Thirteen members of the new College Football Playoff committee were officially unveiled Wednesday for the four-team format that begins in 2014, and they are undoubtedly going to experience two things: an extensive time commitment, and no shortage of second-guessing.

The committee, chaired by Arkansas athletic director Jeff Long, is heavy on administrators and has three former longtime head coaches. But it also includes Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, former superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy, and Condoleezza Rice, former secretary of state and now a Stanford professor.

Rice, whose candidacy was advanced by Pac-12 commissioner Larry Scott, scoffed at the inevitable heat the committee will take when it has to choose the last team into the playoff.

“I think I’ve experienced plenty of heat in my life,” she said on a national teleconference.

This season marks the 16th and final year of the Bowl Championship Series. Next season, committee members will have perhaps five meetings during the season in Dallas, ranking teams from 1-25 using whatever criteria they wish, and the consensus will be revealed. Athletic directors won’t represent conferences, but the game as a whole.

Members will serve for varying lengths, setting up a rotation of service similar to that of the NCAA basketball committee.

“I now have a legitimate excuse for the four side-by-side television sets that I’ve tuned into college football for the past 15 years,” joked Tom Jernstedt, former NCAA executive vice president who had a key part in running the NCAA basketball tournament for decades.

The inclusion of Rice has brought some criticism. But she pointed to a long-held interest in the game and noted that when she was provost at Stanford, “football reported to me.” She also had a key hand in hiring Willingham at the school and was on the committee that named Denny Green in 1988.

“I’m a student of the game, and I believe I’ll work very, very hard and review as much film as I possibly can to make good judgments,” she said. “I don’t feel I’m carrying a banner for anyone other than those who love college football. This (endeavor) is trying to get the college football playoff right.”

Strength of schedule, long a point of debate in the game, will be a key part of the process. Says Bill Hancock, executive director of the CFE: “I believe we’ll look back in three, five or seven years and say, look what it’s done to enhance nonconference scheduling.”

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
- Jeff Long, Arkansas athletic director, committee chairman
- Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin AD and former coach
- Pat Haden, USC AD
- Tom Jernstedt, former NCAA executive vice president
- Oliver Luck, former Stanford and provost and U.S. Secretary of State
- Tom Osborne, former Nebraska head coach and AD
- Dan Radakovich, Clemson AD
- Condoleezza Rice, Stanford professor, former Stanford and provost and U.S. Secretary of State
- Mike Tranghese, former Big East commissioner
- Steve Wieberg, former college football reporter, USA Today
- Tyrone Willingham, former Stanford, Notre Dame and Washington head coach
Former SIU quarterback finds new dog house

Du Quoin native Nick Hill has worn more than one team color since the Saluki maroon and now sports the black and white of the Carbondale Community High School Terriers.

On July 18, Hill was named head football coach for the high school. Hill stepped in as the interim coach for the summer camp that began July 15 after former head coach Dan Koester resigned.

Carbondale Community High School superintendent Stephen Murphy said even though they had to fill the position in such a short window of time, he is excited about the hire.

"Luckily, on a tight time frame we had a great candidate in Nick," Murphy said. "It was a pretty easy choice."

Before attending SIU, Hill graduated from Du Quoin High School in 2003 and spent one year at Western Kentucky University where he played basketball. Hill was successful in football as well as basketball in high school, being named to both first team all-state and first team all-conference in football his senior year. He was also a first-team Illinois Basketball Coaches Association selection his junior and senior year.

Hill played in four games during his first full season with the Salukis. His third year was a productive one as he was named to the Gateway Conference All-Academic first team. He was also ranked seventh in the nation in passing efficiency with a 156.7 rating. Hill and the Salukis lost in the NCAA Division I Football Championship semi-final in 2007 to current Baltimore Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco and the Blue Hens of the University of Delaware.

After college, Hill moved on to play for four teams in the Arena Football League and two NFL teams where he was the backup behind Kyle Orton for the Chicago Bears and Aaron Rodgers for the Green Bay Packers.

Hill was also named to the SIU All-Century football team with fellow quarterbacks Jim Hart, Rick Johnson and Joel Sambursky.

"Athletically, it's probably the biggest honor I've ever received," Hill said. "A program that's been around for 100 years, there's been a lot of quarterbacks only four of us were named, it's a great honor."

