**Bush in Marion**

**Bush pledges economic devotion to farmers**

(Above) Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush campaigned at the Williamson County Airport in Marion Friday afternoon. The Texas governor was greeted by thousands of enthusiastic supporters cheering and waving signs. — Kenny Maloney

(Upper right) Confetti douses the crowd as a young girl decked out in red, white and blue waves her campaign sign near the end of a rally. — Ted Schurter

Bush in Marion

Republican presidential candidate: Ethanol is part of our future

MARY McCANN

MARION — Chants of "No more fuzzy math!" and "Gore is a bore" greeted Texas Gov. George W. Bush outside of rural Williamson County Airport Friday.

Thousands of coal miners, farmers, school children and senior-citizens erupted into deafening cheers as the presidential candidate and his wife Laura stepped onto stage inside the packed hangar.

Utilizing the power of local appeal, Bush pledged his commitment to the farmers of America and the use of ethanol.

"It's time to have a president who doesn't view agriculture as an economic stepchild, but as an important part of the future of this economy," Bush said.

"Southern Illinois farmers are the

Miners union has major problem with George W.

ALEXA AGUILAR

MARION — Retired miners have a lot to lose if they vote for presidential candidate George W. Bush and his running mate Dick Cheney in November, according to the International President of the United Mine Workers of America Cecil Roberts.

Prior to Friday's George W. Bush rally in Marion, Roberts addressed a group of mostly retired coal miners at the Illinois Education Association Office, across the street from the Bush rally.

Roberts was introduced by Rep. Dan Ritz of the 11th District, a former miner and UMWA official, as "one of the greatest friends of the working man." Roberts then reminded the union members how often Bush swayed through Southern Illinois.

"You'll be treated to two visits by George Bush today — his first and his last," Roberts said.

Administrators deem Core Curriculum lacking in global flavor

ANDREA PARKER

Deans, directors, and chairmen from SIUC and SIU-Edwardsville gathered Friday to discuss the status of SIU's programming and curriculum, and particularly, what things should be done to better international education.

Enrollment to No. 36. This prompted several administrators to question the status of Sill's programming and curriculum.

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James Allen, director of core curriculum, coordinated the meeting. He said the opportunity for both campuses to converse informally was very helpful and wise. He said learning where

Curriculum is similar in the area of foreign language requirements at both campuses. Neither requires foreign language courses in core curriculum, but some colleges within the universities do.

"I would like to see where there are more foreign language options to satisfy the core curriculum," Allen said.

The open-forum conversation was divided into four sections: new directions, SIU's international programming, international grants and programs in action and international approaches to diversity.

Margaret Winters, SIUC interim provost for vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and
There are those who shy away from challenges. And then there are those who travel 9,000 miles looking for them.

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**Students protest death, struggle in Palestine**

Situation in Middle East evokes rally from students

**CODELL RODRIGUEZ**

Ismael Samshr held the flag of the Palestine Liberation Organization high as people left the Student Center Friday.

Samsh, a Ph.D. student in management information systems from Zahal, Palestine, was taking part in a protest organized by the Palestinian Students Association and the Arab Students Council.

The demonstration consisted of about 20 people holding FLO flags and pictures of the latest violence in the Middle East around the West Bank and Gaza.

Volunteers handed to pass out information sheets and took names for a petition on route to President Bill Clinton.

Kristin Aedy, a junior in philosophy and English from Long Grove, left the Student Center only to meet a wave of flags from a broken class.

"I read the sheet they handed out, but I had no idea about it," Aedy said. "It's depressing, really.

The sit-in began Sept. 28, when peace talks came to a halt. Ariel Sharon, the leader of the conservative Likud Party, recently changed his stance and now opposes a demonstration of how the place of worship should be open to everyone, Sharon met with Israeli policemen.

The volunteers protested to his attendance as a result of 1983 commission that found Israel responsible for ordering the deaths of more than 700 Palestinians in Beirut, Lebanon.

"If it had been any other Israeli, the Palestinians would have welcomed them," Samshr said.

The police responded to the protesters with force. In one week, more than 70 people died in the conflict, 17 on the first day. One of the more recent deaths sparked anger among Palestinians when the death of a 12-year-old boy appeared on CNN.

