Illinois gets tougher on DUI

New law would punish first time offenders

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Some Carbondale residents may soon need more than a key to start their cars.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich recently signed a bill that would force first-time DUI offenders with suspended licenses to install an alcohol detection device in their car if they want to drive. Drivers would have to blow less than a .18 on the breath alcohol ignition interlock device, or BAIID, in order to drive while serving their suspensions.

Previous Illinois law allowed first-time offenders to apply for a judicial driving permit that allowed them limited driving privileges while on a suspended license. Three-month suspensions are handed out to drivers who either fail a breath test or refuse to take the test.

The new law does away with judicial driving permits and increases the length of suspensions to six months for failing the test and one year for refusing to take the test.

Drivers with a suspended license will have to apply for a monitoring device driving permit and get the BAIID installed in order to operate their vehicles.

"It's effective, and will stop people from actually driving their car while they're still drinking, which is the point," said Susan McKinney, manager of the BAIID division in Illinois.

Heather Ruhl, a freshman from Bemus studying journalism, thinks the new law will work to curb drunk driving.

"It's a little extreme," Ruhl said.

"People will still keep drinking and driving, cause people think that they'll never get caught," McKinney said. The BAIIDs cost anywhere from $100 to $150 to install, and the detent must pay $70 to $80 a month for upkeep and rental. Offenders also must pay an additional $30 a month in administrative monitoring fees.

According to McKinney, the new law would allow drivers with suspended licenses more freedom than the previous laws, as long as they use the BAIID.

"The law does not go into effect until Jan. 1, 2009," McKinney said. The extra time is necessary for the state to deal with the increased amount of BAIIDs that will be in use.

"Right now there's about 3,000 people driving with BAIIDs," McKinney said. "If we don't get it built, we're going to have to continue to have the New Year's homecoming games in the whole nation out in those old barracks," he said. The automotive

University hopes for capital funds

Joe Crawford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The future Morris Library could be shrinking — at least temporarily. Construction on the top two floors of the library will be delayed unless the university garners capital funds from the state to finish the project, said Cathy Hagler, Executive Director of Administration. The university has asked the state for $36.7 million to finish the project, Hagler said.

The university is depending on about $68 million in capital funding to finish the library and construct the new Transportation Education Centre, Chancellor Fernando Treviño said Wednesday. The capital funds would be released early next year, if the state approves them.

Treviño said planning is about one-fourth of the way finished for the new Transportation Education Centre, for which SIUC requested $41.3 million from the state.

If capital bills pass, the project will be put on hold for a year, he said, but if it is approved the university will begin accepting bids for construction immediately.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said in an interview last month the funding for the center was of extreme importance to the university.

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New enrollment manager addresses university's goals

Christian Holt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Victoria Valle received a warm welcome to Carbondale from an apartment without running water and a flat tire.

Fortunately for Valle, SIUC's new assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management, her days in Carbondale have been much better since.

SIUC officials hired Valle, who began work last week, to further the work of Carmen Suarez, the interim enrollment manager. Suarez said in an interview last month she was excited for Valle to join the SIUC community, and thought she would be a great addition to the staff.

The role of the vice chancellor for enrollment management is to "supervise admissions, financial aid, records and registration and student programs," Valle said.

"What I try to do is look at all those factors that influence enroll- ment," she said.

On her first impressions of SIUC, Valle said she thought universi ty officials had a pretty good team but admitted there were some important positions that still needed to be filled.

Many students at SIUC have voiced concern about the enrollment issue the university has faced in the past few years.

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Southern Illinois bled dry

American Red Cross seeks more donors

Danny Wenger
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A lack of units in local blood banks has the region looking pale.

During the summer, regional blood supplies dropped, and hospitals are now feeling the pinch. Recently, some hospitals had to prioritize their surgeries because no blood was available in case of an emergency. Other hospitals have had to delay surgeries and turn away emergency room patients because they had no blood units.

Robert Ferrera, associate donor recruitment account manager, said only half-a-day's worth of blood was available last weekend in the region. He said the shortage caused a hospital in Cape Girardeau, Mo., to turn patients away from its emergency room.

