victory was far from easy, and the success of his second term as Illinois governor will hinge on his cooperation with the Illinois Legislature.

Blagojevich’s approval ratings sank steadily over the past two years, but his negative ad campaigns against Republican challenger Judy Baar Topinka were enough to drag her down to his level.

He relentlessly portrayed Topinka as a minion of former Republican Gov. George Ryan, who has been sentenced to more than six years in prison on federal corruption charges.

Blagojevich also faced formidable opposition from Green Party candidate Rich Whitney, a Carbondale resident. Even though Whitney only took 11 percent of the vote, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute director Mike Lawrence said his showing was enough to indicate voters’ discontent with Republicans and Democrats.

“I think the strong showing by Richard Whitney reinforces the fact that many Illinoisans were unhappy with both of the two major-party candidates,” he said.

Lawrence said opposition to Blagojevich did not necessarily signal the re-election of a lame-duck governor but said that he would need to re-establish connections within Illinois government.

“The key to Gov. Blagojevich’s success will be how well he works with the Democratic majority in the Illinois Legislature,” Lawrence said.

Blagojevich is still the governor, and that gives him enormous control over state money, jobs and what pieces of legislation get signed into law.

Democratic legislative leaders might buck Blagojevich at times, as they have in the past, but those decisions would likely be based on particular circumstances and not a general view that Blagojevich can’t fight back.

Still, even Blagojevich supporters acknowledge his second term will present challenges. He has made big promises at a time when the state has no extra money, and he vows not to raise taxes.

If Blagojevich does struggle during his second term, Lawrence said the Green Party ticket could become a tantalizing nomination in the next gubernatorial race.

“If neither of the major parties present an attractive candidate for governor four years from now, the Green Party may loom even larger than in this election,” he said.

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Martha Stewart to pay $5 million in settlement with SEC

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission says Martha Stewart has settled charges that she made illegal stock trades and that her own account as part of a $3 million class-action lawsuit that claimed she lied about a stock sale on Nov. 3.

Another $51 million is expected to be paid by the company she created, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. in addition to the $5 million settlement, the company said Wednesday in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Shares of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. edged up at the close of five cents to $2.03. The $5 million payment is on top of the $150,000 fine Stewart was ordered to pay in August to settle civil trading charges with the SEC. That suit went after the settlement Stewart also banned her from serving as a director of a public company for five years and put checks in place for five years on her executive position at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc.

All settlements are linked to her connection in 2004 of four courts of obstructing justice and lying to prosecutors about the circumstances surrounding the Dec. 2001 sale of $1.928 shares of her ImClone stock.

The day after her sale became public, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia shareholders plumped some 44 percent to a closing low of $1.20, but since then, the stock has bounced around, surging four-fold at its highest point. Since last July, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia shares have jumped 45 percent.

The company notified investors as part of its third-quarter earnings release that a settlement was imminent and that the company would record a charge for it. However, it was uncertain then how much it would cost the company and how much Stewart herself would be required to pay.

Japan halts beef imports from U.S. meatpacker

TOKYO (AP) — Japan said Wednesday it has halted beef imports from one U.S. meatpacking plant after finding a shipment with improper documentation, a development that may snarl the public’s concern about the safety of the food industry.

The Agriculture and Health ministries decided to halt shipments from Swift & Co. plant in Sterling, Ill., after a shipment from the facility arrived in Osaka without proper documents for some of the internal organs contained in the box in question, Japan’s Agriculture Ministry official Yasushi Yamaguchi said.

The Japanese government has asked the U.S. government to investigate the mishap and outline measures to prevent a recurrence, Yamaguchi said. After receiving a report from the U.S. side, the Japanese will send a delegation to the Geesey plant in Illinois to discuss further steps, the official said.

“Swift officials said they had confirmed the presence of a single box of thymus gland in an attempt to keep the suspect package from being opened by Japanese authorities,” Yamaguchi said.

The suspect package was only of 760 pounds containing 11 tons of frozen beef and beef liver.

Swift officials said they found guilty on Aug. 31, 2002, of criminal charges for failing to report the improper documentation, a development that could force the completion of a drug for import into Japan, though it is not on the Federal drug list.

Yamaguchi said the company “will pick up the package at the nearest port and turn it over to the police.”

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Too close to call for county board candidates

One vote separates Korando from Wallace, pending absentee ballots

Ryan Rendleman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

All the ballots have been cast, but the Jackson County Board race for District 3 is still too close to call.