The child accompanied his father on his way to buy a car. Before they arrived at the dealership, they were attacked by snipers, leaving the boy dead and his father seriously injured.

"It was terrible seeing the kid get killed," Ayyan Aalut, a senior in advertising from Kuwait City, Kuwait, said as he handed out brochures at the protest.

The protest placed most of the blame on Arafat.

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**Time-strapped students turn to the convenience of cell phones**

**GIUSI SKALM**

It is next to impossible to get hold of Moisy Burge by any means other than his cellular phone.

"Having a cell phone is a convenience," said Burge, a junior in marketing from Murphysboro and a sales representative for Cellular One. "People that are important to you have to be able to get a hold of you.

With cell phones becoming increasingly affordable and accessible, today's students tote cell phones between classes, at work and events.

"It is difficult for college students to get a land line because they may not have enough credit for a land line and could otherwise require a significant deposit to get a land line," said Jamie Shwo, public relations manager for First Cellular.

Many college students initially purchase cell phones for safety and protection. Because some students confess and spend much time in their cars daily or walk home late at night, cell phones have become a safety precaution, with help just a phone call away.

"A lot of students use [cell phones] for safety and security," Shaw said. "They travel back and forth between school and home and if they break down they can call to make sure they have the means to get help.

For Undergraduate Student Government President Bill Archer, his cell phone is the key to tending care of business.

"Between classes and during lunch people need to be able to get hold of me at a time and answer the phone or the office that they need me to make a decision," said Archer, a junior in business management of information systems from Dr. Sono. "If we can have cell phones, we are becoming a growing pain for some professors and teaching assistants.

Because more students are using cell phones as their primary phone line or as a second outlet to reach them, the "ring ringing" of the phones can frequently be heard echoing in lecture halls.

Although Keith White, a teaching assistant for education psychology and special education, has not had any pressing problems with cell phones interrupting his class this semester, he said he anticipates having to include some guidelines about cell phones in his syllabus in the future.

"Anything that takes away from the focus of instruction is harmful," White said.

The presence of cell phones on college campuses is not likely to decrease anytime soon as cell phone companies develop competitive calling plans for customers and more features for the phones themselves, cell phones are expected to become increasingly accessible. The student government has not made any rules concerning cell phones.

"It is kind of a ruble because I can store phone numbers in it, not only of my friends and family but also my professors," White said. "I find it to have a lot of convenience.

With the increase popularity of cell phones comes the creation of many different face plates. Students can choose from one of hundreds of unique face plates for their cell phones from plastic, chameleon patterns to wood grain to a chrome plate.

"Today you can get cell phones that mirror your personality," said Burge who has a plain, black cell phone. "I didn't want anything flashy, I don't want to express a loudness. I want to be professional.

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**Jewish students alone for sins against Yom Kippur**

**CODELL RODRIGUEZ**

Hills Medalis, a member of the Sabiki track and field team, practices for work nearly every day, but today she will practice after an entire day without eating or drinking.

Medalis, a senior in television production from Moshav, Israel, is celebrating the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. The holiday began Sunday at sundown and will end around the same time Monday.

Yom Kippur, which occurs a little more than a week after Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year, is a solemn day when members of the Jewish community fast and ask forgiveness for the sins they committed during the past year.

It's a way to start the new year with a clean slate, said Dina Basset, executive director of the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Campus Life. "We can reflect on our deeds and ask for forgiveness.

When Medalis was home in Israel, Medalis said she and her family would take a walk the night before Yom Kippur and go to the synagogue and repent. However, she finds it much harder now that the Atlantic Ocean stands between her and her family.

"I get sad and housebroken," Medalis said. "My parents will call and say happy holidays and I say, 'Oh, I wish I were there.'

However, Medalis is not alone in Carbondale. Four other members of the ISU track team are from Israel and the finds comfort being with friends in the same situation she is.

While Medalis is not sure if she will take part in any ceremony, she plans to have the options. The Beth Jacob Congregation at 504 North Norwest Dr., began observing the holiday Sunday at 7:30 p.m. They opened with services that included a reading from the Torah, the Jewish holy book. It will resume today with services at 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur and the fasting will end today at sundown with the blowing of the shofar, a ram's horn. This comes from an ancient tradition in which blowing the shofar was used as a call to worship.