Hill said it's exciting to be a head coach because he always wanted to be one and he is happy he chose this as a career path.

He said even though he's played professional football all over the country, he knew where he wanted to end up.

"I'm from southern Illinois. I love southern Illinois," Hill said. "I've lived all over the country playing professional football and I knew eventually I wanted to get back home."

University of Minnesota head coach Jerry Kill was Hill's coach during his time at SIU. Kill said Hill was a great leader, a great football player and a great person.

Kill said he doesn't think there's any doubt that Hill can relate to his high school players and knows he has a wealth of knowledge about the game.

"He studied the game when he played the game," Kill said. "He could rally people around him."

Hill has had ups and downs since taking over the Carbondale head coach position but the players have responded well to him.

CCHS Senior middle linebacker Mitch Lauder said it helps the team having a football mind like Hill at the helm.

"It's great, the plays that he brings in, the mindset and everything to get everybody involved," Lauder said.

The Terriers are currently 4-3 and have lost three of their last four games. Hill said the next two games are crucial for their season.

"It's a big game against Marion and we can really turn things around and get our momentum going into the playoffs if we can get these wins," Hill said.

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Distinguished pilot alumnus leads homecoming parade

ELIZABETH ZINCHUK

Daily Egyptian

Norwood was a member of the ROTC at SIU and has been inducted into the SIUC ROTC Hall of Fame. After graduation, Norwood served in the Air Force from 1959 to 1965. He then began a 31-year career with United Airlines as the first African-American pilot to fly with United. In 2007, Norwood was inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame.

Besides getting an education, Norwood said SIU was the place that built the foundation for his career as a pilot.

“Getting my flight training there helped me when I got out of college in the Air Force, which then led me to get my wings in primary and basic,” Norwood said. “I got great instruction while I was down in flight training at SIU and it prepared me to be an excellent pilot.”

Norwood said his training made all the difference in the world in regards to his flight career.

Norwood was the first African American pilot hired at United Airlines, but was also the first to achieve the rank of captain. He said a large part of him getting a job at United Airlines was due to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that made major forms of discrimination against racial, ethnic, national and religious minorities, and women illegal.

“It was fortuitous that the Civil Rights law of 1964 was passed because prior to that time, there were no African American passenger carrying airlines in the United States up until 1964 when that law was passed,” Norwood said.

Norwood was a member of the SIU Board of Trustees from 1974-2001. He is also a lifetime member of the Alumni Association. He and his wife have established scholarships from SIUC students such as the William R. Norwood Scholarship. He also is a recipient of the University’s Distinguished Alumni Award and the College of Science Alumni Achievement Award.

As grand marshal to the 2013 homecoming parade, Norwood said he is happy to take part in a SIU tradition.

“It’s exciting. I’m very honored and humbled to come back and be grand marshal,” Norwood said. “It’s an outstanding opportunity and I feel very grateful and gratified to do it.”

Norwood said he has returned to campus many times since he graduated and saw a lot of changes during those visits as well as his time as a Board of Trustee member. Despite those changes, he still considers SIU to be the same in regards to quality.

“It’s still SIU and still has the high reputation for giving a good education,” Norwood said.

College is not easy, he said, but it is a good time.

Norwood said his connections at SIU have continued and will last a lifetime.

“That experience I had at SIU and the people I met and interacted closely are still my lifelong friends,” Norwood said.

Don Castle, advisor to the student programming council who helped nominate Norwood for grand marshal, said being grand marshal is an honorary title.

“It is designed to offer recognition to those alumni who have served SIU well either in their careers and personal accomplishments or in service to the university and community,” Castle said.

Castle said Norwood is a great example of everything a grand marshal should be.

“Bill Norwood is one of the best examples I have seen to represent what the grand marshal truly means,” Castle said.

Castle said the 2013 homecoming theme is “Unleash the Legend.” Norwood’s title as grand marshal fits the theme, Castle said.

