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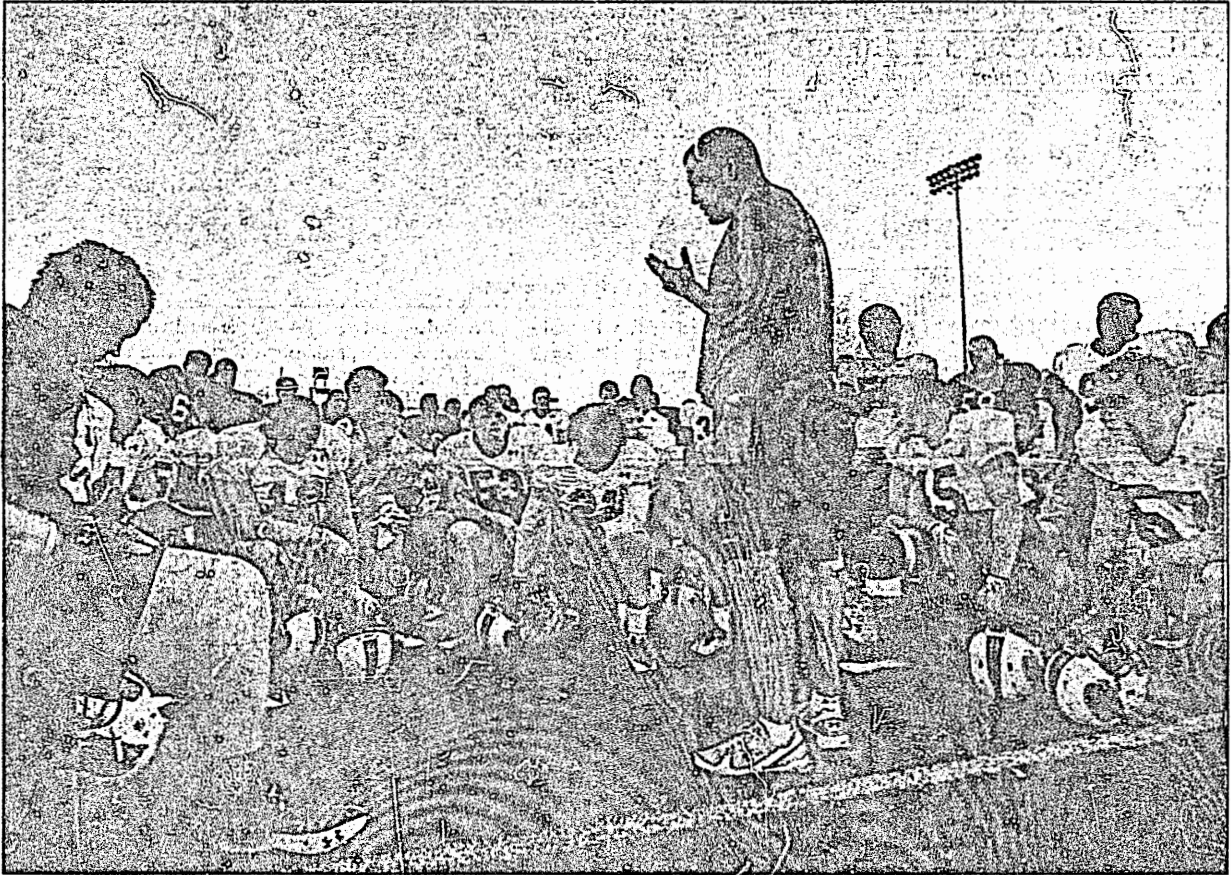
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EDYTA DŁASZCZYK | DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU coach Dale Lennon concludes practice Wednesday at the Saluki Stadium with a pep talk about the homecoming game today against University of Northern Iowa.

Rivals ready to rock

BRANDON LACHANCE
Daily Egyptian

It isn't Michigan against Ohio State yet, but when SIU faces University of Northern Iowa in Saluki Stadium today, it isn't just another conference matchup either.

"This game is why you play football," junior outside linebacker Connor James said. "UNI and us is a huge rivalry. We're always two of the top teams in the conference."

For many years, the Panthers were the dominant team in the Missouri Valley Football

“I think that's what has turned it into a rivalry type game. Usually the outcome has significant bearing as far as what's happening in the conference and on the national scene.”

— Dale Lennon
SIU coach

Conference, until 2003 when SIU became a powerful team, sharing the conference title with the Panthers.

Since then, SIU or UNI have won the championship every year except one, when Youngstown State won in 2006.

The two dominant teams have formed an intense rivalry because

every game has championship implications, Saluki coach Dale Lennon said.

"For the past seven years, the winner of this game has the inside track," Lennon said. "I think that's what has turned it into a rivalry type game. Usually the outcome has significant bearing as far as

what's happening in the conference,

and on national scene."

Before SIU became an annual MVFC contender, Lennon doesn't know how much SIU challenged UNI during their peak years in the 1990's, when the Panthers won seven consecutive championships, he said.

Senior inside linebacker Stephen Franklin said the Salukis will come

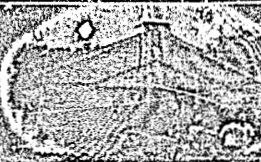
into the game prepared for more than the physical aspects of football.

"It's going to be a very emotional game," Franklin said. "They're in our shoes that we were in last year, as far as they haven't won here in a while and we hadn't won there since 1983."

The Panthers haven't won in Carbondale in 10 years and Lennon is a perfect 2-0 against UNI since he started coaching the team in 2008, including the 27-20 win in Cedar Falls, Iowa, in 2009.

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Salukis set sights on similar Panthers

NICK JOHNSON
Daily Egyptian

When Northern Iowa coach Mark Farley's Panthers try to spoil the Salukis' homecoming today, they'll face a team similar to their own in many ways, he said.

