Poshard: There’s not enough support

President presents legislators with repercussions of a 20 percent cut

KARSTEN BURGSTAHLER

If university officials want to avoid a major appropriations cut, they will need to present Gov. Pat Quinn’s temporary tax increases.

But President Glenn Poshard said Tuesday, that option is looking less likely.

Since Quinn’s budget address on March 25, Poshard has gone before three separate hearings in Springfield to propose what would happen to the university if it were forced to undertake a 20 percent appropriations cut. Quinn’s budget proposal calls for university 20 percent appropriations cut.

“We just don’t know what’s going to happen, and in an election year it’s impossible to predict,” Poshard said.

Poshard said he has spent a lot of days in Springfield, believes there is not enough support now for extending the tax increase.

“The legislature only has a month and a half left in session,” he said. Whether they can cobble together enough votes to pass it in an election year, no one seemed to think so.

However, the governor is a strong advocate of the extension and will be in Carbondale next week to talk about Monetary Award Program grants increasing.

Poshard said Quinn has gone before the full board meeting tentatively scheduled for 10 a.m.

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LUKE NOZICKA
Daily Egyptian

Again this summer, scientists are advising people not to swim in Campus Lake or allow their dogs to drink from it.

Associate Professor Marjorie Brooks, who specializes in freshwater and marine biogeochemistry and aquatic ecology, said small animals should not drink out of urban lakes as algal blooms grow in hot temperatures and can produce toxins.

“It can be — it’s not always — but it can be a harmful algal bloom, which we have here,” Brooks said.

“So people shouldn’t let their dogs drink out of it. It’s not just Campus Lake, it’s pretty much any urban lake in the state.”

Brooks said she has heard of cases in which dogs have died from swimming in and consuming water from lakes with algal blooms. She said pregnant women should rarely eat fish from urban Illinois lakes during the summer months as well because the toxins can cause birth defects in their unborn child.

Associate Professor Gregory Whitledge, who specializes in fish ecology and fish management, said the blooms are not only harmful, but are also unappealing.

“During the summer months, especially if we get a really hot summer, we get real thick blooms of algal out there that are unattractive and not very well used by the food chain,” Whitledge said.

Brooks said algal can be controlled by lowering the lake’s nutrients or by increasing the number of aquatic invertebrates, such as worms, that graze on the algae.

“How do you increase the amount of grazing if you want to do that? Well you have to get rid of the predators on the grazers,” she said.

“The bluegills eat those aquatic invertebrates.”

Whitledge said to decrease algal several years ago, a graduate student of his removed roughly 15,000 bluegills from Campus Lake, some of which were moved to the hatchery pond near old Greek Row.

He said the six aerators in the 14-foot maximum depth lake also help improve the water quality.

Brooks said over the last 15 years, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has given $350,000 to clean Campus Lake.

She said the lake’s major issue is the excessive nutrients in its water and a major source of these nutrients come from people who over-fertilize their lawns. She said the university does not fertilize campus lawns.

Whitledge said the problem with man-made lakes, like Campus Lake, which was built in the 1800s, is sediment washing in to them overtime.

“A lot of the water that goes into the lake enters it from culverts that are from storm drains that are collecting water that’s coming off of streets and parking lots,” he said.

While the lake has several water quality issues, the tiny fish populations are robust, Whitledge said.

“But it’s not a trophy fishery or anything but there’s some good populations of bass in there,” he said. “Bluegills have gotten larger in recent years so that’s good to see.”

Although some species are caught less, the fish are getting larger, according to data provided by Brooks on fish caught per hour from 2003 to 2011.

Only one of the 594 bluegills caught in 2004 met the preferred length of 7.8 inches, while almost all 59 bluegills caught in 2011 met the preferred length. While the numbers have varied from year to year, the lake predominately consists of bluegill, largemouth bass, redear sunfish, warmouths and black crappies with several longear sunfish and yellow bullheads, according to the data.

While rarely caught, the lake is also home to grass carp, bowfin, green sunfish, channel catfish and common carp, according to Brooks’ data.

Whitledge said a census of total fish has not been recorded in almost six years.

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‘Under matching’ can hinder academic potential

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Daily Egyptian

“Under matching” is a new term used to describe the phenomenon that occurs when students, to ensure their acceptance, attend less selective colleges than their academic achievements would permit.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, under matching is becoming an increasingly troubling topic.