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Up next: Do you think city officials are taking the police allegations seriously?

A: No. I don't think they are taking it seriously.
B: Yes. I think they are taking it seriously.
C: There should be no allegations. Police were doing their job.
D: What? I don't know.

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The Undergraduate Student Government took back $90,000 that had been mistakenly given to the Graduate and Professional Student Council at its meeting Wednesday.

Ed Ford, a representative from GPSC, explained that the money had been misallocated due to a discrepancy in the way the student activity fee was distributed.

Until last year, the money was split between the graduate and undergraduate students according to the percentage of each category of student paying the fee.

Ford said this created a problem because the fee is assessed according to the number of credit hours a student is taking, and the undergraduate students typically take more credit hours than graduate students.

“Let that time, what undergraduates were paying in — some of that was being given to graduate student government,” he said.

USG President Demetrous White, a senior from Bellwood studying psychology, said the new money would not be available to fund events sponsored by student organizations but instead would be set aside to improve the election system that is used for USG, homecoming king and queen and other student organizations.

“I would like to see a computerized system with a paper trail,” White said. “A more modern system might lure more students to the ballot box,” he said.

That’s my goal, to have more people coming out and voting,” he said.

Another addition White said he would like to see at SIUC is Campus Mobile, a program that could enable students to receive campus-wide text messages on their cell phones. Students would be able to sign up for the service free of charge, except for the rates they already pay for text messaging from their cell phone service provider.

White said students would then be able to receive instant alerts concerning everything from discounts at local restaurants to emergency campus security issues.

If there is something going on, like an emergency on campus, a text message can be sent out to all of those students informing them of what’s going on so that they can seek some sort of safety,” he said.

“I imagine if the people at Virginia Tech had the same thing, a lot of those students would have known what was going on.”

White said for each student who signed up for the service, Campus Mobile would donate one dollar to USG. He said the money would help with his goal to fund a scholarship for students.

White said he hoped to pursue the Campus Mobile idea further at future meetings.

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Dems reject Petraeus’ plan

Mattel on tainted toys: We could have done better

Good news for dieters: Kilogram getting smaller
Ameren: your check is in the mail

Barton Lorimor
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nine months after electricity bills increased significantly, Ameren customers are getting the relief they petitioned for.

Ameren is scheduled to begin mailing out rate relief checks this week. The announcement was made at a press conference Monday in Marion. This comes after Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed a bill worth $1 billion in electric rate relief statewide last week.

As a result, Ameren has been flooded with inquiries from customers about exactly how much they will receive in relief.

“If (customers) want to know what they’re going to receive, they will have to go to our Web site or call us, and we will tell them what their exact amount is going to be,” said Leigh Morris, a spokesperson for Ameren.

Customers will need to provide their account number for identity verification when inquiring about the relief.

Ameren’s current residential customers should receive no less than $100 for 2007, Morris said. Those customers receiving the minimum amount would receive the first $85 in a check, and $15 worth of credit on their bill each month between now and Jan. 2008.

There are a lot of people who don’t use the average amount of electricity. Even if they use half that amount, they’re still going to get $100,” Morris said.

Exactly how much an Ameren customer would receive depends on the amount of service for the year so far. Morris said checking on Ameren’s Web site or calling a customer service representative is the best way to get an exact amount of rate relief to come.

“Everything (Ameren) did was according to the law,” Morris said.

“We did nothing wrong through this whole process.”

Customers saw the rise in electric bills back in January after a ten-year freeze on utility rates. Morris said checking on Ameren’s Web site or calling a customer service representative is the best way to get an exact amount of rate relief to come.

The current rate relief applies to residential customers only. For John Williams, assistant superintendent at Carbondale Elementary School, this means no relief is on the way for his district’s increase of $722 in gas and electricity bills from Ameren.

Williams received assistance from the Illinois Energy Consortium. ICE helps schools in Illinois with their bills by purchasing electricity in bulk and through reduced costs in administrative fees.

Residential customers with Ameren should expect rate relief checks in the mail over the next four to six weeks.

Morris also said a common misperception is that rates are lowering. He said this is only a relief until 2009.