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Junior running back Tay Willis runs past Southeast Missouri State University defender Josh Freeman Sept. 21 during the Salukis’ 36-19 win at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. The Salukis’ are 4-3 heading into Saturday’s homecoming game against the No. 1 ranked North Dakota State University. In its last two games, SIU defeated No. 4 ranked University of Northern Iowa and No. 7 ranked South Dakota State University both on the road.
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A LOOK AROUND THE CONFERENCE
How MVFC teams have fared so far this season
By Terrance Peacock

Going into the fourth week of conference play, the Missouri Valley Football Conference is shaping up to be a dogfight. There are plenty of surprise teams in the conference and teams that are not living up to their preseason rankings. The season may be far from over, but let’s have a look around the conference at this point and see who will be deemed contenders or pretenders on the way to an MVFC championship.

The head of the Valley
North Dakota State University (6-0, 3-0 MVFC)
The Bison were picked to finish first in the conference and also have held the No. 1 ranking in the nation since the start of the season. The Bison are well deserving of that honor since they are 30-2 dating back to the 2011 season and are back-to-back National Champions. In conference, The Bison shut out South Dakota State University 20-0, edged the University of Northern Iowa 24-23, and ran over Missouri State University 41-26. SIU is up next for North Dakota State University with hopes of handing NDSU its first loss of the season but judging from how well the Bison have played to this point, it will be no easy task.

Youngstown State University (6-1, 3-0 MVFC)
The Penguins escaped Carbondale with a narrow victory to start conference play and haven’t looked back. After defeating the Salukis 28-27, Youngstown State withstood a third-quarter 75-minute weather delay to pick up a 35-24 road win against Indiana State University, and followed that by demolishing Illinois State University at home 59-21. YSU is climbing the Football Championship Series rankings and looks poised for a playoff appearance, although they still face stiff tests on the road against Northern Iowa and at home against Northern Illinois and South Dakota State in back-to-back weeks.

Southern Illinois University (4-3, 2-1 MVFC)
The Salukis are one extra-point away from having a perfect conference record and atop the leaderboard in the MVFC. The Salukis followed a disappointing 28-27 loss against Youngstown State with back-to-back road victories against top-10 teams. Against South Dakota State and Northern Iowa, SIU sprinted to early leads only to see it evaporate as the game went on. However, the Salukis hung in there and came up with big wins. SIU will look to continue its dominance against ranked teams as they face their toughest opponent yet in North Dakota State on Saturday.

University of South Dakota (3-3, 2-1 MVFC)
The Coyotes were picked to finish dead last in the conference and have so far exceeded those expectations. USD opened conference play with a 24-10 loss at Western Illinois University, and then went on to pick up back-to-back 17-14 home wins against Missouri State and Indiana State. South Dakota’s two conference wins have come against teams with a combined 1-4 conference record so looks could be deceiving, but for the Coyotes, so far so good.

Teams that can climb back in it
South Dakota State University (4-3, 1-2 MVFC)
The Jackrabbits were picked to finish second in the conference at the beginning of the season so right now South Dakota State is in unfamiliar territory. SDSU opened conference play with a 20-0 loss against North Dakota State and then came up just short against the Salukis 27-24 to start the conference season with two-consecutive home losses. The Jackrabbits then got back on the winning track with a 38-14 win against Western Illinois. South Dakota State is much better than what their conference record shows, so it wouldn’t be a surprise if SDSU finishes the season towards the top of the conference.

University of Northern Iowa (4-2, 0-2 MVFC)
Let’s not get ahead of ourselves here. It won’t be long until the Panthers climb their way back to the top of the leaderboard. UNI is a talented team; they just ran into the best team in the nation in North Dakota State, and a team desperate for a victory in Southern Illinois. It won’t take long for the Panthers to right the ship, and when I say long, I mean Saturday against South Dakota.

Western Illinois University (3-4, 1-2 MVFC)
The Leathernecks were picked to finish ninth in the Valley but at this point are not out of the race for conference supremacy. WIU started conference play with a 24-10 victory against South Dakota which ended WIU’s seven-game home losing streak in MVFC play, but followed the impressive win with losses on the road against Illinois State and at home against South Dakota State. Next up for the Leathernecks is a road matchup against first-place Youngstown State so we will see if WIU is a real contender come Saturday.