The worry is if students attend schools with lower standards when they could be doing better, they will not be performing to their highest potential.

Several SIU students agreed they applied here because they felt it was a simple option and they could get in easily.

Taylor Stelter, a sophomore from Oak Park studying radiology, said she chose six universities to apply to, four of which was sure she would accept her.

She said the classes and the program she is in fit her well.

“My classes are challenging already,” Stelter said. “I think I’m getting the right kind of education I need for my future where I am.”

Stelter said the price of school was a factor in where she went and contributed to her choice.

Mary Benes, a sophomore from Huntley studying biological sciences, said she picked SIU over the other two colleges she applied for because of its program for her major. She said she was very happy with her college selection, but believes the term under matching may apply to her.

“I think this school is very good for me,” Benes said. “I also believe being at a different school might have changed my attitude and made me work harder.”

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Urban lakes unsafe in summer

QUIN O’BRIEN

Quin O’Brien, a freshman from Mt. Prospect studying automotive technology catches and releases a bluegill Tuesday at Campus Lake.

This was O’Brien’s third time fishing at the Campus Lake. Although he hooked two fish close together, he said, “I got one, actually I think it’s the same one.” Associate Professor Marjorie Brooks said Campus Lake’s fish diversity has decreased over several years.

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“He really inspired me,” he said. “I always liked blues; I like the style my daddy played. That was the only style of blues I really knew.”

Snooky decided it would be best to relocate Pryor, then 10, and his six siblings to the southern Illinois town of Ullin in the wake of the 1968 Chicago riots. The distinct sound of ‘50s Chicago-style blues followed them. Pryor played guitar in a soul band during high school, but it was blues ultimately leading him down his own path of musical creativity.

In 1979, Pryor began working as a carpenter for SIU, following in the footsteps of his father who also worked a day job as a tradesman. Pryor always knew work had to come first, planning to get back into music after an early retirement. He continued to play music recreationally. In the early ’80s, Pryor began playing the blues with his father and brother, Earl.

In 1986, the family band took its talents into the studio to produce “Mind Your Own Business” through New West Records. During that time, they were given the opportunity to travel and tour throughout Japan. Pryor went on to produce another album in his home garage studio, dubbed the Rip Lee Studio, in 1998 called “Pitch a Boogie Weept.” By the late ’90s he began experimenting as a one-man band, playing guitar, harmonica and singing by himself, like one of his influences, Jimmy Reed. By 2000, Pryor was ready to put the harp and guitar to focus on carpentry.

“Music is not that lucrative, so you have to try to support your family.” he said. “There’s a lot of hassles in it. I knew I would be returning in a few more years, so I thought I would just pick it (music) back up once I retired.”

Pryor left the university in 2008 and spent the next two years enjoying retirement until a trip to the doctor resulted in life-altering news.

In 2010, Pryor was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a type of bone marrow cancer that attacks the body’s ability to produce normal blood cells.

After radiation, chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant, Pryor went into remission in 2011. Cancer left him weak and took much of his weight, but he knew he still wanted to play music. Pryor said at first he could only play about 45 minutes.

“I wanted to play,” he said “I wanted to get well. But I started playing the music before I really healed, so it took a while to get my strength back.”

Since 2011, Pryor has done several international stints, playing three times in South America and once in Switzerland. In 2013, an old friend, Andrew Galloway of Electro-Fi Records in Toronto, contacted Pryor about producing a new album. “(Electro-Fi) was the last company my dad recorded with,” Pryor said. “Andrew and I kept in touch over the years. After I did [Juke Joint Festival] down in Clarksdale, Mississippi, someone told me to get in touch with that guy again so that’s what he did.”

The album, titled “Nobody But Me,” was released April 15. “[‘Nobody But Me’] was basically to let people know what I’m doing with my one-man show,” he said. “Ninety percent of the album is solo, me playing guitar and singing. I would describe it as Chicago ’50s blues with a little spice of Rip Lee.”

Pryor continues to play in southern Illinois and plans to tour this summer. He’ll play at 7 p.m. Friday at Walker’s Bluff in Carterville, in.

“[My goal is to let music let me see other parts of the world and make people feel like they could be the people who like to listen to Afroman. What are your future plans after this? Will you tour again or have you unfinished business here?]

D.J.: We’re just taking opportunities, but we’ve possibly got a show in Evansville now.