The players who will be on both sidelines today have been brought up in winning programs, Farley said.

"Our players have had a lot of success in the last few years," he said. "I just think the similarities create a great respect as well."

SIU beat UNI 27-20 in Cedar Falls, Iowa, in 2009, and coach Dale Lennon said the two programs are in a similar regrouping phase after having dominant senior classes.

Lennon's Salukis (2-3, 1-1 MVFC) lost eight starters on defense from 2009 and Farley's Panthers (2-2, 2-0 MVFC) returned six starters.

"Anytime you have that there's going to be a little growth process that occurs the following year," Lennon said. "You have to be patient with that growth and I think both of us have the potential to be a very good football team, but we've both stubbed our toes here in the early part of the season."

But it's not just growing pains the two teams have in common. Both have a problem with turnovers: The Panthers have 12 giveaways in four games and the Salukis have 12 in five games.

Turnovers were decisive factors in key losses for SIU against Southeast Missouri State and Youngstown State, two games in which the Salukis held



at least a two-score lead. UNI turned the ball over five times in a 27-0 loss to Iowa State.

Farley said turnovers and penalties will most likely decide today's game.

"To have the opportunity to win you're going to have to be error-free," Farley said.

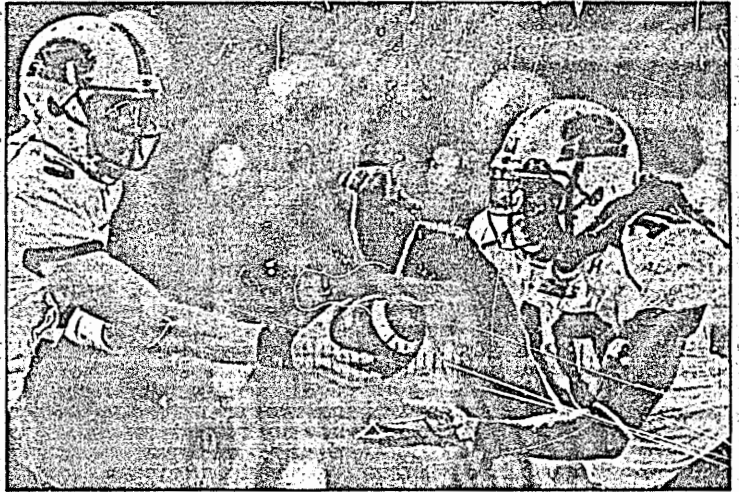
Both teams also have strong defenses and both play two quarterbacks, Lennon said.

Senior Chris Dieker has started every game for the Salukis and has been subbed with sophomore Paul McIntosh on occasion. But UNI has developed a routine with junior quarterbacks Zach Davis and Tirrell Rennie in which the two signal callers sometimes alternate drives, Lennon said.

Rennie in particular provides a spark with his legs, as he's averaging 107.2 rushing yards per game and six yards per carry.

"We've been exposed to ... quarterbacks that are very mobile," Lennon said. "There will be familiarity with the game plan for the players which I think is helpful for us, especially since we are a little younger on the defensive side."

SIU inside linebacker Stephen



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Quarterback Chris Dieker hands off the ball to running back Shariff Harris during the Illinois State game Saturday in Normal. The Salukis rushed for 342 yards on 64 carries. Harris contributed 171 yards and two touchdowns. SIU beat ISU 38-17.

Franklin said the key to defending a mobile quarterback is to make him throw the ball.

"(Running's) obviously their strength, something that they feel comfortable doing and when they get out in open space they can hurt you," Franklin said.

On the other side of the ball, Dieker said the Panthers' defense is fast, but he sees an opportunity in the secondary.

UNI has good safeties, but their

corners are undersized and the Salukis can capitalize in the passing game, Dieker said.

Franklin said losing at home to the Salukis has made the Panthers hungry.

"They're going to be big, fast and physical. That's a big rivalry here and they want to beat us real bad," he said.

Dieker said the best part about playing UNI is that it leaves both teams with a truer sense of just how good they are.

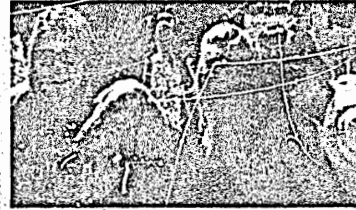
Though both teams play solid defense, Lennon said he still wouldn't rule out a high-scoring game today.

"I think you kind of start on that end of it, but at the same time if it turns into a track meet you've got to be ready to put on the spikes and get ready to go," Lennon said.

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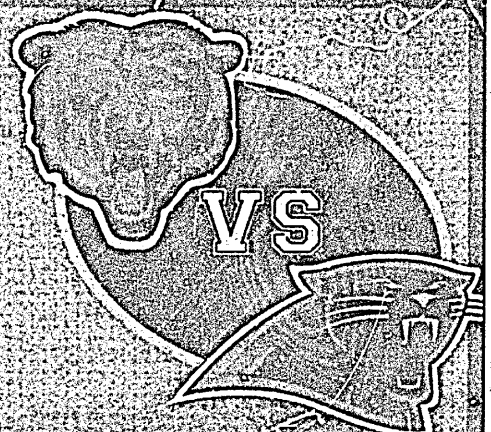
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UNI coach Mark Farley said this game is just as important for his squad as it is for the Salukis, even though today's game is earlier in the schedule than in recent years.

Senior wide receiver Joe Allaria said the game has determined the

champion of the MVFC his first three seasons and could do the same this season. The Salukis are in a three-way tie for third place with a 1-1 conference record, while the Panthers are in a tie for first place with a 2-0 conference record.

