Provoost John Dunn begins his term as interim chancellor today, bringing an administrative shuffle that brings the ouster of Chancellor Walter Wendler, the university’s chief steward since 2001. Dunn takes over as other administrators read a national search for a new full-time leader, with hopes of selecting that person by July 1.

SIU President Glenn Poshard announced Nov. 8 that Wendler’s term as chancellor would be cut short, citing communication problems, falling enrollment and insufficient leadership skills to achieve goals agreed upon by Poshard and the Board of Trustees.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Larry Dietz would not comment on statements Poshard made at the press conference but agreed communication is key in any professional setting.

“Teamwork is critical to what we do, and it would be hard not to be supportive of that,” said Dietz, who saw the chancellorship change in 2001 when Wendler relieved interim leader John Jackson, a professor for the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

Former Undergraduate Student Government President Nate Brown, who has been an undergraduate assistant in the chancellor’s office since the summer, said Poshard’s statements did not come unwarranted.

“I think the campus has some real issues in terms of what motivates us. Those all need to be reviewed obviously,” Brown said.

Dietz said administrative changes are nothing new, but universit leadership remains dedicated.

Wendler was SIUC’s longest-serving chancellor since John Guyon’s reign from 1997 to 1998. Don Bergie commanded the campus from 1996 to 1998, and Jackson stepped in for two years after the controversia firing of Jo Ann Angusicker in 1999.

“Everybody’s interested in the university moving forward, and in my estimation, that really ought to be the focus,” Dietz said. “Anthony Hall has undergone a number of changes, and the university survives and thrives with each one of them.”

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Commission votes to not recommend rezoning

David Lopez

The Carbondale Planning Commission unanimously decid ed not to recommend to the City Council the proposed rezoning of 2.64 acres in the Arbor District from a residential to a planned business district at its Wednesday meeting. The rezoning was proposed to accommodate a new CVS/pharmacy on the corner of Oakland and Main streets.

The residents of the Arbor District have been opposed to the CVS since their Nov. 5 meeting in which they unanimously voted against the rezoning. Dozens of these people were present at the public hearing.

Sandy Littley, president of the Arbor District Board, said she was very pleased with the commission’s decision.

“We’ve all worked very hard for this!” Littley said.

Though the Carbondale Planning Commission unanimously voted against the rezoning, the matter will ultimately be decided at the Dec. 5 City Council meeting.

Many residents were concerned the new CVS would be an eyesore, increase traffic and add pollution to the area.

Margaret Hewitt represented the CVS Corporation at the public hearing.

“This project is very important to CVS,” she said.

Hewitt added that the CVS Corporation wanted to relocate to the 4.04-acre tract because its current location on the west side of Carbondale was not convenient for customers.

“We’re all at now, people can’t walk to our store, some people can, but most can,” Hewitt said.

Some residents felt there was simply no need for a CVS in their neighborhood.

Greg Wendt, a Maple Street resident, said he believed the CVS would not bring anything good to the area.

“It would be a redundancy of business,” Wendt said. “Schneiders already offers many of the same products, including prescriptions.”

Other residents were concerned that if a CVS were erected in their neighborhood, there would be a possibility it would sell alcohol.

“We’re up against a giant here,” said Larry Beard of the Beard Law Firm, which is also located in the district. “There’s a good possibility they’ll get a liquor license.”

Some residents said they believed a store selling alcohol would increase the amount of crime and drunken driving in the area.

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Administrative transition in play

Dunn now in charge as Wendler becomes professor of architecture

Brandon Weisenberger

Winds of change are blowing through Anthony Hall.

The mustachioed man with the New York accent once known as chancellor is now a professor of architecture, while a southern Illinois native who has spent four years in the campus’ No. 2 slot assumes control of SIUC.

Fraternity chili cook-off entices taste buds

Sarah Lehman

Brittany Pieper was a little wary to eat her first spoonful of chili.

Pieper, a junior from Belleville studying administration of justice, had a similar experience. Matthew Mann, a senior from Mount Vernon studying administration of justice, said he was a little wary to eat his first spoonful of chili. Both have been students at SIUC four years, and neither was a member of a fraternity.