Ryne: Yeah, we’ve expanded in very unconventional ways. We’ve been traveling and taking more about it while we’ve been in it, so we’ve got things, we want to get everything a little tighter.

D.J.: Yeah, it’s a very new, fresh project. It’s just starting to get off the ground, but it’s got a lot of potential.
The Administrative Professional Staff Council will have some new faces in leadership for the next three years.

The council met Wednesday in Anthony Hall to announce results of the general election: current councilwoman Kathy Jones, and new members Shane Bennett, Wayne Glass and Matt Tait. Proposed changes to future election rules and vacancies were also discussed.

Jones said the inclusion of these new members will help inject fresh ideas and thoughts into discussions.

“It’s always exciting when we have new members come in because it gives us new blood, new ideas,” Jones said. “With the exception of me, all of those folks will be new councilmembers.”

Councilmembers also discussed changes to election rules, which clarify and update clauses. One change is to allow at least two weeks for nominations when a vacancy is declared and at least a week for balloting to take place.

Jones said she hopes this new vacancy provision will allow new members to be voted in if the proposed increase in the size of the council passes. This will allow all the openings to be filled immediately instead of waiting for annual elections to take place.

While a decision has yet to be made, Jones said she hopes the increase will become a reality.

“My biggest hope is that with reconfiguring the council so that we have eight sectors for the constituents instead of the two we have now will connect people more closely to the council so we will have better turnout in the elections,” Jones said. “So I’m really looking forward to increasing the number of sectors.”

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A growing problem from China air pollution

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The sight of blue surgical masks and thick smog is what has captured America’s attention in the past few months with Beijing’s worsening air pollution.

Beijing has recently had to take action by allowing funds for cleaning up the air pollution problem.

The country's government has allotted 10 billion Yuan ($1.65 billion) this year to reward cities and surrounding regions for cleaning up the air.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, to meet the Clean Air Act, costs have almost tripled from the year 1990.

As of last December, China’s health and environmental bureaus estimated that the human cost of air pollution in China was between 390,000 to 500,000 deaths per year.

“After going through poverty, famine, a planned economy with limited supplies, the Chinese people are desperate for some luxury such as having a car,” Tao Fu, a Ph.D. student studying Mass Communication and assistant professor at University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, said.

China has been affected in more than just their economic situation. The thick smog has caused flights to be delayed, kids to miss school and has cut off transportation.

A middle school in Beijing recently came under attack when they were against the Trial Emergency Measures for Heavy Air Pollution and canceled classes.

Currently, classes are supposed to cancel when the air is upgraded to “red” — this signifies the most severe air pollution.

Since teachers have started to make a stand against the government’s regulations by canceling classes while the alert is still orange.

According to the World Health Organization, the fine particulate levels are to be no more than 25 micrograms per cubic meter in 24 hours, but 198 micrograms per cubic meter has been reported near Tiananmen Square.

Several years ago the U.S. Embassy reported pollution figures that were much worse than what the Beijing government had reported.

“Air pollution is what the ‘new’ Chinese government has to deal with since it is pivotal to the political stability, economic development, and international image of China,” Fu said.

The fine particulates pose the greatest risk for the health of the Chinese because of the particulates getting into people’s lungs and bloodstream.

Some of these health problems are harmful lung development in children, early onset of asthma and higher incidences of heart problems.

China has an average of 1.2 million premature deaths because of this growing air pollution problem.

There are several other cities in China and in the United States at high risk for similar pollution problems.

In China, cities with the same or very close air quality levels are Tianjin and Shanghai with the major pollutants being particulate matter.

As for the United States, California is heavily polluted in cities like Los Angeles and Bakersfield.

Almost 12 percent to 24 percent of daily sulfur concentrations in the western United States are from China.

While the luxury of a car may be new to this area of the country, by requiring car emission testing air pollutants such as hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide are significantly reduced.

China will have roughly 6 million private cars by 2015 and many of these cars don’t have air filters to capture particulate pollution.

With China’s growing population, the growth of car ownership is just going to continue to increase.

According to China’s Ministry of Public Security, car ownership in 2012 reached 120 million, in 2020 car ownership will reach 200 million.

“China is just a zoomed in picture of how the rest of the world is affected by air pollution problems,” Fu said.