"It has the potential to have championship implications, but our league is a little more even across the board this year with

a lot of teams at the same level," Allaria said. "But it very well could (determine it). It has every year I've been here."

What's unique about this year's situation is any loss could take the Salukis out of the title hunt, which makes today's matchup with UNI bigger than it already would be, Allaria said.

Senior cornerback Korey

Lindsey said this is a game the team looks forward to on the schedule each season.

"Every year will always be a dog fight between the two of us, but we definitely look forward to the competitive and physical nature of it," Lindsey said.

James said the Salukis are entering today's game with their focus and confidence at maximum

levels because the talented and well-coached Panthers want to knock off the Salukis just as much as SIU wants to defeat UNI.

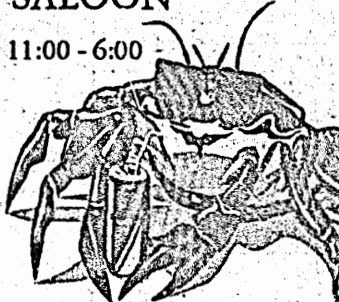
"We know if we prepare well and execute our stuff, we have a great opportunity to win the game," James said.

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GAME DAY



SIU 21, UNI 14

— Edyta Blaszczyk
 — Because it is homecoming for SIU, I predict the Salukis will kick major Panther ass today. I know the team struggled during the University of Illinois and Southeast Missouri State games, both being

major letdowns, but they brought my hopes back after taking a big bite out of the Redbirds on Saturday.

With UNI's ability to pick through an offensive line and get to the quarterback, I hope the line really likes Dieker, or McIntosh, enough to protect them from getting sacked. Pretty much do the opposite of what the Bears' offensive line did Sunday.

I photographed the 2009 meeting of these two teams in the UNI dome and the Panther ass were in complete shock after SIU cornerback Brandon Williams intercepted the ball with 2 minutes, 48 seconds left in the fourth quarter to solidify the win. With the fierce competition to be ranked No. 1 in the Missouri Valley Conference, I predict this game will be explosive on both ends and will be great entertainment.



SIU 42, UNI 17

— Ryan Voyles
 This game will come down to which team can score more points. I'm fully expecting the Salukis to step up and give 110 percent, but these Panthers can't be slept on. I bet UNI's quarterbacks, Tirrell Rennie and Zach Davis, spend hours in the film room just breaking down film. They're football players, I'm telling ya!

But someone I'd love to take into the film room and break down plays with is Chris Dieker. He's gotta overcome the adversity and make those reads and just stroke that ball into the receiver's hands, you know what I'm saying? But Paul McIntosh, he reminds me of a young Tim Tebow. Now that's a guy who was first-round material.

Even if Dieker struggles—the Salukis' defense is full of guys just waiting to play. Think about it. Corey Lindsey reminds me of a young TRAY-MON Williams, now that guy's a football player. Lindsey handles it Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, heck probably Friday, too, during walkthroughs. He's a big-time NFL player.

There are only two things I can guarantee today: I'm going to enjoy some good Turducken, and the Salukis are going to beat the Panthers into the ground because they know how to play some hard-nosed FOOTBALL!

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SIU 28, UNI 24

— Brandon Coleman

During the rivalry between the Salukis and the Panthers, the home team has won almost every game. The 2009 game at Cedar Falls, Iowa, was the first time the road team won the match-up since the '90s. The Panthers have been nearly as dominant in the Missouri Valley Football Conference as the Salukis during the past seven seasons, and the Saluki defense will have to hold strong against a strong Panther rushing attack spearheaded by Carlos Anderson and elusive quarterback Tirrell Rennie to survive what will be the toughest conference game.



SIU 30, UNI 14

— Nick Johnson

The outcome of this game hinges on the Salukis' defense of the Northern Iowa quarterbacks. The Panthers have two capable throwing arms in Tirrell Rennie and Zach Davis, but after watching highlights of Rennie, it's his legs that might make the difference in the game. Rennie averages more than 100 yards per game on the ground this season, and that's scary.

But SIU's defense is equipped to handle rushing quarterbacks. They've faced a couple already this season in Illinois' Nathan Scheelhaase and SEMO's Matt Scheible and didn't allow either of them to do much damage on the ground. The 3-4 defense gives athletic linebackers such as leading Saluki tackler Stephen Franklin and sophomore Joe Okon the space they need to make plays behind a stingy defensive line. If the secondary can contain a speedy group of UNI receivers — and that "if" has become bigger with senior safety Mike McElroy gone for the season — then SIU may be in for a big day defensively.

Had SIU lost at Illinois State on Saturday, this prediction would probably have been totally different. But the Salukis' offense is gaining more confidence. It's going to be a close game early, but SIU's defense will dominate in the second half, and as long as the offense holds onto the ball, there will be a happy homecoming crowd today.



SIU 27, UNI 20

— Brandon LaChance

This is hands down the best matchup in the Missouri Valley Football Conference and it's about time this is the homecoming game instead of a lesser opponent. Since 2003, SIU or UNI has been the conference champions every season except 2006. The game between the two teams usually

defines who is going to be the top dog. Just like last year, the Salukis will be victorious.

The three-headed rushing monster known as Lucien Walker, Shariff Harris and Steve Strother (Hurricane Ker-iff-ther) are correctly following the offensive line for protection and then finding seams in coverage for big yardage. Quarterback Chris Dieker rushed for 91 yards off 10 carries Saturday, so the UNI defense will not know if he is going to throw or run.

Although the secondary has suffered injuries, no one can tell there are replacements in the game because of the high level of play. The defensive unit held ISU's Matt Brown, conference leader in passing, to 149 yards and one touchdown and also forced a sack, fumble and interception from Brown, who averages 237 yards per game. I'm confident the Saluki defense can follow this stifling effort with a repeat performance.