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21 people charged with smuggling fake Nikes into U.S.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Federal authorities said they dismantled a criminal operation that smuggled hundreds of thousands of pairs of counterfeit Nike sneakers from China into the United States, where they were sold at street corners in several cities, including Chicago.

A grand jury in Buffalo indicted 21 people in New York, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Rhode Island, Texas, Wisconsin and Illinois with conspiracy to traffic in counterfeit goods. Most of the suspects had been arrested by Wednesday afternoon, U.S. Attorney Terrance Flynn said.

In an investigation that began in April, authorities traced fake Nikes sold in Niagara Falls back to a Chinese supplier and identified the operation’s New York City-based importers and distributors. The sneakers arrived in New York in shipping containers.

Typically ... manifests are falsified, goods are secured in a way that they can’t be easily discovered or identified. They were mislabeled or imported illegally through some mechanism,” said Lev Kubiaz, the agent in charge of Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s investigations office in Buffalo.

The sneakers were sold in Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Rochester, N.Y., as well as Milwaukee; Chicago; Pittsburgh; Dallas, Pennsylvania; and the state of Georgia, according to the indictment.

None of the fake sneakers — which at $40 to $60 a pair sold for about half the retail value of the true product — were sold by licensed Nike retailers, authorities said.

“The advice we give to consumers is the point of purchase,” said Nike Inc.’s security director, David Simpson. “That’s the key not only with our goods but with many counterfeit goods. Neither Nike nor most brands sell out of trucks on street corners.”

While executing eight search warrants in raids Wednesday, local, state and federal law enforcement agents seized hundreds of thousands of dollars believed to be proceeds from the sales, Kubiaz said.

In one New York City location, agents seized 20,000 pairs of suspected counterfeit sneakers.

Although some Nike shoes are manufactured in China, the sneakers targeted Wednesday were made outside of the Beaverton, Ore., company’s supply chain, Kubiak said.

In 2006, U.S. agents involved in stopping phony goods at U.S. borders seized more than 14,000 seizures worth at least $115 million, according to the Homeland Security Department. China was the source of 81 percent of all phony goods seized in 2006, and 43 percent of the bogus items confiscated last year were shoes, making footwear the largest category of fakes.

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21 people charged with smuggling fake Nikes into U.S.
Victoria Valle says she’ll miss the view.

We at the Daily Egyptian can’t blame her. Valle, SIUC’s new vice chancellor for enrollment management, recently moved to southern Illinois from San Francisco. She’s here to debunk flims in the university’s enrollment program, which has seen net numbers flip-flop for the worse during the last several years.

No, there are no palm trees here to lend shade to this fact. We are glad to say, however, that Valle seems to be up for the challenge.

“I wouldn’t have taken this job if I didn’t think I could handle it,” Valle said in a recent interview. We appreciate her matter-of-fact tone. This university is in a fight to keep up with the academic Joneses, and it needs someone with a little sass to take the reins.

And what better silver lining could there be than a soon-to-be improved and modernized campus? Grumbles aside, Saluki Way is about to rejuvenate this school’s curb appeal in a major way. The new Morris Library could be ready to open its doors as early as next summer. It seems that everything is in place for Valle to swoop in and market the hell out of this university.

Which is why the Daily Egyptian is actually quite apprehensive about the slippery slope the overall enrollment numbers have been flirting with for the last seven years.

Of course, this year’s numbers look good on paper. Freshman enrollment is up 12 percent. On-campus numbers are up more than 300 students. Overall, there are 20,933 attending SIUC this fall.

Yet since 2000’s numbers hit at 22,552, SIUC is actually down more than 1,500 students.

Looking further back, 1994 was the year of SIUC’s all-time enrollment record – a whopping 24,869 students.

Amid this number soup is something we should all be paying very, very close attention to. This year’s drop in numbers – just 20 more students would have helped match enrollment from last fall – isn’t dramatic. Maintaining the overall standard is what we and our officials can’t lose sight of.

SIUC is a classic, mid-sized university. We’re no University of Illinois, which hosts more than 40,000 students, but we’re not the shrimpny kid in class either. Do we really want to be happy with numbers that dip around the 20,000 mark, when just 13 years ago we nearly broke 25,000? Hopefully Valle doesn’t think so.