During Yom Kippur, participants are also supposed to rest. This means they are not supposed to do any work, drive a car or even pick up the phone. Medalis said she likes it. "I think it has an effect on her home town in Israel.

"There is no crying," Medalis said. "It seems death.

Because the holiday does not end until sundown Monday, SIUC Jewish students will find it hard to attend school and comply with their homework. Mrs. Medalis said she probably will not be the only student to miss Monday's classes because of the holiday.

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"On one hand I want to keep my culture, but on the other hand I don't want to be too different from anyone," Medalis said.
Faculty, civil service employees shouldn't keep the unions guessing

The latest event in a litany of slow-paced sparring between the SIU administration and the two largest constituency groups on campus will be on display in the Free Forum area tomorrow -- and maybe it's time folks went to check it out.

Both the Faculty Association and the Memorial Student Center Employees are operating under expired contracts with the administration as their negotiations to agree on a new one continue to bubble upward. The groups representing the faculty and the civil service are now entrenched in federal arbitration.

In the midst of the ongoing battles, a segment of both groups has apathetically ignored the gunfire around them. Even some due-paying members of the unions have been content to entreat others with their next contract -- and they are making a mistake.

The unions for faculty and civil service will promote their causes at an informational picket tomorrow. It will undoubtedly invoke a sense of emotional rhetoric and union jargon, but that can only be expected in conflicts as heated as those have become. Regardless, every individual eligible for either union should make it a point to be there.

And after they leave the picket, individuals should contact negotiators for the administration and find out the other side's stance, firsthand.

Sounds like a lot of trouble, right?

The issues being dealt with in union negotiations are not trifling matters. Salary, benefits, leave time and hiring practices will all be decided in these contracts.

Whether or not a faculty member or civil service employee has decided to join a union, they are represented by one.

In what is supposed to be an environment of proactive research and intellectual empowerment, faculty members and civil service employees should be ensuring they are properly represented and demanding accountability. Don't force union leaders to guess how to represent you -- your future at SIUC depends on it.

The cameras are usually pointed in the opposite direction

The power of photography has the ability to render a truly embarrassing moment timeless -- how else can I explain my stepbrothers being filled with shots of my buddy Tony and I playing the guitar or running around with beer bottles on our hands? However, it is consoling to know that some people have even more humiliating encounters in photos on file.

Apparently looking to capture a truly memorable moment, the University of Wisconsin has come under fire after it was discovered last month that a publicity shot of students at a football game was in fact doctored, with the image of a black man digitally inserted. Of course, this was done with the hopes of promoting the University of Wisconsin as a truly diverse university; now, administrators are hoping the negatives have been incinerated.

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New stadium should follow a winning season

Dear Editor:

I do not disagree with the article "New Football Stadium Under Discussion," but I disagree with the interest of the University to avoid or build a new stadium.

This is the beginning of my fourth year at SIU and the football team has had a losing season up to this point during my years at SIU. My view of the issue is not to consider building a new stadium until the football team can show us that they can have a winning season. I feel the opportunity to build a new stadium will not exist because the football team has a winning season or even multiple winning seasons in a row.

The concerns of the football team in that people do not want to go to a game to watch the team lose are well founded. But if the games the Athletic Department will be holding more money to the University will be made to make a new stadium a worthwhile investment.

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Nate Carr's column was sexist and homophobic

Dear Editor:

I am responding to Nate Carr's article "My Journey from a Right Wing Preacher to a Sobering Little Girl." First, the title is sexism because it assumes Carr's name implies that he is a male, while as Carr refers to them as "they." It is a gender identity term.

It seemed at first that Carr was trying to debunk this gender myth by establishing the two stereotypes, but no, it is a realization for "less-than-manly" behavior by attempting to dignify themselves with heterosexuality. I found the line "I'd gone to prison, I would have to reassign myself to and I would have been a woman" truly astonishing.

By assuming that sex is "unchangeable," he perpetuates the gender roles and stereotypes that have been in place since the birth of the world. He assumes that being a man or woman is a natural birthright, and that heterosexuality is a gender expectation. His article is a travesty, but I see them as another person's perspective.

Seeking to follow the line "had I gone to prison, I would have to reassign myself to them as a man" as well as watching episodes of "The Simpsons" for the 12th time.