At the close of the Jackson County Board election Tuesday, the Jackson County Web site listed Democratic incumbent Mickey Korando ahead of Republican challenger Bruce Wallace by only one vote. The totals were unofficial, and more votes need to be counted to provide final results.

The late ballots will be totaled by Nov. 21, he said.

"At that point in time, we’ll see if the race has changed any and it’s up to the candidates from there," he said.

He said he expected to win the race, but the effort was eventually denied.

Also, President Akeem Mustapha addressed the senate about the removal of Chancellor Walter Wendler, which was announced Wednesday morning. He said the group should not lose sight of its objectives during the administrative overhaul.

"The university is undergoing some change right now, but that shouldn’t be a reason for us to stop doing what we do best — our jobs," Mustapha said.

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USG debates over filling senate seats

Wayne Utterback
DAILY EGYPTIAN

One of the main objectives of Undergraduate Student Government is to fill senate seats, but the race to fill seats was slowed down Wednesday.

Of three potential senators, the student government only voted in two. Kaylie Schlueter, who wanted to represent Greek Row, was voted down after two separate votes.

Senators asked her why she wanted to be a senator, and she responded that Vice President Paul Ogwal had asked her to be on the senate.

It was the second time a candidate for a Greek Row seat has not been elected.

Ogwal addressed the senate and recommended senators not be as hard on potential senators.

"These are people that I asked to join the senate," Ogwal said. "I talked to these individuals for hours. I talked to them for days. They have no issues."
Robert Burns  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — After years of defending his secretary of defense, President Bush on Wednesday reshuffled Donald Rumsfeld’s resignation within hours of the Democrat’s triumph in Congress, saying that “the main impetus for his departure” had reached back to his father’s administration to tap a former CIA director to run the Pentagon.

The Iraq war was the central issue of Rumsfeld’s nearly six-year term, and unhappiness with the war was a major element of voter dissatisfaction that cost Republicans the House. It allowed for a nighttime curfew and gives the government extra powers to extend the country’s state of emergency for 30 more days, as at least 66 soldiers are missing in action.

“Iraq’s relationship with many lawmakers... By the time control of the House changed hands under six previous presidents... Bush said, "There's certainly going to be new leadership at the Pentagon.”

Democrats take full control of Congress

Bob Lewis  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Democrat Jim Webb won Virginia’s pivotal Senate race Wednesday, unseating Republican George Allen and giving the Democrats total control of Congress for the first time since 1994.

The Iraq war was the central issue among officials at the Pentagon, beyond surprise at the abrupt announcement. Asked whether Rumsfeld’s departure signaled a new direction in a war that has claimed the lives of more than 2,000 U.S. troops and cost more than $300 billion, Bush said, “Well, there’s certainly going to be new leadership at the Pentagon.”

Rumsfeld resigns after Democrat victory

Denver Broncos — NBC

U.S. President George W. Bush speaks at a news conference on Wednesday about the growing gains in Congress in Tuesday’s elections and the resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

Democrats will seek minority leader post in Democratic-controlled House

David Espo  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Triggering a post-election shake-up, Dennis Hastert announced Wednesday he will not run for leader of House Republicans when Democrats take control in January.

“Obviously, I wish my party had won,” the House Speaker said in a statement that added he intends to return to the “full-time task” of representing Illinois constituents. His decision to step down from the leadership cleared the way for a likely succession battle among lawmakers who face the sudden loss of power after a dozen years in the majority. 

Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, currently the majority leader, is expected to run for leader, and Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana announced during the day he also will seek the post. Joe Barton of Texas has signaled he may join the field.

Hastert first conveyed word of his plans in a conference call with fellow GOP leaders one day after Republicans lost control of the House in midterm elections.

There is no recent precedent for Hastert’s situation. The last time control of the House changed hands, in 1994, the speaker at the time, Democratic Rep. Tom Foley of Washington, lost his House seat.

Hastert, 64, became speaker nearly eight years ago, stepping up after Newt Gingrich resigned and the next-in-line lawmaker, Bob Livingston, quit after saying he had had an extramarital affair.

A former high school wrestling coach, Hastert was the perfect tonic for Republicans at a time embarrassing them as the state of the economy and Iraq issued challenges.

He worked closely with President Bush, and originally had indicated he would retire rather than seek re-election this fall. The president prevailed on him to re-run again though, and Hastert agreed.

