Tuesday, October 12, 2010

Student remains in St. Louis Medical Center

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Daily Egyptian

Stephen Ellis, 26, a senior from St. Louis studying psychology, remains at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis as of press time Monday after suffering severe burns to his body when flames engulfed his apartment Tuesday, Oct. 5.

"Hibb" as students have called him, was smoking when the blaze started at 1503 East Walnut Street at 5:32 p.m., according to the fire department. "He isn't sure if his gas tank was full at that time," said Ellis.

Ellis is a student at SIUC studying psychology and Pre-Med with a minor in sociology.

Ellis was transferred from Memorial Hospital of Carbondale to St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis Saturday night.

"I'm going to make sure they don't touch me," said Ellis.

"His parents said that they would appreciate prayers from the community," said Gray.

The fire, which occurred at 1503 East Walnut St., started in the kitchen around 5:32 p.m., said Ellis. He said the cause of the fire has not been determined by the Carbondale Fire Department.

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SIUC high among cost of first-year dropouts

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SIUC has spent more than $156 million on first-year students who did not return for a second year from 2003 to 2008, according to a report released Monday from the American Institutes for Research.

The report, titled "Finishing the First Lap: The Cost of First-Year Student Attrition in American Four-Year Colleges and Universities," was intended to show the price that states, universities and taxpayers pay for students who drop out of college after their freshman year, according to a release.

The report said in researchers looked at the amount of tax appropriations and grants spent on students who dropped out.

Mark Schoedel, a vice president at the American Institutes for Research and former commissioner of the Education Department's National Center for Education Statistics, said the Associated Press the report's goal is to highlight the costs of losing students after the first year, the most common exit door in college.

"We're all about college completion right now and I agree 100 percent with the college completion agenda and we need a better-educated adult population and workforce," Schoedel said.

Larry LeQuillan, spokesman for the institutes, said the figures track whether full-time students at 1251 public and private colleges and universities return for a second year at the same institution. It doesn't include part-timers, transfers or students who come back later and graduate, he said.

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Students share their pride

REBECCA DULL
Daily Egyptian

Amanda Hubble is out and she wore a T-Shirt on Monday to proclaim it.

"I can finally 'just be me for a change," Hubble said.

Scott Ramsey, a senior from Valparaiso studying German and business, celebrated National Coming Out Day by writing "I'm Gay" on his T-shirt.

National Coming Out Day commemorates a 1987 march in Washington D.C. for gay and lesbian equality. Ramsey said the Saluki Rainbow Network has celebrated this day and the week for many years. He said October is Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender History Month, and there will be events throughout the month to celebrate.

"I think the event was a war on uniting together so people know they're not alone," Ramsey said.

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Cancer patients, survivors battle for birthday celebrations

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

You have to be aware of what is going on with your body because things can change from when you see the doctor in January and in February you could develop a lump. - Jill Boikman

1981 SIUC alumna and breast cancer survivor said she should go to take care of myself.

She had the lump removed and within one year she was cancer-free, she said.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with this year's theme being "The Official Sponsor of Birthdays" said Gale Nohrig, a representative of the Illinois division of American Cancer Society. He said the theme is focused toward celebrating more birthdays for cancer patients and survivors.

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TWELVE HOURS OF PIGS

Da1elle Wojcik, a sophomore from Chicago studying equine science and pre-veterinary medicine, figures out which piglet is suckling on its mother's teat Monday in the Farrowing House of the Swine Center. Wojcik and other classmates were put into groups to complete a 12-hour pig watch for their livestock production lab. Wojcik's shift began at 6 a.m. “It is interesting to learn about the different species,” Wojcik said. “It's cool to see the genetics of the pigs.” The pig watch started in 1998, Gary Apgar, an associate professor of animal science food and nutrition, said. “Students are able to have a close, hands-on interactive activity with live young with a specific outcome and have the opportunity to utilize a group environment to create a poster outlining the ‘scientific’ findings from the activity, and have it compete with all the others,” he said.

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Rehabilitation Institute expands despite budget cuts

Although the Rehabilitation Institute had to cut about $122,000 from its budget, John Bennsford, interim director of the institute, says it has actually been a good year.

"We knew we were having a problem financially, and we're thinking, 'This, what's the best way to deal with this problem?"' he said. "To use the way to deal with them was to get out and find extra students and find more money."