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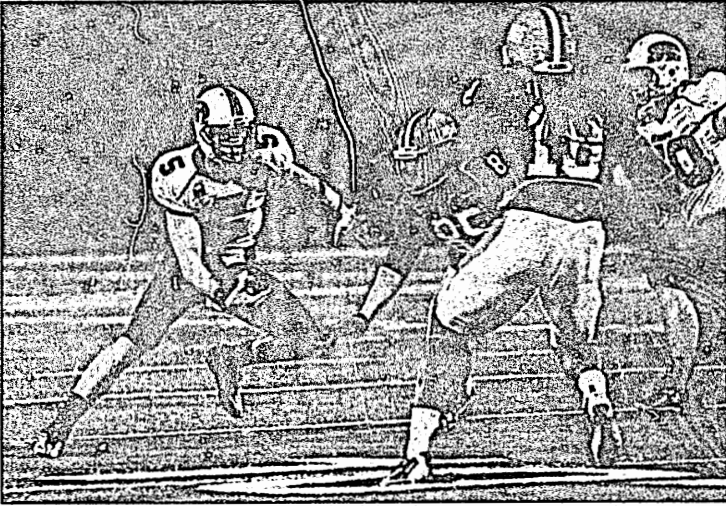
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Week 1:

Southern Illinois 70, Quincy 7 — A sellout crowd of 15,276 watched SIU trample Quincy in the first game at Saluki Stadium. SIU racked up 232 yards on the ground with a stable full of running backs and outscored Quincy 42-0 in the second half. Senior running back Lucien Walker ran for 116 yards and scored three of the Salukis' seven rushing touchdowns.

Records: SIU 1-0 (0-0 MVFC), UNI 0-0

Week 2:

University of Illinois 35, Southern Illinois 3 — The Salukis failed to establish any momentum offensively and were blown out of Memorial Stadium in Champaign. Illini quarterback Nathan Scheelhaase went 14-of-18 passing for 229 yards and two touchdowns. SIU lost senior safety Mike McElroy for the season to a high ankle sprain that eventually required surgery. The Salukis were outgained 407 yards to 230.

Records: SIU 1-1 (0-0 MVFC)

Week 3:

Southeast Missouri State 24, Southern Illinois 21 — A 21-3 halftime lead for the Salukis was erased when SEMO running back Henry Harris ran for a 67-yard touchdown to put the Redhawks up 24-21 with 3 minutes 41 seconds left in the game. Dieker, who was replaced mid-game by McIntosh, returned to the game to lead the two-minute offense but threw an interception that allowed SEMO to run the clock out. SIU coach Dale Lennon closed practice to the media after the upset loss and said he would make a game-time decision on the starting quarterback for Week 4.

Records: SIU 1-2 (0-0 MVFC)

Week 4:

Youngstown State 31, Southern Illinois 28 — Dieker started for the Salukis at Youngstown State and SIU jumped out to a 14-0 lead. But YSU took advantage of a Dieker fumble in the second quarter and began its comeback. Freshman quarterback Kurt Hess threw three touchdowns for the Penguins and the Salukis couldn't complete a frantic late-game comeback, and dropped their conference opener.

Records: SIU 1-3 (0-1 MVFC)

Week 5:

Southern Illinois 38, Illinois State 17 — SIU led the Redbirds 24-7 in the third quarter in Normal, but after ISU added a field goal and returned a blocked punt for a touchdown, the Salukis' lead was cut to seven. SIU then turned to its running game and wore out the Redbirds in the fourth. Junior running back Shariff Harris ran for 171 yards and two touchdowns and SIU also got uncommonly good running numbers from Dieker. Dieker, who most consider a pocket passer, ran for 92 yards and a touchdown in the win.

Records: SIU 2-3 (1-1 MVFC)

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Senior quarterback Chris Dieker scrambles to get around University of Illinois defenders during the Sept. 11 game in Champaign-Urbana.

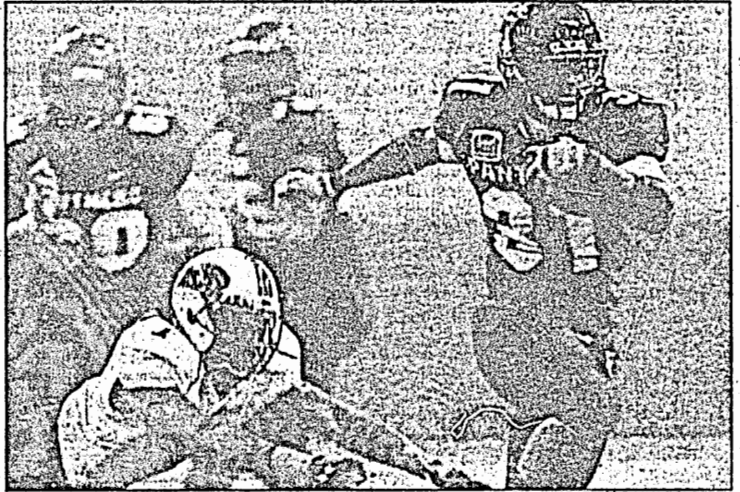


Northern Iowa got here

Preseason

Both the Salukis and Panthers were ranked in the top ten teams nationally in the FCS preseason coaches' poll. UNI went 7-4 overall in 2009 and earned the No. 8 spot while the Salukis, who were undefeated in conference play in 2009 and finished 11-1, came into 2010 at No. 5. The Salukis started their 2010 campaign Sept. 2 at home against Quincy and the Panthers began their season against North Dakota State on Sept. 11 in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

UNI: UNI returned just six starters after going 7-4 overall in 2009 and missing the playoffs. Juniors Zach Davis and Tirrell Rennie battled during the 2010 preseason for the starting quarterback position. Rennie won it, but both quarterbacks have played for the Panthers this season.