In the final weeks of the campaign, fellow Republicans questioned whether he or his aides had failed to act more quickly to force Rep. Mark Foley to resign.

The Florida Republican quit Congress on Sept. 29 after being confronted with sexually explicit computer messages he had sent to teenage Capitol pages.
Recycling could mean higher levels of safety

Old electronics and papers could be dangerous if found in the wrong hands

Sarah Lohman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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RoTC assignment shielded DE reporter from the real deal

Elisha Szyjka
Guest Columnist

Ryan Rendleman’s article on the RoTC’s 48-hour campout was a poor representation of Army training. Speaking from experience, his little weekend in the woods is nothing compared to what one really comes to face while joining the real RoTC “boot camp” at any Army base across the nation. I know, because I was there. I, too, was one of those naive, dreamy-eyed people who had no intentions of ever joining the Army but wanted to find out what it was all about. I was given the opportunity to attend a real U.S. Army base and train. My major was not in RoTC, but like Ryan Rendleman, I was curious as to what exactly the “basic” meant in basic training. My experience did not begin with fun banquet before marching down the road for a weekend of camping. Instead, as soon as I arrived at RoTC training camp I was awakened to a horrifying reality. This was not what I had signed up for. As I stepped off of the bus at the Army base, we were literally headed into a gymnasium where we were lined up like cattle and given a tetanus shot and physical. We were forbidden to call each other by our first names. To cheer in Mr. Rendleman, this is a tactic the Army uses in order to strip away one’s individuality. If we did actually use our first names, the officers scolded us. At no time during my training did I share in any kind of camaraderie that Mr. Rendleman shared. It was every person for themselves. I would have learned how to salute correctly had I not succumbed to heat exhaustion and passed out. This was due to our drill sergeant not allowing us to have water in 100-degree heat, even though the water tank was parked right next to us. After three people succumbed to exhaustion, he let us have water. We were also treated to such hospitality as being yelled at every other minute, jumping off a high dive blindfolded while holding a mock gun over our head, being awakened in the middle of the night for inspections and many other fun times too numerous to mention.

I think if Mr. Rendleman wanted to really experience the Army, he should have gone through real training. Anyone would say his experience was fun because that’s what the RoTC wanted. They wanted him to have a good time and report on how great an experience it was. They didn’t want him to write about all the bad things that happen. It’s nice to know that Mr. Rendleman had such a good time and could go back to his normal life after the weekend. My life took over a month to get back to normal. I had nightmares, I was edgy and always walked like I was marching at attention. My family was worried about me. Luckily, it wore off after several months, but I still remember how horrible the experience was.

I also do not agree with Mr. Rendleman’s fan time at target practice. Does he not understand that it isn’t just for fun, that instead this is a skill taught to kill other people? I support our troops who are engaged in any one of the wars currently being fought, but I do not support our newspaper sugarcoating government training. Not so I support the DE using the newspaper to spread propaganda on how fun it was to train for the RoTC. I also don’t appreciate the DE giving free electronic and print publicity to the Army if Mr. Rendleman wanted to get the real story, he should have done a real investigation.

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“The old era of irresponsibility is over, and the new era of real reform has begun.”

Rahm Emanuel
Illinois Democrat who oversaw the party’s house campaign
Campaign season is an environment unlike any other. For weeks Americans watch, read and listen to a wide variety of political advertisements endorsing their respective candidate or denouncing their opponent. It is an intense and stressful time for candidates and their campaigns. Volunteers collectively spend thousands of hours in get-out-the-vote operations. It is an intense and stressful time for candidates and their campaigns.

In Illinois, the scene Tuesday was no different than any of the other 49 states. However, unlike most elections throughout the nation, the Illinois races, most notably the gubernatorial, had three parties recognized on the ballot.

A new party, the Green Party, has now established itself in the state. Representing the party in the race for governor Tuesday was Carbondale attorney Rich Whitney. Getting on the ballot was not easy for Whitney and the Green Party, as they had to obtain 25,000 signatures this spring to make him an official candidate. Financially, the Whitney campaign, which spent $35,000, paled in comparison to Gov. Rod Blagojevich and challenger Judy Baar Topinka’s multimillion-dollar campaigns.

With that said, Whitney was able to muster nearly 315,000 votes, or 11 percent of the total votes. As a more than worthy contestant in upcoming Illinois elections.
The Democratic wave reached statehouses around the country. Riding voter discontent with national Republican leadership, state-level Democrats cemented control of both legislative chambers in 23 states and improved their position in others.