**Their Word**

**Democracy, the press at a critical juncture**

Michael Timm

American democracy is suffering. The natural strain on our political system after more than two centuries is accelerating with the purposeful weakening of the press.

This erosion has been fueled in recent decades by politically calculated legislation, and regulatory agencies not regulating. Political aggression coupled with bureaucratic acceptance has led to the massive consolidation of American and global media.

The Federal Communications Commission can malign democracy with the founders’ vision by acting in the public’s interest on a number of issues, such as network neutrality, cross-ownership and broadband. If the FCC missteps, the United States is in danger of losing its independent news organizations.

The press – newspapers, radio, television and magazines – plays a role in democracy every bit as important as Congress, the executive branch and the judiciary. That watchdog role is in danger now that newspapers, which are the driving force behind most original reporting, are being strangled by consolidation.

Why should Americans care who owns the press?

Because a democracy ceases to be a political system that promotes liberty when the press is muzzled.

Ownership still matters. The corporatization of news has laid bare how woefully unselfing strictly market-driven conglomerates are to fielding aggressive news organizations with a public-service mission.

Citizens should look at the press as part of democracy’s structure. When viewed through this lens, it becomes apparent that a national discussion is needed about the press, its function, who owns it, and what can be done to ensure it stays vital and independent.

The courts and the FCC have historically recognized the importance of the press and its relation to democracy. Rulings such as the Associated Press v. United States in 1945 and New York Times Co. v. Sullivan in 1964 demonstrated the court’s position. These rulings are now part of a sentimental past.

In 2003, the FCC voted to loosen the rules governing cross-ownership so that one company could own a newspaper, three television stations, eight radio stations and an Internet service provider in the same market. The commission backed millions of public comments against such an undemocratic arrangement.

Thankfully, the courts put the FCC’s plan on hold. Unfortunately, the U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals did not completely block the new rules.

The court sent the rules back to the FCC to be reworked. Lifting the ban has still a possibility. Even though the FCC has a new chairman since the 2003 debacle, the majority Republican commission has indicated it likes the idea of big media as a complement to big government.

The government’s penchant for bigness is obvious. Television news has devolved into a cliché. Weather, crime and accidents fill air-space that was once the domain of substantive reports from city hall and the capital. The trends have not been much kinder to newspapers. The majority of readers need a scowcard to keep track of which corporation owns their newspaper.

The press is going through a radical transformation. Press opponents know this, and are spending a lot of money in Washington to transform the news into a commodity every bit as purchasable, and salable, as toilet paper.

The federal government has largely failed to protect an independent press. Instead, policies have been tailored for big corporations that are blindly beholden to the market, and increased quarterly profits.

Democracy does not simply happen. It requires nurturing. It needs the public to be aware of assaults against it, small and large. The courts must rebuff debilitating press laws, and politicians should champion media reforms.

What started as a boisterous grand experiment powered by the pen, has become background noise to American life. Democracy’s frequency has to be retained for all to hear.

This editorial appeared in the Seattle Times on Sunday.
A weigh-in for potential presidents

COLLEEN LINDSAY

President of Inter-Greek council. How could you hold an important position like that and be abusive to women? In my four years here I have dated Greek and non-Greek men never once have I or any of my friends been abused by a Greek man. I am currently dating a “straight gay” and he does not abuse me, he pays for all our dates and asks me to choose what we do in our free time. My friend Ray can guess what house he’s in.

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No helmets, no pads

**Story by Christian Holt • Photo by Thomas Butler**

I'm in the heat of what would be his second official rugby game at SIU. With little time to build for an injury, Sharp said he prepared for a grueling, day-long competition sporting dirt nails and holding on to a prolate spheroid ball, a rugby ball.

Sharp was among about 65 SIUC students and several hundred others to participate in Ruggapalooza Saturday — an annual men and women's rugby tournament hosted by the SIUC women's rugby team.

As Sharp, a freshman from Bataan studying mechanical engineering, caught up with his sister, Jessica, during a break in the action, his sister asked him how he spent his first few weeks at SIU.

He played rugby.

The proud sister hugged and telling him how great it was.