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Week 2:

Northern Iowa 16, North Dakota State 9 — Northern Iowa suffocated the Bison in its season opener, recording 11 sacks and holding the North Dakota offense to -40 rushing yards. The Panthers' Carlos Anderson ran for a career-high 158 yards.

Records: UNI 1-0, (1-0 MVFC)

Week 3:

Stephen F. Austin 22, Northern Iowa 20 — The Lumberjacks and Panthers got all their scoring done in the first half in UNI's first non-conference matchup. Rennie ran for a 75-yard touchdown on the game's first play, but the Panthers missed the extra point. SFA sacked Rennie in the end zone for a safety on the next drive and the Lumberjacks scored a touchdown on the ensuing possession to go up 15-6. Anderson answered for UNI with a 99-yard kickoff return, and the Panthers retook the lead 20-15 in the first half after Rennie found receiver Jarred Herring on an 83-yard touchdown pass. But SFA answered with a six play, 48-yard touchdown drive and led at the break. The teams traded punts in the third and Davis replaced Rennie at quarterback for UNI. Davis lost a fumble in the fourth and UNI couldn't score again after Anderson lost a second fumble with 6 minutes 43 seconds left in the game.

Records: UNI 1-1 (1-0 MVFC)

Week 4:

Iowa State 27, Northern Iowa 0 — UNI outgained the Cyclones 320 yards to 210 and held the ball seven minutes longer, but the Panthers committed five turnovers and were shut out for the first time since 2004.

Records: UNI 1-2 (1-0 MVFC)

Week 5:

Northern Iowa 24, South Dakota State 14 — The Panthers out-dueled the Jackrabbits in a back-and-forth game on the legs of Rennie, who ran for 126 yards and two touchdowns. Rennie also threw the touchdown pass that extended UNI's lead to 24-14 in the fourth quarter. Anderson added another 138 yards on the ground and the UNI defense forced four turnovers in the victory.

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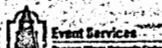


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UNI former running back Derrick Law breaks through a tackle during the Oct. 17 game against SIU at the UNI Dome where the Salukis upset the Panthers 27-20 in 2009.

Three a magic number for Saluki running backs

NICK JOHNSON
Daily Egyptian

Junior tailback Shariff Harris says he isn't going to even try to dance around defenders.

"He prefers to run them over," running back coach Steve Crutchley said.

Harris, one of three featured running backs for the Salukis has steamrolled defenders since his days in Pop Warner football, he said.

"I used to try to shake all the time. My coach said 'You know, you've got to run them over, you're too big to be doing that,'" Harris said.

Harris, who transferred from the University of Pittsburgh in the offseason, leads SIU with 72 carries for 326 yards and five touchdowns, but he's by no means bearing the load himself.

Senior Lucien Walker started for most of the season and has 48 carries for 282 yards and three touchdowns. And speedy sophomore Steve Strother spells the two bigger backs but also finds work as a kick returner, on screens and on quick-hit pass plays, coach Dale Lennon said.

Walker and Strother witnessed

Deji Karim, the Salukis' star runner in 2009 who was drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars in April, pile up 855 yards and eight rushing touchdowns through five games.

As a trio, the 2010 Saluki backfield has managed Karim-like numbers: the three backs have combined for a 5.2 yard per carry average, 721 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns in five games.

"The whole preseason ... we were all trying to fill the shoes of Deji Karim," Harris said. "And you know, if it takes one of us it's going to take one of us; if it's going to take three of us, we're all going to do it together."

All three running backs have Eastern origins: Harris grew up in northern New Jersey, Walker grew up in Rochester, New York, and Strother grew up in Culpeper, Va.

But the success of SIU football, coupled with a string of excellent running backs, brought all three to southern Illinois.

He said witnessing Karim come back from a knee injury to have a breakout season in 2009 was inspiring.

"It showed how hard you can work if you really want some-

thing," Walker said.

Walker's family moved to a suburb of Daytona, Fla., before his junior year of high school, he said.

He said he played quarterback until his senior season, when the running back position was somewhat forced on him.

"My senior year we didn't really have a good running back," Walker said. "I guess they liked my running style."

Walker and Harris have nearly identical running styles, but Walker is more likely to make defenders miss in the open field, Harris said.

"We're both downhill backs but I'm probably a little more shifty," Walker said.

Walker said the running backs help each other during games.

On one of Harris' carries in the Illinois State game, he said he had an outside line wide open but chose instead to cut it back to the inside and was tackled.

Walker approached him on the sidelines afterward.

"Lu came and told me 'Hey, you had the whole outside, you've got to be more patient,'" Harris said. "And I like that, I appreciate that."

Strother said the running backs always joke around, and are a tight-knit group.

"We don't sugarcoat anything. If we feel somebody's not doing something right, then we definitely tell them about it," he said.

"We've all got a good relationship," Walker said. "You can't have a bad relationship, because that shows."

Running the ball is how his tailbacks make their name, but Lennon said taking a hand-off is the easiest thing he asks them to do.

After his first few kickoff returns, Strother would have agreed.

"The first game of the season, I was really nervous and had goose bumps when the ball was in the air," Strother said. "The second game of the season I actually dropped one because I was so nervous."

But that changed after Strother returned a kickoff for a touchdown Week 3 against Southeast Missouri State, he said. Since that game, he's been so confident that he wants opposing teams to kick to him, he said.

Crutchley said SIU has high expectations for the shifty Strother.

"Steve, he brings an energy to the crew. He's a positive kid who likes to have a lot of fun," he said.

Lennon said he looks for an aggressive, competitive nature in potential running backs.

"The challenging things are definitely with the pass protection and the run blocking schemes that we have," Lennon said. "That's where the good running backs really separate themselves."