With an estimated net gain of nearly 300 seats, the vote resulted in the most one-sided gains for either party since the Republican romp of 1994. The pickup of legislative seats by Democrats will break what had been a very close divide and give the party's lawmakers more power to shape state policy and to play a key role in drawing congressional districts.

In New Hampshire, Michigan and elsewhere, Democratic candidates scored victories that positioned them to take the legislative helm in at least some chambers.

“At the end of the day, the tide really just moved in one direction,” said Tim Storey, analyst for the nonpartisan National Conference of State Legislatures, the group that projected the Democratic gain. “With a lot of echoes of 1994 when the tide moved almost entirely in the direction of Republicans, this time the tide moved almost entirely in the direction of Democrats.”

The gains have taken on added importance since the Supreme Court ruled in June that states are free to redraw districts at any time, without waiting until after each decade’s national census.

Such a mid-decade redistricting by either party is unlikely, observers said. But the gains by Democrats strengthen their position for the redrawing of congressional territory after the 2010 census.

“The parties in control are going to try to maintain that control because redistricting is only five years away,” said Alan Rosenthal, a professor of public policy at Rutgers University. Prior to Election Day, the balance of power in legislatures was almost evenly split. Of the nearly 7,400 seats in statehouses nationwide, Democrats held an advantage of just 21 seats. Republicans controlled both chambers in 20 states, with Democrats leading both houses in 19 others.

But that is about to change. All the chambers that switched control in Tuesday’s election went to the Democrats, the first time that has happened since Republicans took over leadership of 20 chambers in 1994. In both years, a single chamber ended in a tie.

Most of the Democratic gains came in the East and the Midwest, but for the first time since 1982, Democrats actually gained seats, albeit a handful, in Southern legislatures.

In Indiana, House Democrats regained control of the chamber they lost two years ago. The GOP controls the Senate.

Democrats in Minnesota brushed aside the Republican House majority and then some, claiming nearly veto-proof majorities in both chambers. Democrats gained control of the Michigan House for the first time in eight years.

In Iowa, Democrats also gained seats — allowing them to break a tie in the House and take control of the Senate. “It looks like we got caught in a wave,” House Speaker Christopher Rants said of Republican losses.

New Hampshire Democrats won control of both the Senate and the House, taking the latter for the first time since 1922. In Oregon, Democrats took both chambers for the first time since 1990. And the Senate in Wisconsin also went to the Democrats.

In Pennsylvania, where Democrats gained at least five seats, control of the House hinged on the outcome of five tight races in Republican-held districts. There were some bright spots for the GOP. In Tennessee, for example, Republicans held their state Senate majority. In the Oklahoma Senate, Republicans gained enough seats to tie the Democrats, but the tie-breaking vote will still rest with a Democratic lieutenant governor.
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SIUC professors find increasing amount of ‘gadget lovers’

Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Depending on where a person falls on a new scale, he or she may be at a greater risk of becoming addicted to a favorite gadget.

This theory and more were part of the findings of a study by SIUC marketing professor Gordon Bruner and former SIUC associate professor of marketing Anand Kumar.

Sprint hired the professors in 2002 to develop a way to determine the relative time in which people adopt technological innovations.

This research led to the creation of "Gadget Lovers" — an essay that will be published in the Journal of the Academy of Marketing Science next year.

Bruner defined a gadget lover as "someone who loses these electronic toys more than average." He said this breed has existed throughout history but has become more prevalent with recent advances in personal technology, such as iPods and cell phones.

"We see gadgets, particularly electronic gadgets, as extensions of who we are," Bruner said. "We take them to the bathroom. We take them to bed at night. That tells you how intimate the relationship is."

Bruner said he and Kumar developed a "Technology Acceptance" scale intended to gauge the extent of this relationship in a person. The scale ranged from 1 to 7 — with 7 being an "extreme innovator" and 1 a "Laggard."

Sprint conducted surveys nationwide to determine the demographics of gadget lovers and innovators.

Bruner said those who ranked the highest on the scale tended to be young, educated and male. Hispanics, Asians and blacks scored higher than all other ethnicities.

Bruner said he was most interested to find that income did not play much of a factor in the scale of acceptance.