The Rehabilitation Institute provides seven academic programs and six service programs such as the Evaluation and Development Center and the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders for people with disabilities. Bennsford said.

The institute, along with other departments in the College of Education and Human Services, said the institute had to use other resources to pay its staff because several were moved from state-funded accounts. He said the institute will have to use some of the money previously spent for travel and equipment purchases toward salaries.

"We didn't want to lay off anybody — not just on principle, but because we wanted people," he said.

Jack Murgreave, interim director of the Evaluation and Development Center, said the center generates about $14,000 in revenue through grants that the university matches. It also received an additional $250,000 in grants through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for fiscal year 2011, which has helped provide job placement services for people with disabilities, he said.

"We're admitting so many more students," Murgreave said, "to help expand our job placement program, hire eight full-time temporary staff and four half-time graduate assistants, along with travel costs."

"What it allows us to do is expand job placement to really all of southern Illinois," he said. "The southern part of the state south of Carbondale is typically under-served, and so we were able to branch out and really serve from Interstate 64 to the southern tip of the state.

Murgreave said the decreased amount of money has helped both students and the people in the community who use the center.

"The stimulus is not only living individuals; but those individuals are finding jobs for individuals with disabilities — kind of a double stimulus program," he said.

Bennsford said the program allows the institute to work more with people in the community and particularly high-school students interested in disabilities who will look for a job once they graduate.

"It really demonstrates the connectedness of what we do in the rehabilitation center and the center, which is kind of a double stimulus program," he said.

Bennsford said part of the rise in enrollment is because students know they can get an assistantship to work at the Evaluation and Developmental Center, which they would be unable to find elsewhere.

"This is a great deal for the university because we have the prestige of an on-campus rehab center, which is unheard of around the country, and we employ a lot of students," Bennsford said.

He said the institute has built a strong reputation and has strong distance learning graduate programs in Indianapolis and Joliet. Each program awards 25 students and the institute hired a faculty member through the additional grant money to serve those locations, he said.

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Ellis

John Helmers, a senior from Plano studying exercise science, said he met Ellis in Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps three years ago. He said Ellis was enlisted in the army from 2002 to 2005 and served in Iraq in 2003.

"You use a lot of his post-military experience to mentor me and a lot of the younger people (in ROTC)," he said.

The ROTC battalion will hold a car wash fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Auto Zone in Carbondale and all proceeds will be given to the family toward his recovery, said Thomas McCorkle, a junior from Carbondale studying criminology and criminal justice.

McCorkle has known Ellis for a year and a half and describes him as a giving person and a "grape giant."

"But he's also tough as nails and he'll pull through," he said.

McCorkle said he can't wait to see Ellis on his feet again, and his thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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"They have used some combination of factors to come up with a dollar value," said Thomas McCorkle.

The report also showed SIUC had one of the lowest first-year retention rates of the 12 public universities listed, at 70 percent. Only Chicago State University at 55 percent, Northeastern Illinois University at 64 percent and University of Illinois at Springfield at 67 percent had lower retention rates.

According to the SIUC Factbook, 67.8 percent of first-year students continued for a second year in 2008. Numbers for 2009 and 2010 were not available.

Robert Lerman, an economics professor from American University, told the Associated Press the numbers raise the question of whether four-year college are the right choice for all people. He said it could be used to argue less-prepared, less-motivated students are better off not going to college.

"Getting them to go a second year might waste even more money," Lerman said. "Why burden them?"

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Roy Arnold resigns as president of Arlington Park

The Associated Press

Arlington Heights — Track officials say the president of Arlington Park racetrack has resigned, citing his desire to explore new challenges and opportunities.

Roy Arnold announced his resignation Monday in a written statement, saying that he had a great experience and is proud of accomplishments at the thoroughbred track.

Arnold told the Chicago Tribune he will serve as a consultant for Churchill Downs, the racing company that owns Arlington Park, for a transitional period.

Watchdog group says cellphone users overcharged

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — As more people use wireless telephones, the Citizens Utility Board says Illinois cellphone users are paying for calling time and services they don’t use.

In a report released Monday, CUB reports a year-long analysis of the about 4,400 bills found callers on average paid $595.64 per year unnecessarily.