Better luck next year
Illinois State University (2-4, 1-2 MVFC)
The Redbirds were picked to finish fourth in the conference and were also ranked at the start of the season. So far, Illinois State’s 2013 campaign has been disappointing. ISU opened up conference play with a 37-10 loss against Missouri State, followed that with a 35-21 road win against Western Illinois, but then was hammered 59-21 at Youngstown State. The Redbirds have three consecutive home games to turn their conference season around, but so far ISU is a pretender, not contender.

Missouri State University (1-6, 1-2 MVFC)
The Bears are having a disastrous season and are proving why they were picked to finish eighth out of 10 teams in the conference. Missouri State’s lone win came against Illinois State as they beat the Redbirds 37-10 at home to open conference season, the Bears then lost 17-14 to South Dakota and 41-26 to North Dakota State in back-to-back weeks. Missouri State faces South Dakota State Saturday but if this season is any indication of how Saturday’s game will turn, don’t look for it to turn out well for Missouri State.

Indiana State University (1-5, 0-2 MVFC)
The Sycamores began the season with losses to Big Ten opponents Indiana and Purdue and have not been able to recover since. ISU began conference play with a defeat against first-place Youngstown State, then followed that with a 17-14 loss against South Dakota. Indiana State seems like it’s dead in the water, but anything is possible. However, it is not looking good for them—better luck next year.

There are five weeks left in the season, which means a pretender can very well challenge for the MVFC championship and a contender can collapse and be left wondering what happened to their season. It is still early, but with how the conference has shaped up to this point, it is hard to imagine drastic changes on top of the leaderboard.

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Throughout his college years, Paul Pabst tuned in to SportsCenter every night, little did he know how close he would get to the anchor at the time.

"I watched Dan Patrick every single night literally on SportsCenter," Pabst said. "10 years after I graduate college, I'm his producer, it's kind of surreal."

Pabst is an SIU alumnus and a former Daily Egyptian reporter. He grew up in Glenwood, just south of Chicago and is now the executive producer for the Dan Patrick Show.

Pabst graduated from SIU. His first day at CBS, he met Jim Nantz and Marcus Allen.

"I watched sports, it is common to interact with athletes and announcers. On Pabst's first day at CBS, he met Jim Nantz and Marcus Allen. After four years at CBS, Pabst felt it was time for a change of scenery. He started working at ESPN in 2000. "ESPN, it's just like the commercial," Pabst said. "You're walking down the hall and the first day I was there, Jerry Stackhouse was there." He said when he started, ESPN could be compared to a junior college.

When Dan Patrick asked Pabst to be his executive producer, Pabst didn't accept right away. He went to Patrick's house and watched Monday Night Football while they discussed it. He accepted.

Pabst said it was a no-brainer when Patrick was leaving ESPN in 2007 to start his own project to go with him.

"I love working with the guy," Pabst said. "He's getting better every year."

Pabst said one of the best memories he has working in sports is a Rose Bowl game when he worked with an idol of his.

"That was my first ever feature article in Sports Illustrated and it was kind of a dream, I couldn't believe it," he said.

After graduation, Pabst worked at Pro Football Weekly. He said the editor at the time was Jerry Block.

"I was so excited," he said. "I couldn't sleep if I wanted to."

While working in sports, it is common to interact with athletes and announcers. On Patrick's first day at CBS, he met Jim Nantz and Marcus Allen.

"He's getting better every year," Pabst said. "Everyone wants to be Dan Patrick or Bob Costas."

During Patrick's childhood, he said he was more likely to be discussing a sporting event than playing it. "I was watching sports, more watching than playing," he said. "Which is most sport writers and media guys."

Bringing so close to the city, Pabst is a fan of all Chicago sports. He said "Bears are my favorite team, I was at the game where Walter Payton broke the rushing record," Pabst said. "That was my all-time best moment in person."

"When the time came to decide on a college to attend, Pabst didn't consider SIU at first. He planned to go to the University of Alabama and only stopped in Carbondale after visiting Crimson Tide country because he had a friend that attended SIU."

Pabst said he really liked southern Illinois because it was far enough from his home but not too far.

"Nice area (Carbondale), I thought everything was corn fields south of Chicago," he said.

During his time at SIU, Pabst said he tried to work as many jobs as he could. He said it's all about getting as much experience as possible. "Everybody you graduated with gets the piece of paper that said I graduated, the diploma," Pabst said. "But what gets you a job interview or gets you a job is your resume."