"A lot of our gadgets anybody can buy," Bruner said. "Maybe all of your income you're spending on your cell phone or your PDA, but even the people who we call poor or lower income can buy and own some of these things."

Bruner said those ranking high on the scale have a greater chance of becoming what he terms a "crack-berry."

"The reason why we give them that name is because they really do seem to act like they are physically, emotionally or psychologically addicted," Bruner said.

Quintin Boston, a 25-year-old first-year doctoral student from Florida studying rehabilitation counseling, said he is not addicted to his Blackberry but may show some symptoms.

"I definitely rely on it like my arms and legs," Boston said. "If I don't have it, it's pretty bad."

Andy Taylor, a sophomore from Manchester Park studying English, said though he listens to his iPod at least two hours every day, he could do just as well without it.

"This is luxury," Taylor said. "If I started smoking crack, it'd be the first thing I'd pawn off."

Taylor said he feels his love for gadgets is only slightly above average and does not think he is addicted.

Bruner said most gadget lovers don't succumb to addiction.

Microsoft completes delayed operating system

Allison Linn
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp. finished work Wednesday on its long-delayed Windows Vista operating system and said the software would be broadly available Jan. 30.

The announcement means Microsoft will meet — just barely — its revised goal of putting Vista in consumers’ hands as the first month of 2007.

Windows Vista’s code was released midmorning Wednesday to manufacturing — a step that allows the company to begin making the copies that will be distributed with PCs and sold at stores, said Jim Allchin, co-president of the Microsoft division that includes Windows, in a conference.

"This is a good day," Allchin said.

Microsoft had previously said it would release Vista to big business clients at an event at the Nasdaq Stock Market on Nov. 30, and Allchin reiterated Wednesday that corporations who buy Windows licenses in bulk will get the new system this month. That’s also in keeping with the company’s revised release schedule.

The release will be the first major upgrade in more than five years to the operating system that powers most of the world’s personal computers. Vista boasts improved graphics, more effective tools for finding documents, pictures and other items on personal computers, and a new Internet browser, among other changes.

The software has been plagued by delays, the most recent of which was blamed in part on efforts to improve security. Microsoft products are a near-constant target of Internet attackers, and the company is often in the uncomfortable position of having to plug holes in its products.

Allchin cautioned that Vista will still face some security threats because attackers are growing more sophisticated. But he said a rigorous testing process and changes that make it harder for attacks to jump from one Vista-powered computer to the next should reduce those problems.

"Most people are able to keep in check," Bruner said. "They’re still finding the family. They’re still going home at night. They’re not out in some alley somewhere buying the newest gadget."

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Berwanger said she has never sat on the bench in any sport she has played and is struggling with not being able to help her team.

Head coach Brenda Winkeler offered an explanation for Berwanger’s woes.

“It’s hard when you’re injured to feel part of the team,” Winkeler said. “No matter what people do or say, you’re not on the court.”

The SIU Athletic Department filed an official request to the NCAA to grant Berwanger a medical redshirt for the season.

Berwanger would keep a year of eligibility if the request is granted.

Christian Spears, assistant athletic director for NCAA compliance, said Berwanger has played too much of the season to receive a medical redshirt but hopes the NCAA will see the significance of the injury and “do the right thing.”

Medical redshirts can be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

Spears said he expects a ruling on Berwanger’s case within a month. Winkeler said it would be a shame if Berwanger isn’t rewarded the pass.

“I hate to see any student-athlete lose a whole year in six or seven matches,” Winkeler said. “It would be very disheartening if she would have to use that as a year of playing.”

Winkeler said Berwanger should play a crucial role in the future of SIU volleyball because of her versatility on the court.

Winkeler said she “can do a little bit of everything.”

The toughest obstacle may be surpassing psychological barriers when she suits up again.

Despite her struggle, though, Berwanger remains optimistic on her return.

“Physically, you can push yourself, but psychologically, it’s going to be really hard to really feel comfortable,” Berwanger said. “But I’m up for the challenge.”

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**BERWANGER**

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Freshman Jennifer Berwanger practices with the team on Tuesday, Aug. 29. Berwanger is currently sitting on the bench as she recovers from surgery on her ACL.

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CROSS COUNTRY
Team heads to regionals Saturday

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After a week of tuned-down practice, the Saluki cross country team will face a difficult road to regional supremacy.

On Oct. 28, the Salukis suffered a 22nd-place finish at the MVC Championships at Terre Haute, Ind. The team wants to move from the middle of the pack to the top.