CUB's study found that Illinois callers were often poorly matched with their cell-phone plans. The organization contends that result in nine out of 10 callers paying for 450 minutes or more, even though most never used more than 300 minutes a month.

CUB Executive Director David Relata says consumers who use fewer than 300 minutes of calling time a month could be better served by switching to a prepaid wireless provider. The organization also suggests cell phone customers check for billing errors.
I would like to report two lightning strikes on campus, which struck offices at Woody and Anthony Halls. The result has been the infusion of a good dose of common sense on the part of university administrators trying to fix the "enrollment problem.'"

The first strike has revolutionized thinking in the office of Enrollment Management. Last week, John Nicklow, the new sheriff in town as interim assistant provost, mentioned in an article in the Daily Egyptian that SIUC will have to get harder to recruit local students. Why it has taken a near eternity to realize there are excellent local students who just needed a little nudge from the university to enroll here is beyond me. In fact, if I had a nickel for every conversation I've had with SIUC faculty or staff about how their son or daughter was setting academic records at Carbondale or a surrounding high school, yet received no recruitment interest from SIUC, I could retire a rich man. I'm glad to see the obvious has finally sprouted some roots.

The second strike occurred in or around the chancellor's office, perhaps striking several offices in his vicinity where our recruitment and retention staff are at war trying to sell the "brand" of SIUC. I believe the way they put it—the university. Again, as another fist, I heard from Chancellor Rita Cheng in last week's Daily Egyptian that SIUC is going to try and sell itself on the strength of its academics. At the risk of repeating myself, I'm glad to see that the obvious has finally sprouted some roots.

In the past, SIUC has tried various tactics to boost enrollment, none of which have worked. All have involved the obvious. That is, a modest rise in tuition was both warranted and absolutely necessary. As we now know, this "cheap tuition" ploy backfired in terms of increasing our enrollment. I would argue that a modest tuition boost would be both expected and accepted by incoming freshmen and their parents. Moreover, these additional dollars could help us keep our own wolves from the door in terms of furloughs and related university cuts. Under any circumstances one hopes we are one in for a repeat performance next fiscal year of the fuzzy fiscal logic of the past.

Cheng's idea of selling our academics to a very good one; after all, academics are the main reason we exist, and so I applaud her for it. Although the university may not have any programs rated absolutely the best in the world, we have an awful lot of very good programs, faculty and staff here in Carbondale. Certainly our programs are as good as those at most universities in the state and surrounding areas, so why not boost our own horns and tell students if they want strong academics, come to SIUC? At this point, we have absolutely nothing to lose by deploying this recruitment strategy. And who knows, we may end up being pleasantly surprised.
GLBT resources make students more comfortable on campus

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Daily Egyptian

Gregory Dillard says he attributes his success as a gay man to his use of the GLBT community. Dillard, a 2007 SIUC alumna and an active member in the GLBT community, said homeless Saturday was the first time he had had the opportunity to make it back to campus since he graduated, and said he couldn’t be happier.

During his freshman year, Dillard said he was “in the closet,” and said he couldn’t have done it without the resources available to him.

“It was a bumpy road, but after I was out, I said that I want the only person on campus that was gay” Dillard said.

October is GLBT History Month, and there are several events on campus that provide awareness and resources for the GLBT community. Nathan Franklin, a senior from Springfield studying political science, serves as the director of Saluki Rainbow Network, a Registered Student Organization that serves members of the GLBT community.

For many, coming out is a very difficult thing to do and it’s important for students to feel like there is a welcoming community available, Franklin said.

“Once you’re willing to take the first step, you know that these people will stand behind you. Especially for students who haven’t come out yet, even knowing for a meeting can be really intimidating because it’s big, open,” Franklin said.

The events that took place Monday for National Coming Out Day served as inspiration for students who might have trouble coming out, he said.

“National Coming Out Day makes it clearer to students who openly, openly, openly are gay friends, it will make things easier for them,” Franklin said.

Reflecting back on his time at SIUC, Dillard said he would not take his WAC classes because of his sexual orientation.

“I was bullied in grammar school, I was bullied in high school. I was bullied through isolation here at SIU which caused me to go through a deep depression,” Franklin said.

Dillard said he has found comfort and help in the queer community, and feels discriminated against even if they don’t realize it. Franklin said.

“If you say you’re not going to be out, but continue to be out, that’s a problem.” Dillard said.