“Ew,” she said as she took a whiff before taste-testing it.

Fellow judge and IFC President Nick Santamaria thought the chili No. 2, which came from Alpha Gamma Rho’s chili revealed no danger. Mann’s chili No. 3, which also came from Alpha Gamma Rho’s, smelled like habanero peppers.

“It smells like hot dogs,” Pieper said.

“Which is exactly what I was hoping for,” Mann said.

Pieper and Santamaria discussed the burning aroma of the chili No. 2, which came from Alpha Gamma Rho’s.

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After eating a few crackers and after a few minutes, it heated up to the point that they couldn’t handle it and had to stop.

“Now I’m really hot. I don’t like it,” Pieper said.

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“Really hot. I don’t like it,” Santamaria said.

“It’s still burning,” said Mann.

After eating a few crackers and Hemley’s Ketchup to stop the burn, judges proceeded to try chili No. 3 from Brita Theta Pi.

“It smells like hot dogs,” Pieper said.

The sweet taste made the judges think it was made with barbeque sauce, which helped cool down its burning tongues.

Winners were determined by giving each chili a rating of one to five points in five different areas. The areas considered were appearance, thickness, smell, spiciness and overall taste.

After all five chilies were sampled, the judges tallied their scores and determined winners. Theta Xi won first place with their jalapeno-popper-flavored chili. Second place was captured by Alpha Gamma Rho’s chili, and third place went to Alpha Tau Omega’s spicy-saturated mirepoix.

Although IFC had troubles finding the five judges needed, it ended up with one more than expected. SIUC Police Chief Todd Nightingale showed up just in time to act as the sixth judge.
Children who have minorities, in or out of districts, had lower average scores than good and disadvantaged students. This research linking conventional hormone pills with health risks led many women to quit taking them. The actress-fitness guru could not immediately be reached for comment, but she had defended the book and was scheduled to open against her critics Wednesday night on ONTV’s “Larry King Live.”

Urban students do worse than in nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Children in major U.S. cities perform worse than other students around the country on science tests given in elementary and middle school, a report released by the government Wednesday showed.

Ten urban school districts, including Chicago, volunteered to take the tests and have their scores compared to public school students nationwide for the first time.

Fourth-graders in nine of the 10 city districts had lower average scores than public school students nationally. The only exception was Austin, Texas, where they performed at the national average.

Chicago and Los Angeles’ fourth-graders had the lowest averages on the test. While the national score was 194, and the average for large cities was 135, Chicago and Los Angeles each averaged 120.

In eighth grade, all 10 urban districts had average scores below the national average. Chicago came in seventh on the list, above Cleveland, Los Angeles and Atlanta. Seventy-two percent of Chicago eighth-graders scored below basic achievement levels on the test.

The science scores are from the 2005 National Assessment of Educational Progress, a test of fourth- and eighth-graders on an array of science knowledge viewed as the best way to compare student achievement across state and district lines.

Besides Austin, the urban districts that participated in the comparative test were Atlanta; Baltimore, Chicago; Cleveland; Detroit; Los Angeles; Miami; Philadelphia; and Seattle.

The districts picked a disproportionate share of minorities, children who have limited English abilities, and children from lower-income families. Taking this into account, the results showed minorities in the city schools often performed similarly to students with the same backgrounds in the national sample.

The topics covered on the tests include earth science, physics, chemistry and biology.
Illinois Senate approves minimum wage increase

Ryan Keith
SPRINGFIELD — State senators approved an $1 increase in Illinois’ minimum wage Wednesday, an idea that could benefit hundreds of thousands of low-wage workers but has strong opposition.

The proposal, which Gov. George Ryan’s early retirement program, which led to tow-
ning pension costs after $1,000 work-
books were leveraged in 1999.

The union leader said politicians
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truth about the state’s fiscal situation.

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resources to get the job done,”

Henry Bayer gives a speech to SIUC in the Student Center. Bayer’s speech is the last of the fall lecture series sponsored by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

Bayer said.