Living so close to many big sports cities, Pabst said it is not always about the bright lights of the big games.

"I'd rather go to Army and tailgate with 30,000 people," he said. "It's just as good as anything, it's about being outside at a sporting event."

Many factors have influenced Pabst's life. One of them is the Daily Egyptian.

"It was a real newspaper, it was 32 pages a day," Pabst said. The other is Dr. Walter Jaehnig, the former director of the school of journalism. He said Jaehnig gave him good advice about how to become a better journalist.

"The Daily Egyptian and Walter Jaehnig were the two influences from my career down there," Pabst said.

Pabst lives in Connecticut with his wife and two daughters. He is on the Sports Communication and Media Core Faculty at Sacred Heart University. Pabst said he wants Sacred Heart to be a sports media contender in the coming years. 

TYLER DIXON

Daily Egyptian
Saluki Football hits the 100-year mark

Fans both old and new are celebrating the 100th year of Saluki football.

The many coaches that have come and gone and the legends that were made on the field are being celebrated this Saluki football season. Since its beginning, the program has had two stadiums, a 1983 NCAA Division I-AA championship (now football champion subdivision) and thousands of players.

Sophomore offensive lineman Ethan Wirth said he is excited to be involved with the program on such a landmark year.

"Playing Saluki football during its 100th year is something to be proud of and I feel honored," Wirth said.

It all began when William McAndrew organized the athletics program in 1913. He served as head coach until 1938 and in that same year, the first stadium was named after him.

Nineteen coaches later, Dale Lennon is leading the current generation to take the next step into the future of Saluki Athletics. Lennon took over in 2007, and is one of three coaches to have led the Dawgs to a 10-win season.

Freshman linebacker Darius Merriweather said Lennon is an inspiration to the team.

"Coach Lennon states our motto before games and practices to ‘Be Great,’” Merriweather said.

Aside from the coaches and players, the fans serve as part of the makeup of the 100-year history as well. Old and new Salukis take pride in their maroon and white as this special football season unfolds.

Farhan Shahnewaz, a graduate student from Bangladesh studying computer science, said he was introduced to American football through the Salukis. The 100th year of Saluki football is the first for Shahnewaz. He said this season was exciting for him because he fully understood it and got to enjoy it with his friends.

Shahnewaz, who is familiar with soccer (the sport most countries refer to as fútbol), pointed out the differences between the games.

"In soccer, it’s a ninety minute continuous game. American football stops after a few minutes because they have to defend, they have to attack and then they have to plan and go again." Shahnewaz said.

Saluki football is about more than the score at the end of the game; it is about giving the fans the best experience possible.

Shahnewaz said it is that environment he really enjoys. The Salukis are taking on No.1 North Dakota State at Saluki Stadium for the Homecoming game.

"I am proud to be a member of Saluki Athletics because of the town’s atmosphere. Although this is a small town, it has the heart of a large one," Wirth said.

Haley Petre, Joshua Hellman, Nicolette Shing, Allison Maruyas, Syed Khalid and Sherrie Phipps contributed to this story.

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Volleyball
Coach Justin Ingram and his team have scrapped and clawed and are now at .500 overall and 5-3 in the Missouri Valley Conference. The team has an impressive 2-2 record at Davies Gym this season but 2-5 away from home. However, SIU has gotten some historic wins this season. The Salukis won at Missouri State University for the first time since 1998 and also beat the University of Northern Iowa Oct. 12, a team they haven’t beat in 20 years. Senior outside hitter Jessica Whitehead leads the team with 300 kills on the season, while sophomore middle blocker Taylor Pippen has 215 kills with a .315 hitting percentage. Two Salukis have been named MVC Players of the week. Freshman setter Hannah Kaminsky has won Freshmen of the Week twice, while junior defensive specialist Alex Rivera was named the Defensive Player of the Week once.