Franklin said he has received support from his sorority, Delta Zeta, and letting it slip that he’s gay.

“I was surprised that everyone down here in the queer community feels discriminated against even if they don’t realize it.” Franklin said.

Dillard said, “I’m not trying not to be out, but I’m trying to get people to come to the office and see what services are available.”

“I’ve had a lot of students comment on how they can be open to having coming-out parties at their homes, but areas where diversity is not well understood and this may be the first time that they are able to see so many people be out,” Dillard said.

Dillard said the center is available during school hours for students who have questions or concerns regarding their sexuality and can connect them with other resources within the community.

Ramsay said his group is working to get Saluki Pride Line back in operation so students who need support after office hours can call with questions of concerns and receive support.

“I’m just excited for new students to realize that they, in fact, are not the first people to go home on the weekends to see my mom,” Dillard said.

Mammograms are not perfect by any stretch. Some cancers can’t be detected through mammograms. Some things you just can’t see.

“Through prevention, early detection, research and patient services, we are the sponsor of more birthdays for anyone who has ever had cancer diagnosis to continue to live,” he said.

Donna Crow, a breast health patient navigator at the Breast Center in Carbondale, said a new case of invasive breast cancer is diagnosed every three minutes in the United States.

“When you think about it, you could just be sitting there and people are finding out here they have cancer,” she said.

Crow said 8,800 women were diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in Illinois in 2010, and 1,970 women died from the disease. But she said the survival rate is improving nationwide.

“Some are surviving because of early detection,” she said. “We are finding it early instead of at a late stage and letting it spread to other body parts.”

Stacy Meyer, a 2006 SIUC alumna, said early detection saved her mother’s life.

Mammograms were discontinued in 2002 with breast cancer and estimated, after an eight year battle, is still in cancer remission. Meyer said she had never known her mother while going with support from her sorority, Delta Zeta.

“People would just stop by my room and comfort me and give me the support I needed,” she said.

“Unfortunately, because of breast cancer, my mom, she should check themselves monthly and get mammograms over the recommended age,” she said.

Bollman, a mammography technician at the Breast Center, said the two best steps to take to help early detection are mammograms and self breast examinations.

“You have to be aware of what is going on with your body because they can change quickly when you see the doctor in January and in February you could develop a lump,” she said.

“Don’t wait until the next January to see the doctor again.”

Crow said she teaches a “new breast at the Breast Center for open book with how to examine your breast in self breast examinations.”

“If there is a group of women, say a sorority, that wants to get a group of ladies together, I would be more than happy to do that,” she said.

Crow said the Breast Center also offers mammograms and screenings. She said a mammogram is a prevalent tool in self breast examinations.

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Crow said for college students, being an advocate for themselves and keeping a healthy lifestyle is key. She said eating healthy, not smoking and reducing alcohol intake could possibly lessen the risk for cancer, but not necessarily prevent breast cancer.

“Getting a breast examination early could be the difference in saving oneself from long-term breast cancer, Crow said. “The good thing is, if you are doing all of those things, generally you can catch it at an earlier stage,” she said.

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The lodge, which looks as though John Wayne might come swaggering out at any minute, is rarely quiet, and the row of old-West style bunk rooms have not been full for two years.

It has been long since Diamonds in the Rough, a program designed to help special needs youth and young adults such as foster children, lost the funding to host a camp, Sandy Nance said. Nance, who runs the program on Black Diamond Ranch, located at 2715 Route 127 in Cobden, said she bought the property in 1996 and has run the program for 12 years.

Because of state and federal budget cuts to foster care programs, she said the ranch has only hosted fundraisers in the last two years instead of camps. "A lot of times we donated camps during the year to kids that might not be in the [foster care] system," she said.

Amanda Moore, Nance's daughter, said children foster parents are able to pay for the camp primarily through state money. The last year, though, has been the worst she's seen for receiving help from the government.

"The funding for the kids just wasn't there," she said. Nance said the idea of having the ranch began with her daughter, who was born with spina bifida, a birth defect involving the incomplete development of the spinal cord.

"Mandy couldn't be a cheerleader or run or jump, but she could get on a horse and ride all day long," Nance said. She said after she saw what riding and spending time with horses did for her daughter, she started working with other children with disabilities. She helped start a therapeutic riding program called Pegasus at a barn near Carterville.