Before Karim, SIU's feature back in 2008 was Larry Warner, who ran for 1,265 yards and 10 touchdowns. Before Warner, there was Arkec Whitlock, who ran for 1,828 yards and 25 touchdowns in 2006. And before Whitlock it was Brandon Jacobs, now with the New York Giants, who ran for 19 touchdowns in his senior season at SIU in 2004.

That history is enough to rename the university, according to Harris.

"It's Running Back U here," Harris said.

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In-game training pans out for young linebackers

BRANDON LACHANCE
Daily Egyptian

After five linebackers graduated at the end of the 2009 season, the Salukis knew they were going to have a younger group of guys standing behind the linemen. What they didn't know was how well they would play together.

The 2010 starting linebacker corps consists of one senior, a junior and two sophomores. Though the group is young in terms of the number of Football Championship Series snaps, they learn from and progress each game, Saluki defensive coordinator Kyle "Bubba" Schweigert said.

"When you don't have a lot of playing experience, the thing you have to grind through a little bit is when they see different things," Schweigert said. "They don't have past experiences to recall things that happened another year or another time on the field."

In the Missouri Valley Football Conference, the SIU defense is ranked second in passing defense, limiting opponents to 121.5-yards per game

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while the rushing defense is ranked third, allowing 137.5 yards.

Sweigert said senior inside linebacker Stephen Franklin has become the leader of the unit and is teaching by example, making big plays. Against Illinois State University, Franklin intercepted a pass in the red zone to prevent a touchdown. He leads the team with 36 tackles.

"Last week he made a big play in a key situation. We need that from seniors," Schweigert said.

Franklin said he doesn't try to force anything on his teammates as far as being leaders and doesn't try to abuse the power he has, but feels they listen to him.

"The guys look up to me. They voted me team captain and I've been through some of the battles," Franklin said. "When I have something to say, I think they listen and

take it to heart."

Sophomore inside linebacker Joe Okon said he has much respect for Franklin, and it's easy to play with guys such as him who helps the younger players out.

"Being a leader, he knows when to get on you," Okon said. "If you mess up, he's not going to pat you on the butt. He's going to tell you to get it right."

Franklin is the leader, but each of the linebackers take it upon themselves to have leadership qualities as well, junior outside linebacker Connor James said.

The unit feeds off each other's strengths, James said. Sophomore outside linebacker Jayson DiManche has great athletic ability to jump and bat down balls as well as cover the field and make tackles, James said. Franklin uses his strength to his advantage, while Okon uses

his power and knowledge in terms of how certain opponents play the game, James said.

He said he and his teammates are all quick to get in tackling position if an opponent breaks the line of scrimmage.

Okon and DiManche are getting more minutes on the field than they did in 2009 as both of them have moved into starting roles. Okon said the biggest challenge of more playing time is just that — getting used to the extended play.

"Last year I didn't get nearly as many snaps," Okon said. "I have to learn how to play like that, get used to the feel and the speed of the game."

The Salukis have other guys besides the starters who have to know the defensive schemes as well because the defense often rotates people in, Schweigert said.

Junior inside linebacker Scott Cole, freshman inside linebacker Taylor Hunter, redshirt freshman inside linebacker Rodney Reagans, junior outside linebacker Travis Little and senior Robert Spann all contribute to the defensive effort, Schweigert said.

"Because we play a lot of guys at the linebacker position, we've got to be able to run those guys in there so we can play fresh," Schweigert said.

Although the linebackers have individual strengths and use them well as a unit, there are still aspects of the game they need to work on, Franklin said.

"We have good schemes. We're still got to learn (them) and the intricacies, but when we get in our right spots we've got the athletic ability to make plays," Franklin said.

Defensive coordinator Schweigert said the linebackers will learn the little details as the season moves on and their number of snaps tally up.