“I like that.”

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The whole group consists of men's and women's rugby teams from across the midwest came to compete.

Players from two opposing women's teams face off in a "scrum," a sort of shoulder-to-shoulder pushing match to gain control of the ball.

Rugby is a game played in many countries around the world as a varsity sport in football and soccer. Each team has 15 players on the field and scores by touching the prolate spheroid ball to the ground of the opponent's goal line, earning a "try." After the try is scored, the team has an opportunity to kick, similar to an extra point in football.

Rugby differs from football in that if a player falls to the ground the ball is still in play, and a rugby player is not allowed to pass the ball forward.

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Just friends and fun

A player for the Springfield Celts is lifted up to get the ball from a throw-in during their game against the SIU B team.

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We were notified that our blood bank had six units of O negative on the shelf, and we were back ordered 300 units for O positive and O negative," Ferrera said. "The rest of the blood supply was at a half day." The Missouri-Illinois region of American Red Cross, which Ferrera represents, stretches from St. Louis to Cape Girardeau, Mo. and covers 122 hospitals and stretches from 37 percent, and out of that eligible pool only a fraction of the people do. Rose Schouten, lab manager at the Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion, said they have been working with little blood, but it hasn’t affected patient care.

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Schouten said they try to keep 60 units on the shelf, and they’ve been trying to order the shelf, and we were back ordered a lot of foreign travel, American Red Cross, to one pint of blood. Part of the problem of the number of people eligible to donate has decreased.

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Although both Valle and interim provost Dan Rice agree that students should enjoy themselves and the Carbondale community, they also said students should not over-exhaust themselves or let their social lives interfere with schoolwork.

"I think one has to be very careful — if you want to work on focused and serious, talk about responsible partying," Valle said.

"But because of the war, and because of the stress that they’ve been under, we’ve needed 10 to 20 people who can easily go through 10 to 20 people."

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"I think a lot of people don’t take the obligation personally, and I think if people knew their blood was important," Schwartzkops said.

People interested in participating in a blood drive or donating blood can contact Ferrera at 639-303-6663.

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A Marion-based theatrical company officially has a full year of successful performances under its belt.

In light of its first anniversary, MOBY Theatrical Company will be presenting “A Carol Burnett Encore,” featuring a collection of scenes from last year’s MOBY “Carol Burnett” production, along with several new sketches and musical performances.

Each performance will feature surprise guests along with a daunting mix of ages from teenagers to 90-year-olds, including company director Heather Barnett, Ritchie Pearse, Georgia Schlies, and Sherri Terry. Ritchie Pearce, Executive Vice President of MOBY Theatrical Company, assures viewers the encore show should be nothing short of spectacular.

“A Carol Burnett Encore” is going to be a very special show. We have pulled a few scenes from MOBY’s opening scenes from last year’s MOBY production, performance, special show. We have pulled a few scenes from MOBY Theatrical Company, musical performances. and the encore show should be nothing short of spectacular. guests along with a diverse cast ranging in ages its belt. Pearce said.

Originally televised on CBS, “The Carol Burnett Show” debuted in September 1967 and featured comedic acts by actors Carol Burnett and a cast of entertaining regulars and Hollywood guests. MOBY began its first season of performances with an encore of “The Carol Burnett Show” in August 2006.

When it came to selecting MOBY’s opening performance, Pearce said it just made sense.

“Carol Burnett just seemed to fill the bill,” Pearce said. “We wanted to open up with something that anyone could enjoy. We wanted good, clean entertainment.”

MOBY presents anniversary encore
Ashley McRaven

Created in 2006 by four theatrically experienced women, MOBY allows actors, actresses, and skilled entertainers from the area to showcase their talents on stage. Co-founder Heather Barnett had planned to have southern Illinois to pursue a career in performance when she joined Ritchie Pearce, Madelaine Rondreus and Angela DeNoxy to create MOBY Theatrical Company.

MOBY welcomed Senior Vice President Georgianna Rubley and Artistic Director Stears Perry in 2007 and DeNoxy moved away from the area.