For the barn's owner, she said, the program became more about making money than helping kids, and so they moved to another barn. They switched locations a few more times until they finally bought the property the ranch sits on.

Nance said the switch from children with disabilities to special needs kids like foster children happened because there are so many fewer programs for kids with special needs such as ADHD. These children are made to feel different, she said, through riding a different bus, being ridiculed at school and sometimes having to take separate classes.

"Here they don't feel different," Moore said, "it's rewarding to see that they have their own children and are breaking the pattern." To continue helping the kids, Nance said Black Diamond Ranch has hosted activity days such as the Cowboy Race Day, which was Sept. 4. Participants saddled up and rode around an arena, performing various activities such as "braying" a goat and tossing a ball into a barrel while on horseback.

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Despite the difficulties ahead, Nance said she is not worried about the future, despite whether funding from the state comes in again. They all have this thread that connects them," she said.

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Horoscopes
By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's birthday: You achieve balance this year as you pursue social and career goals. While managing hectic lifestyles imaginatively, practically, and ethically, you make sure your emotions are not in your way. You could defect from pursuing romantic contacts when it seems too difficult or let someone else take care of it.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Secrets have a way of becoming public information. Tell no one, instead remain open and friendly on every other topic of conversation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — Although you favor ideas of maintaining privacy within the family circle, good news could be shared with those around you. Let go of fears.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 8 — The phone call comes at the right time. Make haste without the horses or overturning the carriage. Slow down to get these states.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — You discover something at the right ways, people work together when you sit back and watch. People naturally pair off to get the job done today.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — You lead in an independent way, you're wide enough to enjoy both logic and passion. Others need you more than your touch. Create a natural balance between comfort and energetic investment.

Vings (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — Set both criteria on the same page for maximum creativity. Proposed efforts produce the change you desire. An associate points out an obstacle.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — Personal effort overlaps with group projects, separate from the pack. That doesn't mean you are out of love, too.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — If you were by yourself, you'd enjoy personal polishing. You can't distract others. Others want you to play now. Get them to help with the lark first.

 Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — A dream provides a new philosophical perspective. Don't go beyond the obvious to identify realistic options. Don't raise the issue.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — You lead in an independent direction today. When others pose questions, your answer reveals that this is a time to focus and move forward.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 2 — Don't take no for an answer. Maybe it's working out, you should read the revised details along the way. You'll get it as soon enough.

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Monday's Answers
Jumbles: LOGIC PLUSH TALLOW HANGAR

Answer: Why the sweaty shopper didn't buy his thermometer — IT WAS TOO "HIGH"
The Chicago Bears have started the season with a 4-1 record that surprised big wins over top teams such as the Dallas Cowboys and Green Bay Packers. The Bears have a tough schedule, but can they keep winning and represent the NFC North in the playoffs? 

The Vikings twice and they’re probably in....

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"I'm not going to say we were supposed to win the whole thing, but we did better than I expected (with) so many players going far in the tournament," Vidal said. Nelson said although sophomores Brandon Wise played well Saturday and Sunday, he needs to play with more confidence and finish at the net. Junior Pablo Buryi struggled at the invite but managed to win a match before being eliminated, Nelson said. There were no consolation rounds at the tournament, so five players couldn’t try to correct mistakes in another match once they lost, Vidal said. The team in general needs to be more consistent and stop giving away easy points during sets, Vidal said. Nelson said the tournament should get his team accustomed to spring competition Sunday when they host Saint Louis University and Eastern Illinois University for the Saluki Invite.

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Fantasy football Matt Forte, running back -- In its 10th game against St. Louis, Seattle had no answer for anything Rams running back Steven Jackson did on the ground or through the air. Forte’s been receiving, so look for him to pile up yardage and a couple scores against St. Louis. He should be one of your starting running backs this week, chosen over the likes of Miami’s Ronnie Brown, Denver’s Jabrill Peacock-Brown or Dallas’ Felix Jones. All three have less favorable matchups than Forte.

More about both teams next week. Got something to say? E-mail me at njohnson@dailyegyptian.com or call me at 536-3311 ext. 256.

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Well, yeah they can, if quarterback Jay Cutler can manage his mistakes they might have beaten the Giants and the games wouldn’t be so close. The inexplicable mauling taking place early in the year. The Bears defense was bailed up in 2009 but in the top 10 in many defensive stats in 2010. Big down.