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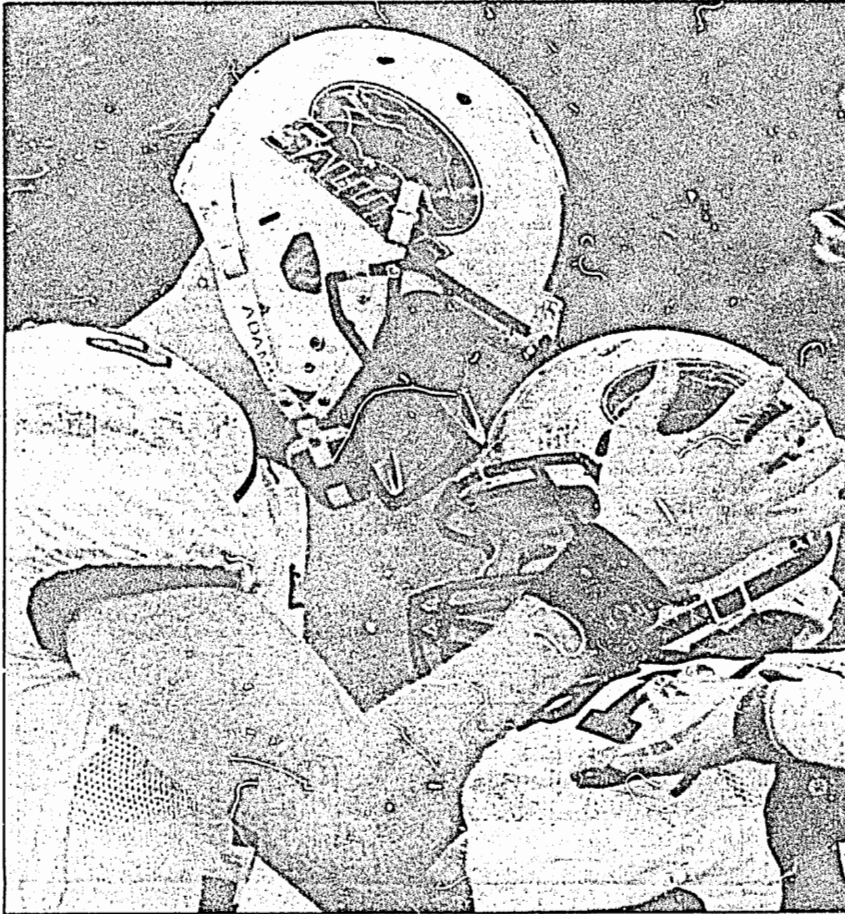
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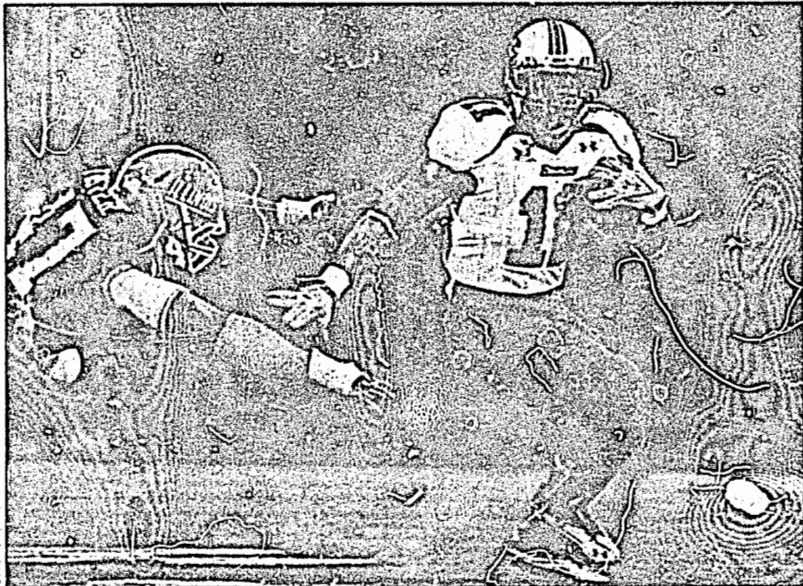
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(Above) Sophomore quarterback Paul McIntosh breaks away from a tackle during the 38-17 win over the Illinois State Redbirds in Normal.

(Left) Senior quarterback Chris Dieker hugs wide receiver Matt Guinn in the end zone after Guinn caught a 15-yard pass from Dieker to make the score 24-7 during the game against the Illinois State University Redbirds on Saturday in Normal. SIU beat the Redbirds 38-17.

(Below left) SIU cornerback Nick King jumps to clear Illinois State running back Erik Smith after pushing him out of bounds during the game against the Redbirds on Saturday in Normal.

(Below) Senior running back Lucien Walter breaks through a tackle during the 35-3 loss to the University of Illinois on Sept. 11 in Champaign.



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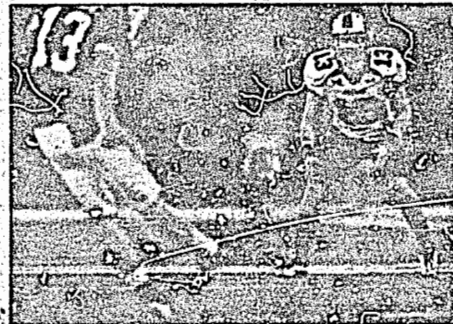


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SIU football players celebrate after a play during the first quarter of the Sept. 11 game against the University of Illinois in Champaign.

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Redshirt freshman wide receiver John Lutz watches the University of Illinois kick off during the 35-3 loss Sept. 11 in Champaign. The Selukis are playing UNI today for the homecoming game.

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Tuition increase likely

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Early conversations have begun about increasing tuition for the fall semester, though Chancellor Rita Cheng said no solid numbers have been formulated.

Cheng said Monday that preliminary talks have begun about raising tuition for the fall of 2011, which she said would help alleviate some of the university's cash problems. She said an increase would help prevent more cuts to academic units.

"I'm really committed not to erode the quality of the education experience here, so that's where some planning needs to take place," she said. "A reasonable and moderate tuition increase seems like the appropriate thing for me to be considering."

The chancellor's office would have to meet with campus groups, as well as SIU President Glenn Poshard's office and the Board of Trustees, before a rate could be determined, Cheng said.

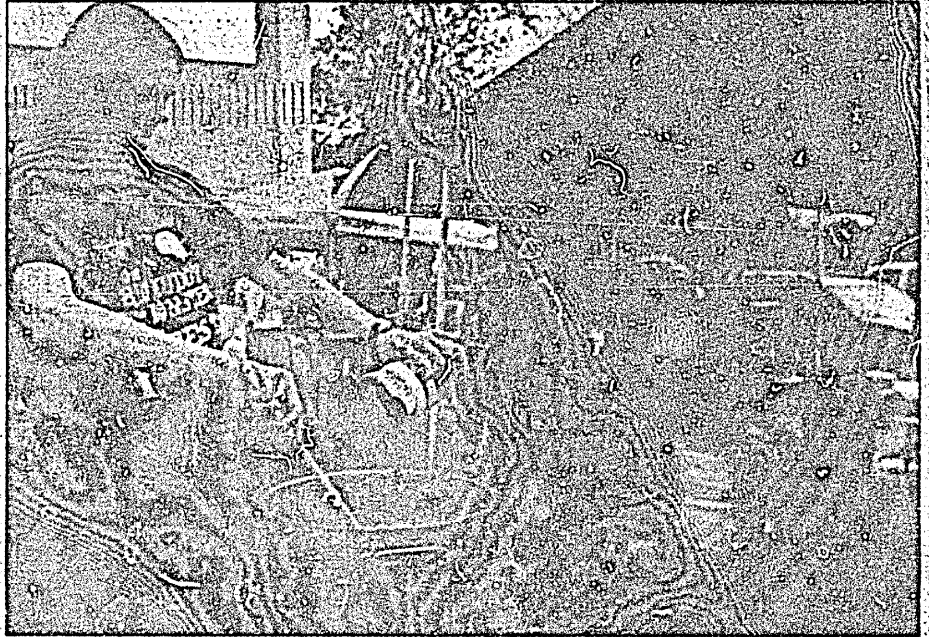
Any possible tuition increase would only affect incoming freshmen, transfer or graduate students, said Dave Gross, SIU spokesman. He said Illinois law prevents tuition increases from affecting students already enrolled at the university when the increase takes effect.