Swimming and Diving
The swimming and diving teams have recently began their seasons. It started with the Saluki Miller and 5K open water swim, where the Salukis won multiple events. So far they have had one match against fellow MVC team University of Evansville. Both the Men and Women’s teams defeated the Purple Aces. Their next meet is Oct. 24 and Oct. 25 against University of Kentucky and the University of Missouri. The team has members from several different countries and they have expressed how much they are like a family. Coach Rick Walker believes a lot of the athletes can capture conference titles this year, and he is pushing them to do so. Sophomore Till Pallman won the Saluki Miller at the beginning of the season by over a minute, and has won multiple events since. Senior Pamela Benitez won the Saluki Miller for the female side and is currently the MVC Swimmer of the Week. This is the fifth time in her career she has held that honor.

Men’s Golf
The men’s golf team has recently finished its fall season. They competed in five tournaments throughout the fall and finished as high as fourth out of 16 teams at the Skyhawk Classic. Sophomore Drew Novara finished first or second in the team all five of those tournaments and finished as high as eighth place as an individual. Coach Leroy Newton expects the team to have a pretty good record when match play starts in the spring season. The Salukis saw several MVC teams in the five fall tournaments they competed in, including MVC newcomer Loyola University who won the Wiebring Intercollegiate. During the off-season the golfers will do mostly strength and conditioning training to prepare for spring.

Women’s Golf
It took a couple of tournaments for the women’s golf team to find its form. The Salukis finished tied for eighth at the Illinois State University Invitational and 14th at the Kansas State University Marilyn Smith Sunflower Invitational. Senior Cassie Rushing is approaching the school record for rounds in the 70’s in a career. She is currently at 66 and the record is 69, held by Kelly Gerlach. The Salukis had a great performance at the University of Missouri Kansas City Kangaroo Fall Invitational where they won by 10 strokes. Cassie Rushing finished second and junior Kris Grimes finished third. They finished third in their most recent tournament, the Missouri State University Payne Stewart Invitational. The team has its fall tournament Monday and Tuesday at the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raider Intercollegiate.

Men’s Tennis
The Salukis are coming off of their best performance of the season last weekend at the SIU Fall Classic. They won all six doubles matches—three against South Dakota State University in the morning and three against Eastern Illinois University in the evening. The young duo of freshman Michal Kianicka and sophomore Jonny Rigby played No. 1 doubles and didn’t quit when the Jackrabbits tried to make a comeback. Kianicka, junior Szymon Opieczoniec and junior Jorge Cavero went undefeated on the day. The team is currently playing at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional in Tulsa, Okla. Coach Dann Nelson said the ITA Regional will have a lot of top-level competition. After Oklahoma, SIU only has one more tournament in the fall, as they will compete in the MVC Individual Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 8-10.

Cross Country
The men and women’s cross-country teams are doing well this year. The women have won all three meets they have competed in thus far. They are undefeated, and have had the most consecutive wins in a single season since 2008. The women’s team defeated competition at the Eastern Illinois University Wacht Conference Open This was the second straight year the Salukis have won in Charleston. The women also had seven runners in the top-eight at the Saluki Invitational and three within the top-20 at the University of Notre Dame Invitational. The Saluki men have only had two meets so far, finishing first in the EIU Wacht Conference Open and 16th at Notre Dame where they faced eight nationally ranked teams in the top-25. Both teams face tough competition at the Illinois State University Pre-National Invitational where the women are competing against 86 other schools in the 6K race and the men will take on 74 other schools in the 8K race.

Women’s Tennis
The women’s tennis team is hoping for a season like last year, or even better. The Salukis started off slower than they anticipated. In their first trip to Las Vegas they fell short in the University of Nevada Las Vegas tournament. After the tough matches played in Vegas, SIU improved its game. Their second match was played at the Saluki home courts where the team finished with an overall 18-3 record. A week later, the women traveled to St. Louis to compete in the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Tennis Championships. At the MVC competition, the Salukis won both the No. 1 doubles championships and the No. 2 singles championships. The women’s tennis team is in Oklahoma where the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Central Region Championships is held. The tournament includes more than 100 athletes from 22 universities.

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**Aries — Today is a 9 — Working together brings great satisfaction. A new assignment brings in more revenue. Lay a solid foundation. Back-up your data before Mercury goes retrograde in two days.**

**Taurus — Today is a 10 — Today and tomorrow you’re more assertive. Take control. Use your power responsibly and work smarter, not harder. Back up your phone and computer before Mercury goes retrograde on the 21st.**

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