“Before the regional meet, I think we need to improve as a team,” Trude said. “Our goal is to get a top 10 finish at the nationals.”

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“Louisville wins. Rutgers is definitely not worthy of a national title while Louisville, who is rated more highly, is also a championship-caliber team. The two teams that will be in the national championship, regardless of who goes undefeated, is Ohio State and Michigan.”

— on Saturday’s game against the University of Northern Iowa

SPORTS

CUBS NAMED GERALD PERRY AS HITTING COACH

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella completed his staff Wednesday when Gerald Perry agreed to a two-year deal to be the team’s hitting coach.

Perry, who was Oakland’s hitting coach last season, replaces Piniella. He served as the hitting coach for Seattle Mariners from 2000- last season, rejoins Piniella. He served as the deal to be the team’s hitting coach.

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Recrews
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The Saluki beat out the likes of the University of Wisconsin, the University of Nebraska and a bevy of Missouri Valley Conference schools for Fay’s services.

Scott Mieszala

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Saluki Banter

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FOOTBALL

Sanders poses threat to SIU’s playoff chances

Eric Sanders stands in the way of the SIU football team making its fourth consecutive playoff appearance.

In front of friends and family Tuesday morning, he realized it. “If you would have asked me when I was a freshman if I’d be signing a letter of intent by this time, I would have said you were crazy,” Fay said. “I’m fortunate to get the opportunity.”

“I am so proud of Nick,” Head Coach Chris Lowery said. “It’s a black eye for college basketball right now. But it’s over and done with.”

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Sign them up: Salukis secure three recruits

The SIU men’s basketball team can let loose a collective sigh of relief.

After months of waiting, the Salukis finally received signed National Letters of Intent from three high school recruits.

Wednesday marked the beginning of signing day, the first day high school recruits can sign with the school of their choice.

Carlton Fay, a 6-foot-8-inch forward from Pottsville County, Nick Evans, a 6-foot-11-inch center from Carbondale and Brandon Wood, a 6-foot-7-inch guard from Kokomo, Ind., all signed with the Salukas on Wednesday.

The three are 2007 recruits, meaning their first year will be playing for the Salukis be the 2007-08 season.

Head coach Chris Lowery said he was glad his three recruits followed through with their verbal commitments.

“There’s so much going on right now with people taking back commitment and people going other places,” Lowery said. “It’s a black eye for college basketball right now. But it’s over for us.”

The most touted of the trio is Fay. The Pottsville County High School senior said signing to play college basketball had always been a dream of his. If not as a Saluki, Fay would have had a real good teams to sign him up for a scholarship. Fay, the Peoria Journal-Star’s

The 6-foot-1-inch quarterback has been revitalized — in 2007, during Northern Iowa’s worst nightmare. Sanders guided UNI’s offense to a 36-28 victory in the fourth quarter.

But Sanders charged Northern Iowa’s epic comeback over the Eagles by scoring on three straight possessions with less than 10 minutes remaining to lead the Panthers to a 38-24 victory.

In UNI’s first-round game against Eastern Washington University, the Panthers appeared to be on the brink of elimination, trailing 38-24 late in the fourth quarter.

Berwanger said she looks forward to big man in the 2007 class.

Player of the Year, is widely considered as the top big man in the 2007 class.

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VOLLEYBALL

Berwanger healing after ACL surgery

Scott Mieszala

A torn ACL can be an athlete’s worst nightmare.

Jennifer Berwanger, a freshman outside hitter for the SIU volleyball team, has lived the experience.

Berwanger tore her left anterior cruciate ligament against Belmont University on Sept. 9 and underwent surgery Sept. 26 to repair the knee — she will miss the remainder of the season.

The injury was so bad, Berwanger said she hardly feels its effects.

“I had completely tore (the ACL) of the bone,” Berwanger said. “It probably destroyed all the nerve cells, which is why I didn’t feel anything.”

Berwanger has since started working with team trainers, doing strengthening exercises and some light volleyball work during team practices.

Her rehabilitation consists mainly of passing drills and workouts that focus on strengthening her knees, such as body squats, leg lifts with weights and calf raises.

Berwanger said she looks forward to being healthy.

“I am already itching to get back in,” she said. “As soon as I’m ready to go, I want to get back on the court and play.”

The most difficult aspect of the injury for Berwanger, though, may be sitting on the sidelines.

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