Gross said the final decision to raise tuition would have to be made by the board, and a decision would not occur until late spring when the state's budget becomes clear.

"In light of what has happened in Springfield over the past six or seven state budgets, (the board tries) to balance that information coming out of state appropriation hearing process," he said. "We get our budget from Springfield and get a better idea of what we need to do."

According to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, SIUC's tuition and fees rank the fifth lowest out of the 11 public universities, at \$10,461. Only Western Illinois University, Chicago State University, Governor State University and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville have lower tuition and student fees.

SIUC was one of the few universities that did not increase its tuition last semester, Poshard said. He said the tuition freeze happened because the university had increased tuition by 135 percent over the previous nine years, and it was to the point where students were being priced out of school.



ISAAC SMITH | DAILY EGYPTIAN

GETTING BACK TO THE BASICS: HOMEBREWING IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS Marika Josephson mixes together a batch of homebrew in the Southern Illinois Brewers tent at the Big Muddy Monster Brew Fest at Riverside Park in Murphysboro. Josephson has been brewing for about a year and said she started to make homebrew because she was disappointed with the beer selection in Carbondale. Josephson worked art tent Saturday with fellow brewer Ryan Tockstien to draw local interest to the

brewing club they have started. "We hope to get a little bit of community involvement going in craft beer," Tockstien said. "Currently the beer industry is growing very rapidly, and you are starting to see it move into southern Illinois," he said. Tockstien said the trend is growing so quickly because people are tired of what he described as light and fizzy, less flavorful beers that are produced by the big-name breweries. The group hopes to begin having regular meetings by the end of the year.

Safety firm that funded Gilbert blasts Toyota

NICK JOHNSON
Daily Egyptian

Report says automaker kept faulty vehicles on road

Toyota Motor Corporation has had indications since 2003 that electronic throttle control systems on its vehicles could and did fail, according to a report released Monday by an independent research firm.

In February, Safety Research and Strategies, Inc., a research company dedicated to analyzing product defects, funded research by SIUC automotive technology instructor David Gilbert on sudden unintended acceleration in Toyota vehicles. The report released Monday was a summary of findings in the research company's investigation of Toyota's handling of the SUA incidents and recalls since February.

"Toyota, while admitting no wrongdoing, embarked on an aggressive public relations campaign to quiet critics and regain its reputation through a series of new recalls which only partially address the defects in their vehicles," the report stated.

Toyota has taken more than eight million vehicles off the road in two separate recalls since October 2009 because 11 different models have exper-

rienced SUA. The most recent report from SRS comes in the midst of a recall announced Thursday by the carmaker, this time for 740,000 vehicles that have faulty brake cylinders.

But the report states many of the company's problem vehicles still haven't been recalled because Toyota has consistently opted for quicker, cheaper fixes since it's known about the SUA problem.

In 2003, increasing consumer reports of SUA in Camry models prompted the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to investigate Toyota, but the probe was closed with no finding, the report stated. For its report, SRS obtained company e-mails from a 2007 incident in which Toyota ignored NHTSA suggestions to install a brake override feature that would fix SUA in its vehicles. The company avoided having to replace throttle control assemblies that year and saved \$100 million, the report states. In 2009, the company saved another \$100 million by limiting the remedy of SUA in Lexus and Camry vehicles to a recall of 55,000 floor mats, the report states.

Gilbert said Monday he plans to continue his research on the problem because it's in his field of interest, but doesn't have any research planned for the most recent issue with Toyota's vehicles.

"I've stirred up a lot of questions, so I'd like to stay involved with it. This is what I teach," Gilbert said.

Gilbert's first experiment, in which he found that an instance of SUA could be introduced to and go undetected by a Toyota Avalon's onboard computer, was featured in a Feb. 22 ABC News broadcast. Gilbert stood behind his findings a few days later at a congressional hearing, while Toyota executives maintained oversized floor mats and sticky accelerator pedals are the causes of SUA in its recalled models.

Two Toyota employees resigned the following week from their positions on the Automotive Technology Department's Advisory Board. Terry Martin, manager of customer quality for Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana Inc., resigned March 1, and Neil R. Swartz, corporate manager for North American Parts Operations, Toyota

Motor Sales USA, resigned Feb. 28, according to copies of the resignation letters verified by the university.

The resignations were to avoid any appearance of influence during Gilbert's research. Toyota spokeswoman Celeste Migliore said Monday. She said both Martin and Swartz have been invited by Automotive Technology Chair Michael Behrmann to reassume their positions on the board.

Migliore said Martin and Swartz want to revisit the offer in the spring.

In a March 8 webcast, representatives from Toyota and Exponent, Inc., a research firm hired by Toyota to investigate SUA in its vehicles, criticized Gilbert's findings. They claimed Gilbert used careful and deliberate manipulation of the accelerator pedal circuit to obtain unnatural SUA in his experiment with a Toyota vehicle.

SRS immediately responded in defense of Gilbert, who prepared his own response to Exponent's findings in May.