My buddy Tony and I lived together for almost two years. While I was always the one who knew how to see him go.

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the Israelis, but not everyone agrees with that assessment. Alon Savidor, a sophomore in microbiology from Ramat Hasharon, Israel, said as a former member of the Israeli military, he does not think they would slaughter the Palestinians.

"I know the Israeli military wouldn't do anything unnecessary," said Savidor. "We were not allowed to do anything unless the other side initiates the confrontation." The majority of the Palestinians' attacks have consisted of throwing stones and molotov cocktails, crude explosives made up of a glass bottle filled with a flammable liquid. But the confrontation escalated Saturday when Hezbollah guerrillas captured three Israeli soldiers.

Later that day, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak gave a 48-hour ultimatum to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. He demanded the safe return of the Israeli soldiers and a halt on the rioting or he would let the military attack with full force. Despite the differences of opinions between Palestinians and Israelis, students from the Middle East like Almutairi just want the fighting to stop.

"We don't want to do this," Almutairi said. "We want the world to be safe and secure so our kids can be in a good place and have a better education instead of going to war."

"Students need to do a lot of research," Zimra said. "Sometimes foreign language is becoming more critical. He said even the English language on the Internet has gone down from 90 percent to 60 percent."

"Eighty percent of all business people think foreign language is the number-one delinquent still," Pallemans. "And 50 percent of Americans believe it's important for business people, teachers and government officials to learn a foreign language." He concluded that the University needs to institute a plan in which foreign languages should be emphasized more. In the same section, Clarisse Zimra, associate professor in English, said more international diversity needs to be implemented in more foreign language classes. "Students need to do a lot of research," Zimra said. "Sometimes students believe Africa is a country, but it's a continent." Allen hopes that steps will be taken to bring in more international students, as well as allow American students to learn more about diverse languages and cultures. "I believe multiculturalism should surround us," Allen said. "Students should not just say 'I took this course in a foreign language', but learn from it and be excited to take more."

He said the University can set and provide a rich international education, so students don't have to take a trip to another country. "This is a global institution with a global outlook," Allen said. The faculty members did not formally plan to meet again, but Winters suggested over lunch that they should meet next year.
Saluki Style

Honor, remembrance and flare all part of SIUC’s Mardi Gras-themed Homecoming

Saluki spirit combined with a Mardi Gras party at Homecoming events Saturday.

The Homecoming events began with the parade at 9:30 a.m. The Homecoming king, Brian Morris, and queen, Nikki Homsberry, were announced at halftime during the game.

Homsberry is a senior in radio-television from Elgin and Morris, a sophomore in psychology from Chicago, is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Dozens of floats and bands participated in this year’s Homecoming Parade. The winner of the Large Floats category was a tie between Pi Kappa Alpha with Sigma Kappa and Alpha Gamma Delta with Sigma Pi.

Kevin Richardson, president of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, said he did not expect to win first place.

“We were just going out to have a good time,” said Richardson, a senior in aviation from Taylorville. “Getting first place is definitely rewarding.”

The Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Kappa Float represented The Strip but the bars had balconies to give them a New Orleans feel. Many of the members of the float stood on the imitation Sidetracks deck. The float also sported a Saluki dog and numerous Mardi Gras beads.

Richardson said the parade seemed better than usual and that the theme may have been part of that.

“It was definitely one of the best ones that I’ve seen since I’ve been here,” he said.

Alpha Gamma Rho with Delta Zeta won second place and Delta Sigma Phi and Alpha Chi Omega won third place.

Small float winners include the Student Alumni Council in first place, a three-way tie for second place between the College of Business, the Student American Dental Hygiene Association and the Sailing Club and Theta Xi fraternity for third place.

Marching unit awards were given to the Final Fusion Dance Group, who took first place, and the International Student Council, who took second place. Third place was awarded to the Girl Scouts of Shagbark Council.

Clothing/Tailies won first place in the car entries. Second place was taken by WIDB radio, and Brush Towers/Newly Hall won third place.

The Alpha Gamma Delta and Sigma Pi float had different SIUC campus buildings with patios and decks, plus a trolley named the Saluki Express to complete the Mardi Gras air.

Laura Wells, president of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, said the theme worked better this year compared to past years.

“It brought more of the students involved,” said Wells, a senior in zoology from O’Fallon. “It was more fun to build a float.”