Selecting a theme for MOBY, according to Burnett, was no small feat. In the end, the company took no team to the 1939 movie “The Wizard of Oz,” starring Judy Garland as Dorothy. When asked what she has learned after her experience in Oz, Dorothy proclaims, “If I ever look for my heart’s desire again, I won’t look any farther than my own back yard.”

“We wanted to present one company and how we feel,” Barnett explains. “The idea of my own backyard and MOBY was born. MOBY will be performing ‘I Hate Hamlet’ later this year and has four scheduled shows for 2007.

Performances of a “Carol Burnett Encore” are scheduled for Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center in Marion, IL. All seats are reserved. Tickets also are available online at www.marionccc.org.

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Meyer said he thought his team played pretty well, even with some injuries.

“We went up to their place to open the season, and we actually did play a very good game against them,” he said. “We had our chances to win, even half-way through the fourth quarter.”

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Williams said SIU’s defense made something big out of it. Montana, which held SIU to 129 total yards in last year’s playoffs, also has a tough place to play, so this game won’t be as easy as it was for the Salukis last season when they routed the Thunderbirds 59-0 at McAndrew Stadium.

“It was at their schedule, it’s unbelievable,” Williams said. “We’ll be totally different situation than it was a year ago, very tough place to play, so we got our work cut out for us.”

Williams said the Thunderbirds have to make something out of the turnovers Montana had against the Salukis last season. If SIU holds the Grizzlies to 129 total yards, as they did last season, he said the team will win.

“The injuries hurt the Thunderbirds against the North Dakota Fighting Sioux, who they lost to 37-10 last week,” Williams said. “That bounced the Salukis (2-0) from the playoffs last season, shutting down SIU’s offense in a 2-3 Montana victory. SIU also plays at 7 p.m. Friday at Davies Gymnasium. SIU also plays Indiana State University at home Saturday at 7 p.m.

Defensively, junior libero Kristy Elswick had a season-low 10 digs in the match while sophomore middle blockers Megan Medica, who entered the match averaging 1.31 blocks per game, had no blocks.

“They were big,” Robinson said. “It’s not often something we weren’t used to.”

The Salukis will try and shake off the poor performance and shift their focus to the opening of Missouri Valley Conference play against Missouri State University at home at 7 p.m. Friday at Davies Gymnasium. SIU also plays Indiana State University at home

Despite the offensive struggles, though, Winkeler said the experience of playing in front of a large crowd against a quality opponent was good for the Salukis.

“Men’s and women’s volleyball play against Saint Mary’s College, which is ranked No. 2 in Division II polls, piled up 550 total yards against Southern Utah.

The Fighting Sioux committed four turnovers, and while the Thunderbirds threw just the one interception, Meyer said the execution was lacking.

“We have to do a better job of assigning football homework than we did this week, and really prepare hard,” Meyer said. “We’ll get blown out if we play like we did against North Dakota.”

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Senior leader is key factor in women's tennis team around

Megan Kramper  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For Sabine Tsala Mvilongo, playing tennis has always been a way of life. 

Before Mvilongo, a senior from Aulnay, France, closes another chapter in her tennis career, she says she has more to accomplish.

Tsala Mvilongo, SIU’s top-ranked singles player last year, will begin her final season in her collegiate career Friday, when the SIU women’s tennis team begins the Ole Miss Classic in Oxford, Miss.

“Tsala Mvilongo first picked up a tennis racket before she began losing her baby teeth. She began playing at 5 years old with guidance from her father Denis, a former tennis player and current coach in France.

At age 10, she began playing competitively in France, which led her to find flyers that gave her the opportunity to play internationally.

After narrowing her choices to the United States and London, Tsala Mvilongo said she chose the United States for one reason.

“I came to America because if I could get good scholarships here,” she said.

After two years at Jacksonville Community College in Jacksonville, Fla., where she compiled a 45-5 singles record, Tsala Mvilongo transferred to SIU last season.

“She’s a very, very consistent player,” Nothwehr said.

She said the goal is not much of a stretch.

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In her first season donning a Saluki jersey, she was ranked as the No. 1 singles player.

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Senior tennis player Sabine Tsala Mvilongo reacts during a practice match Tuesday. Tsala Mvilongo, a native of France, was the top-ranked player on the SIU women’s team last season.