Hopefully, waiting until smog is creeping into office spaces will not be how other countries deal with the danger of air pollution.
Thursday, April 17, 2014

**Thursday 17**

**Pinch Penny Pub**
- Cardinals vs Nationals @ 6 p.m.
- Blackhawks vs. Blues @ 7 p.m.
- Pint Night

**Tres Hombres**
- The Storm Crows @ 10 p.m.

**Hangar 9**
- AfroMan @ 9 p.m.

**The Grotto Lounge**
- Live Jazz w/ Couhce, Goot and Wall @ 7 p.m.

**Student Center**
- Bowling & Billiards: Cosmic Bowling @ 8 - 11 p.m.
- Mississippi Room: SIU Guitar Ensemble Recital @ 7:30 p.m.

**School of Law**
- Auditorium: Cuba: Past, Present and Future @ 4 - 5:30 p.m.

**Wham**
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**Shryock Auditorium**
- SPC Lectures Presents Dr. Cornel West @ 7 p.m.

**Friday 18**

**Pinch Penny Pub**
- Garden Party
- Cardinals vs Nationals @ 6 p.m.
- Cubs vs Reds @ 1:20 p.m.

**Tres Hombres**
- Nasty Nate @ 10 p.m.

**Hangar 9**
- Hobo Knife @ 9 p.m.

**Copper Dragon**
- College Craze SUC w/ Spenzo @ 10 p.m.

**Curbside**
- No Filter Event w/ Majik Mike the DJ $5 before midnight

**Saturday 19**

**Pinch Penny Pub**
- Slappin’ Henry Blue @ 6 - 9 p.m.

**Student Rec Center**
- Open House @ 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Charlotte West Stadium**
- Softball vs. Loyola @ 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.
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SIU Courts
Men's Tennis vs. Illinois State @ 12 p.m.

Sunday 20

Rustle Hill Winery
Dave Simmons @ 1 - 4 p.m.
Open Mic Night @ 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Blue Sky Winery
Marty Davis @ 2 - 5 p.m.

The Grotto Lounge
Home-Style Comfort Food Sunday

Student Center
Bowling & Billiards: Sunday Funday @ 1 - 5 p.m.

Old Baptist Recital Hall
Faculty Recital @ 5 p.m.

Monday 21

Old Baptist Recital Hall
Tribute to Larry Reynolds by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Sigma Alpha Iota @ 5:30 p.m.

Student Center
Bowling & Billiards: Monday Night Bowling League @ 6:30 - 9 p.m.
Ballrooms: Josh Fox Lecture "GASLAND & the Environment" @ 7 p.m.
Auditorium: The Paul Simon Debate: A Showcase of SIU’s National Champion Debaters @ 7 p.m.

Tuesday 22

Pinch Penny Pub
1/2 Price Day

Tres Hombres

Wednesday 23

Open Jazz Jam with the SIU Jazz Combo @ 9 p.m.

Itchy Jones Stadium
Baseball vs. SEMO @ 5 p.m.

Student Center
Bowling & Billiards: Food Night @ 5 - 8 p.m.
Balloon: Sushi Workshop @ 4 p.m.
Craft Shop: Upcycle and Repair Jewelry @ 6 p.m.
Students $15, Others $20

Student Health Center
Auditorium: Wellness Workshop: Gratitude: An Attitude with Benefits @ 2 - 3 p.m.

Dunn-Richmond Center
Room 150: Starting A Business in Illinois @ 5 p.m.

Lentz Dining Hall
Think Science @ 5:30 p.m.

Old Baptist Recital Hall

Clinton Warf - Master’s Voice Recital @ 7:30 p.m.

Pinch Penny Pub
Whiskey Wednesday

Rustle Hill Winery
Of Moose @ 5 - 7 p.m.

Student Center
Dr. Rachel Hastings: Reflections on Asian American Cultural Identity through Performance @ 5 p.m.
Craft Shop: Build a Solar Oven @ 6 p.m.
Students $20, Others $25

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Questions persist about how Florida State and the Tallahassee Police Department handled rape accusations involving Jameis Winston. A New York Times report highlights flaws in the investigation of the rape case involving Winston, Florida State’s star quarterback. The state attorney’s office continues to question police actions during the Winston investigation and many took issue with the way both TPD and FSU handle rape accusations. The Times also reported another woman sought counseling after a sexual encounter with Winston but did not accuse him of rape.

“I believe that Mr. Winston cannot be convicted,” Georgia Cappleman, the chief assistant state attorney, told the Times. “I don’t necessarily believe that he’s innocent.”