(Above) Brian Morris gets crowned homecoming king during half-time of SIU’s Homecoming game. Nikki Homsberry was crowned queen.

(Right) A U.S. Army UH 60 Blackhawk flies over Brush Towers Saturday afternoon. The SIU ROTC had an alumni reunion at Sam Rinella Field as part of the homecoming activities.
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BUSH echoed Cheney’s assurance that military growth would be one of the highest priorities for a Bush-Cheney administration.

"There is no more important project than to strengthen the military and keep the peace," Bush said.

As the crowd prepared to disperse, Bush returned to what has become the refrain of his campaign — tax cuts for all Americans — and then lambasted Gore’s "targeted tax cuts."

"It’s not the right of the government to decide who the right people are," Bush said. "Everybody is the right person in America."

Herb Russel of Carbondale, called Bush’s speech "amazing."

"I like his tax cuts," Russel said as Bush stepped offstage under a shower of rain, white and lightest white. "It keeps the money here in Southern Illinois and not in Washington, D.C."

At an earlier campaign stop Friday, Bush announced a $2.7 billion anti-drug plan aimed at America’s youth.

Bush is now scheduled to return to Texas where he will prepare for the next presidential debate Wednesday in North Carolina.

MINERS
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Roberts usually comes through Southern Illinois every two months to let the union members know the status of current health issues in the Southern Illinois area and to make sure the extra visits on Friday to emphasize the implications of what the Bush-Cheney ticket could mean for retired coal miners.

The coal industry, once the largest employer in the Southern Illinois region, is now mostly extinct, meaning most union members are aging and concerned with their health care.

Roberts said Bush has remained silent on the coal issue, including how he would handle health care legislation that would benefit retired coal miners. He also cited vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney’s record. As a U.S. Congressman, Cheney voted repeatedly against funding for black lung disease.

Roberts’ father, a retired coal miner in West Virginia, suffered from black lung disease, which is contracted when exposed to large amounts of coal dust. The dust becomes imbedded in the lungs, causing the lung tissue to harden.

"With a record that is 100 percent against funding black lung disease, the Bush-Cheney ticket has no right to ask working people and members of the great Southern Illinois mining community for their support," Roberts said.

He urged the union members to vote for Vice President Al Gore, citing Gore’s plan to offer tax incentives to coal companies to install scrubbers. Coal scrubbers are devices installed on many coal-fired power plants that capture sulfur pollutants before they enter the atmosphere. Because Illinois has high-sulfur coal and is believed to contain sulfur in its rock, this technology would allow mines to reopen that would be compliant with the Clean Air Act of 1990.

Ed Hale, from Pinckneyville, a UMWA member for 49 years, said he never misses the opportunity to hear Roberts. He said it was "good, smart politics" to schedule the address right before the Bush rally.

"Cecil Roberts is a fine man," Hale said. "He’s always fighting for our health benefits, that’s important to me."

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Scott Hodges said winning awards is becoming "trendy" for the Department of Radio and Television, but that doesn't take away from the excitement of being nominated in the regional Emmy competition.

SIUC is nominated for three student-produced programs in the student category of the St. Louis/Mid-America Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Emmy awards. The award winners will be announced this Tuesday at a ceremony in St. Louis.

SIUC was the only school nominated in the student portion of the competition this year. The three nominations included a documentary by Rebecca Streett, a graduate student in radio and television from Chicago; "River Region Evening Edition," and "Studio A Playhouse: The Saluki Radio Theater."

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The Salukis took the lead early, improved to 2-3 overall and 1-1 in the Gateway Conference, while Indiana State dropped to 0-2-2 in the Gateway. Indiana State has been outscored 246-72 this season.

Youngstown State 14, Illinois State 12

Despite only 191, the Bears inproved to 2-4 overall and 1-1 in the Gateway Conference. Illinois State is unbeaten beyond a quick 5-0 overall and 2-0 in the Gateway. The No. 2 ranked Penguins remain the only unbeaten team in the conference, while the Bears remain winless in conference play.

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**Homecoming turns horrific**

Salukis lose Homecoming contest against Western Illinois University 42-17

Cory Guice
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A Homecoming crowd of 10,000 Saluki fans and alumni quickly disintegrated to a scarce few by the midway point of the third quarter of Saturday's contest. For the majority of them, enough was enough.