With the new offensive playbook and improvements in their defense, Da Bears have as good a shot at the Green Bay Packers to represent the NFC North in the playoffs. Both teams have defensive talent for playing in the cold when the season counts and a ton of turnovers. I see the Bears having the edge over the Packers because of their stronger special teams.

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Tennis

Women stay strong, men break record

Salukis play through pain in Missouri Valley competitions

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Freshman Ana Tas 1st battled through arm splits and a strained left calf to force three sets in her match with eventual Flight 2 champion Delia Danascan of Wichita State at the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Championships.

"It was tough. We went down into the third set and they were close matches," coach Audra Stoddard said.

The Saluki battled injuries such as Lee in addition to other top Missouri Valley Conference players Friday through Sunday at Illinois State.

In her second match, Lee won both sets to 2, Stoddard said.

Lee's partner, sophomore Anastasia Sittow, played on a sprained ankle, and the duo advanced to the semifinals of the Flight 2 doubles competition before losing to eventual champion Danascan and Valerie Brodman of Wichita State.

Sophomore Melanie Delart had tennis elbow and pain in her right shoulder during the competition. De Bert more had to quarterfinals and pulled out of her second set due to her injury but returned in her third match to win 9-7 in the Flight 1.

"I didn't play her right elbow isn't 100 percent and is healing fast. Injuries can be a turnoff for performance because she had to play well in individual competition," Stoddard said.

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Two Salukis break fall semester matches record

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Fresman Adam Fabik and senior Folk De Bertmore have each broken the previous fall record of 10 matches won in just three tournaments.

Fabik, who won 13 matches and De Bertmore has won 11 matches, assistant coach Hugo Vidal said.

"They talk about (the record) a little bit, very friendly and very positive," coach Dan Nelson said.

Seven Salukis, as well as Nelson and Vidal, participated in the open-competition Paduck Sun Open invitational on Saturday and Sunday in Paducah, Ky. Players from Murray State and two schools from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, a lower-tier collegiate, tennis division, also competed.

Nelson said all four players in the semifinals of the competition were Salukis and the final match came down to Vidal and Fabik, the latter of whom won his third individuals competition win a row at the invitational.

Fabik leads the Salukis by example with his strong play on the court and calm demeanor, Vidal said.

"Every time he comes on the court he's confident. Every time someone looks at him they think he's going to win his match," Vidal said.

Vidal said the Salukis wound up playing each other in the second and third round of the invitational because they were the strongest teams in the tournament.

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Staff Column

Bears run to win, Rams run over in loss

Your Teams on Tuesday

Don't worry, Todd Collins, you threw four interceptions Sunday against Carolina but you're not the worst backup quarterback ever, nor are you the worst starting Bears quarterback ever. Pat, your team won. But if you need help dealing with the performance, just talk to Chris Chandler. He threw seven picks for the Rams against Carolina a few years ago. It was almost as if he went in the huddle and said: "Interceptions? Embrace the hooks."

Speaking of interceptions, defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh got his first career interception in the Lions-absolute dominating of St. Louis Sunday. Suh batted rookie Sam Bradford's pass into the air and collected it, pretty much inviting the Rams to go show it for drafting Bradford, not him. No 1 overall in April draft.

St. Louis

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For some reason, after the Rams' 20-3 win over Seattle in Week 4 the national media had high hopes in love with St. Louis. Sam Bradford was the next Troy Aikman, according to St. Louis Post-Dispatch writer Bryan Burwell. Ex-Stellers great and FOX NFL analyst Terry Bradshaw (new into St. Louis just to have a sit-down with Bradford), Sean Lechler of USA Today, held an NFL column with "The Rams really playfront contenders."

I have a message for everyone who used the words "St. Louis Rams" and "playoffs" in the same sentence in a public forum last week: Never. Vice. Again.

The team's success did make it seem like they were turning a corner but all the progress was obliterated in the complete embarrassment stubbed through Sunday. After four solid weeks, the team went to pieces giving up all kinds of points in every way possible.

Most of the credit should be given to Detroit, after four straight losses the talented but under-achieving Lions probably just decided they were going to beat the out of whoever was next on the schedule. It was an absolute perfect game played by everybody on that team in front of a carn beer, the no doubt, deserved a blowout victory.

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