Winston’s attorneys have repeatedly asserted he did not assault anyone. Winston has offered limited remarks about the investigation during media interviews, but he did indicate he felt vindicated by the state attorney’s decision not to proceed with charges.

“I know I did nothing wrong,” Winston said in New York during the weekend he won the Heisman Trophy. Florida State responded to the report, defending its actions handling the Winston case and its treatment of sexual assault victims. It noted it has extensive programs designed to assist rape victims and called the Times report “misleading.”

The FSU statement read: "The university expresses its deep disappointment in today’s New York Times story alleging FSU officials did not properly investigate a rape allegation against James Winston ‘in apparent violation of federal law.’ It also vigorously objects to the newspaper’s characterization of the university as being uncooperative in explaining its actions.”

Winston was accused of rape by a former FSU freshman in December 2012, although the accusation did not become public knowledge until November 2013. The state attorney’s office did not file charges against Winston, citing a lack of sufficient evidence to pursue a case. The detective handling the case, Scott Angulo, waited two months to write his first report, according to the Times. He prematurely suspended his inquiry without informing the accuser. Evidence, including video that Winston’s roommate and teammate Chris Casher claimed he took of Winston and the accuser having sexual relations, was deleted.

“They just missed all the basic fundamental stuff that you are supposed to do,” state attorney Willie Meggs told the Times.

Meggs added that a better investigation could have still yielded the same result. The Times report also states FSU knew of the rape accusation in January 2013, when the school’s assistant athletic director called the police to inquire about the case. Winston played the entire season and the university did not ask him to discuss the case until January 2014, shortly after FSU won the national championship. Winston did not answer any questions at the time of the meeting on the advice of his lawyer, according to the report.

FSU is being investigated by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights for potentially violating Title IX laws. Federal officials are attempting to determine whether the case was dealt with promptly and equitably based on laws that mandate public schools that receive federal funding investigate sexual assault cases and act in accordance with the findings.

The school’s actions could be deemed a Title IX violation. The government has never revoked federal funding as a result of such violations, but it is an option. A federal ruling against FSU could bolster a civil case Winston’s accuser may file against the school.

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The Salukis pulled off a sweep in Wednesday's double-header against the Purple Aces of Evansville University, scoring 21 runs in two games. SIU (21-19, 9-7) carried over its momentum from the series against Bradley University during the weekend to Wednesday's set of games against Evansville (16-25, 4-12).

The Salukis biggest inning of game two came in the second while they were trailing by four runs. The Salukis scored six times off of just two hits and one error to take a 7-4 lead.

Two innings later, Orsburn took a bases-loaded walk to give SIU an 8-4 lead. The RBI was the 132nd in Orsburn's career, which gave her sole position of second place on SIU's all-time RBI list behind her teammate, senior Jayna Spivey.

"It's awesome, but I always want more," Orsburn said. "She's doing a great job and she deserves [the record]."

While Orsburn reached a milestone with her hitting, she also made her first career start as a pitcher.

Orsburn threw a complete game in a pitcher. She earned runs on 10 hits. Orsburn said she was surprised to learn she was starting.

"I wouldn't say I felt any pressure staring," Orsburn said. "It kind of stressed me out since I hadn't been on the mound in so long, but once I get going and I know my pitches are working then I start to get more comfortable."

The sweep of Evansville gave SIU its first four-game winning streak of the season and improved its record in conference to 9-7.

The Salukis will look to extend their winning streak at 3 p.m. Friday at Charlotte West Stadium against Loyola University Chicago for a three-game series.

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SIU on four-game winning streak

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Daily Egyptian

The Salukis had more doubles Tuesday than they had hits Wednesday, but the team shortened its swings. Senior catcher Matt Jones was hitless last week and did not start against UT Martin but went 2 for 3 and scored a run from the eighth hole Wednesday.

"I just kind of relaxed," Jones said. "It's good that I got two hits, but I felt more relaxed and we’ll see if I can build on that." Jones said McPherson's pitching style doesn’t strike a lot of batters out, but is still hard to get hits off of.

"He gets a little ahead of himself at times," Jones said. "As a freshman, he's learned to slow it down and he's done pretty well for us.

Senior Jake Welch batted from the third spot for the second time and recorded two hits. Welch has a batting average of .444 while batting third. Welch batted leadoff for most of the season, but the team hasn’t lost production from the leadoff man.