The minority that turned out to watch the Salukis battle the Leathernecks at McAndrew Stadium had to share tailback Frisman Jackson's temperamental following the 42-17 debacle.

"I can't explain it," was the only thing Qualls had to say in regard to the game in post-game press conference before rushing to the locker room to meet following the 42-17 debacle.

Disappointment proved to be the theme of Saturday's game from an SIU standpoint, as the No. 23 Salukis lost to 1-4 Western Illinois (5-1, 2-0 Gateway) in front of a record of 1,291 at the Gateway Conference and extending Western Illinois' lengthy winning streak to 17 in the series.

Western Illinois (5-1, 2-0 Gateway) rushed for 234 yards in the game, mostly by running back Charles Tharp and quarterback Frisman Jackson, as both eclipsed their season-high in the series. by running back Charles Tharp and quarterback Frisman Jackson, as both eclipsed their season-high in the series. But Tharp's 107 yards and three touchdowns on 19 carries, just one of those things I just put my hand on the ground to keep my balance and I saw the guy on the left of me and I was able to stuff him and go down the field. It was like that the make the difference between a competitive contest and what occurred Saturday.

"It's just a phenomenal athlete, and the kids really believe in him too," said Leathernecks head coach Don Patterson about his signal-caller.

Patterson attributed his team's success to acute execution and avoiding mental mistakes.

"I just don't think we did much wrong in the way of numbers," Patterson said. "We just don't do a whole lot wrong in terms of dumb mistakes." Tharp complemented Jackson's rushing effort with 13 carries and three touchdowns on 19 carries to increase his Gateway-leading rushing total to 709.

Saluki back Tom Krotka finished with 17 yards and one touchdown on 25 carries, but was awash at the offense could muster.

SIU senior quarterback Sheradon Puttey struggled with 12-26 passing attempts for 113 yards and one touchdown. SIU ended in run the ball on 116, down 3-2-1 third down situations that typically call for passing plays. The Leathernecks hit the locker room ahead 28-3 at halftime and scored two more touchdowns in the third quarter to extend the lead to 42-3.

### Just another year in Saluki football

History has a funny way of repeating itself.

This thought comes four-year SIU football head coach Jan Qualls wondering about his future; and he has good reasons to be worried.

Just take a look down the short recent history of SIU football coaching. Shanon Watson — three years. Bob Smith — five years. Rick Rhoades — one year, Ray Day — one year. Deputy

Unfortunately, the list goes on and on. Since Ray Dreyer guided the Salukis to the 1983 Division I-AA National Championship, no other SIU coach has been able to win a National Championship.

Qualls is beginning to recognize the harsh realities behind that fact. He concluded his post-game press conference in just 32 seconds between the Salukis 16-7 loss to the University of Chicago on Saturday. Saluki fans have a 17-6 straight loss in the series.

"I'm a bad football coach, you guys are going to write it as I'm going to say it," he said. "I had a guy flipping me off in the stadium to his
goody and about the season is going to be, I'm going to go with that too.

"I had another guy say it should be my last year, so I'm going to go with that. So, I'm a lousy football coach."

Qualls was asked if he really believes he is a lousy coach.

"You guys are talking about it and I'm disappointed, I said while eating the meal."

Although Qualls used a sarcastic tone through the press, there's no doubt he has a reason to be concerned.

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But some people would argue for the coach's examination to examine the big picture. Saluki football is drastically underrated at this University, largely because of a seemingly unremovable administration.

Talk has surfaced about building a new football stadium, but the University hasn't made a concrete decision. If SIU decides to renovate McAndrew Stadium instead of building a new facility, the years of losing are sure to continue.

No football program in the country can have a sustainable shot of competing in the year 2000 playing in facilities built just after the Great Depression.

The last four of the game program written by interim Chancellor Jackson Patterson that excellence is the goal in every aspect of our great University, and football is no exception.

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Perhaps not serious enough.

SIU football has been a laughingstock at the University since most of us were born. If any academic program had been consistently failing, the University would theoretically jump to the problem before it even occurred. "He's just started at SIU, almost like a new coach than examine the big picture. Saluki football is drastically underrated at this University, largely because of a seemingly unremovable administration.

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