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Plans for after graduation are uncertain for Tsala Mvilongo, who plans to graduate in the spring with a degree in marketing, but she said she hopes to stay in Carbondale.

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Defense spurred offense in Saluki upset

Sean McGahan
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Seconds before Brandon Williams would make the stunning Saluki upset against Northern Illinois feasible, the corner covered what was coming.

Williams, a sophomore cornerback for the Saluki football squad, noticed Northern Illinois quarterback Don Nicholoson’s tendency to throw the hitch-pass. Williams was pleased when SIU defensive coordinator Tracy Claeys called a cover-two formation with Northern facing second-and-12 on the 50-yard line in the fourth quarter.

“With the coverage that was called, I felt like if they were to run a hitch, I was going to get it,” Williams said.

Williams said the rest was just execution.

Williams cut under his coverage, leap into the air and came down with Nicholoson’s throw. With a limited number of red jerseys in his way, the cornerback ran the ball 52 yards for the Saluki’s second interception return for the game.

“It was just what we do everyday in practice,” Williams said. “Read the quarterback, read my assignments, and I just had a good break on the ball.”

The seven points did more than just get 14 points for the game that seemed to be lost.

The points can’t get 14 points without the scoring plays from the defense, said head coach Jerry Kill. “There’s no question we wouldn’t have won the game without the defense making two big plays,” Kill said. “We turned it over once, and they turned it over twice, and that’s the difference in the football game.”

Saluki defensive tackle Larry Luster makes his way past the NIU defense as he returns an interception 55 yards for a touchdown during Saturday’s game in DeKalb. Luster’s interception was one of three on that day.

Salukis fail to adjust

Justin Stofferahn
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Hoping to continue building momentum before conference play, SIU’s volleyball team met a brick wall Wednesday night.

The Salukis were swept in their road loss against the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The Salukis have won just one match in their last five against Illinois, with the only victory coming in 1983.

Offensively, Illinois hit .452 compared to the Salukis (.8-3) below-the-nbatry negative .030 hitting percentage. Illinois offense was further aided by a lack of quality blocking from the Salukis. SIU finished with two blocks throughout the match, while Illinois had 11.

“Our blocking wasn’t getting pressure over a lot, and we were out in the right positions sometimes,” SIU head coach Brenda Winklede said. “We weren’t getting our hands over. They were straight up, and the ball was coming off us a lot.”

The Salukis failed to build any offensive tempo and quickly fell behind in each game. SIU was never close.

Junior setter Brook Robbins prepares to serve the ball at a tournament on Wednesday night. Robbins finished with a team-high 16 assists and .200 hitting percentage in SIU’s loss to Utah Wednesday night.

Nothing comes easy for Southern Utah

No. 7 SIU just another tough opponent for the Thunderbirds
Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For the Southern Utah Thunderbirds, playing the SIU football team Saturday is just another game in their schedule.

The Salukis, ranked No. 7 in The Sports Network’s Top 25, are just one of seven ranked teams the Thunderbirds face this season. Currently six of those teams are in the top 10, and the other is ranked No. 20.

Southern Utah head coach Wes Meier said The Sports Network ranked his team’s schedule as the toughest in the Football Championship Subdivision.

“We don’t feel like we get a breather,” Meier said. “We’re stacked.”

The key for Southern Utah, Meier said, is senior quarterback Wes Marshall. In addition to having thrown for 347 yards in two games this season, Marshall leads the Thunderbirds in rushing attempts and yards.

Meier said Marshall’s speed is deceptive, and he’s Southern Utah’s offensive leader.

Defensively, Saluki head coach Jerry Kill said the Thunderbirds are difficult to prepare for because they give opponents plenty of different looks and fronts.

Meier said a problem with Southern Utah’s defense thus far is a banged-up secondary, which has three starters nursing injuries.

He said the three players are all gametime decisions with lingering injuries.

The Thunderbirds’ first opponent was the Montana Grizzlies, who are currently ranked No. 2.

Southern Utah (2-0) trailed 17-9 heading into the fourth quarter, but Montana closed the Thunderbirds out by scoring 20 points in the final period.

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