Freshman center fielder Dyllin Musha has the second highest batting average on the team at .339. He led off for the second game in a row and went 1 for 3. He has hits in 10 of his last 11 games.

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Salukis win campaign against Governors

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The Saluki baseball team had its first midweek shutout victory since May 3, 2011. The Salukis (20-17, 3-6) took on the Austin Peay State University Governors (14-23, 6-9) and beat them for the second time this season 3-0.

Coach Ken Henderson made only minor adjustments from Tuesday's lineup, which was successful after the Saluki batters were struggling.

Freshman right-handed pitcher Austin McPherson made his third start and tenth appearance of the season. He tossed six scoreless innings and only gave up three hits, which set him up for his second win of the season.

McPherson had his longest outing of the season, but Henderson said pitching coach PJ Finigan probably wanted him to stay in the game for seven innings.

McPherson said he likes starting more than coming out of the bullpen. He has not given up any runs as a reliever, but had five earned runs in his first two starts.

"It takes me forever to warm up," McPherson said. "When I get sent down to the bullpen, I don't feel ready. I like being able to key in to the game and get mentally prepared." McPherson said he tried hitting his spots in his warm up before the game rather than throwing the ball right down the middle. He said the offense had momentum after Tuesday's 16-5 victory against the University of Tennessee-Martin.

"We didn't put that many runs on the board," McPherson said. "But we had a lot of good approaches at the plate.

The Salukis had more doubles Tuesday than they had hits Wednesday, but the team shortened its swings. Senior catcher Matt Jones was hitless last week and did not start against UT Martin but went 2 for 3 and scored a run from the eighth hole Wednesday.

"I just kind of relaxed," Jones said. "It's good that I got two hits, but I felt more relaxed and we’ll see if I can build on that." Jones said McPherson's pitching style doesn't strike a lot of batters out, but is still hard to get hits off of.

"He gets a little ahead of himself at times," Jones said. "As a freshman, he's learned to slow it down and he's done pretty well for us.

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Kicker is the only position in football I would allow my frail body to play at any level beyond the pee-wee league.

Senior kicker Thomas Kinney said he's been hit in games before, which made me reconstruct that statement, but did not stop me from challenging him to a no contact field goal competition.

We each teed up three balls at the middle of the 20-yard line and attempted to split the uprights. Since it was a windy day, Kinney used his index finger to steady the ball for my kicks, but it did not help me much.

None of mine even got off the ground. Kinney said they had a spiral and he was slightly jealous, but it didn't seem like a good thing to me. After my final kick, he said I kicked his hand.

Kinney made his first kick attempt and missed his second. He told me if I made mine, it would be tied. Who was he kidding?

In movies and television, kickers bring the personality to a team. Nigel “The Leg” Gruff from "The Replacements" and Harmon Tedesco from "Blue Mountain State" are two of the wittiest characters in any football movie or television show.

Kinney has the same witty personality. When I told him it would be my first time attempting field goals he said, "You’re wearing a Robbie Gould jersey, and you’ve never kicked field goals!"

He said I should hang up the jersey, he was joking, but he’s right.

Gould has scored the second most points in Chicago Bears history. Kinney said his favorite kicker is Gould, and that I poorly represented him.

Instead of actually doing kicking warm-ups, I just played a few games of Madden against my co-worker Alex Merchant. It didn’t matter whether it was first or fourth down, if my kicker was in range, I was attempting to get three points.

Coach Dale Lennon said kickers have to do the same drills as the rest of the team.

Kickers have an underrated position in football. A lot of games end up being within a couple of points, where a kicker can make the difference between a win and a loss. Kinney said if he was a big fantasy football player, he would draft all kickers even if his team would have empty slots.

The NFL has considered eliminating kickoffs. Kinney said that would ruin the game, and I could not agree more. It’s how football games are supposed to be started. Players like free agent return man Devin Hester would not be in the NFL without the kickoff.

Kinney said he would not kick anywhere near Hester, but he would still be ready to make a tackle.

The Saluki football team has begun spring practice and has its first kickoff at 7 p.m. Friday for the annual spring game at Saluki Stadium.

Senior kicker Thomas Kinney was named to the All-Missouri Valley Football Conference second-team and the All-MVFC newcomer team for the 2013 season. Kinney ranked second in the conference in field goals made with 18 out of 24 attempts during the 2013 season. He also tallied a career-best 52-yard field goal which tied for second longest in the Football Championship Subdivision.