Shelby Herald, a sophomore study-
ing marketing, said that amount would
be nice at the McDonald’s she
worked at in her hometown of Flora.

“It’s fun flipping burgers,” Herald said.

Bayer was full of numbers gathered
through years of research conducted
by AFSCME.

In 2004, for example, the average
salary for chief executive officers of
directors was $11.8 million, compared
to the $27,460 that average workers
pulled in.

If the federal minimum wage had
increased about 300,000 workers who
now earn less than $5.15 an hour. Bayer
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Illinois is in a sticky financial situ-
ation, and it’s only going to get worse
unless there is reform, union leader
Henry Bayer said Wednesday.

Increased government involve-
ment and a powerful labor movement are needed to improve the state’s fis-
cal stature, said Bayer, who is the executive director of the American
Federation of State, County and
Municipal Employees Council 31
based in Chicago.

“Our situation in Illinois has got-
ten worse and will only continue to
get worse,” he said. “We are going to
fall further and further behind other
states and are more than 44,000 state employ-
ners affected by contract negotiations
led by AFSCME, according to the
union’s Web site.

After nearly two years of nego-
tiations, AFSCME helped negotiate
a contract with the SIU Board of
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US Airways makes cash and stock offer for Delta

Harry R. Weber
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — US Airways made a hostile $8 billion bid for Delta Air Lines on Wednesday, despite Delta’s repeated statements it isn’t interested in a merger. The move could start a stampede of competing bids in a long-predicted industry consolidation.

The offer, however, faces many
obstacles, and analysts questioned whether the deal could be the nation’s largest carrier
can be completed on US Airways’
compact timeline. Delta, which
said it would review the proposal
first, critics warn, saying it would
send the wrong message to busi-
nesses about locating and growing
here and creating better-paying work.

“We do not want working fami-
lies and parents with children work-
ing minimum wage jobs,” said Sen.

The keynote speaker in the last
fall lecture series sponsored by the
Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

Illinois’ minimum wage is likely to
move up to $7.50 an hour.

Supporters, mostly Democrats,
said the measure approved 33-21
on lengthy waiting lists.

Bayer said there were also 200
empty beds in the state’s four Veterans
Affairs homes.

Those beds were not empty
due to the staff to take care of those veter-
ans,” he said.

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Bush seeks to reassure Asian allies

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SINGAPORE — President Bush is seeking to reassure nervous Asian allies that the United States will remain a reliable partner in en- gaging a tenacious, confronting North Korea’s nuclear threat and fighting terrorism on an election upheaval back home.

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Students will be able to identify everything from shoe markings to the origins of broken glass at crime scenes through a new class to be offered next semester.

Introduction to Forensic Science is meant to offer a glimpse into the field that has received nationwide attention through such television shows as "CSI," Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Luke Tolley said. While such shows have spurred nationwide interest in forensic science, Tolley said there is little fact behind the fictional depictions.

"We need to take our time this semester and make sure when we go to the table at the six-party talks there is a reasonable chance of a successful outcome," Rice told reporters en route to a Pacific Rim economic meeting in Vietnam.

The United States, South Korea, China, Japan and Russia have offered compromise proposals for North Korea, which intensified talks after its nuclear test Oct. 9, and hosted Rice in October in the Vietnamese capital. Rice predicted there will be more talks before the end of the year.

A six-nation nuclear talks meeting will make sure new talks are tightly structured and produce a result, Rice said. The North also agreed in principle to return to arms control negotiations after its nuclear test Oct. 9, and host Rice had hoped to schedule the session before the end of the year. As a science major, I think that's pretty cool," Boulds said. "We're not nerds anymore."
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Remembering the laughter

They made a cruel habit of speaking of real females until the day they were able to snap the back of your first bra, the test that determined you were one...

Excerpt from ‘Chest Pains’ by Jessica Yorama
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InSight

Thankful at Thanksgiving

Photo column by DuVale Riley

I have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving, and so does the rest of the United States of America. Thanksgiving is a time to reunite with our families around the dinner table while filling our stomachs with homemade meals. This is true for many Americans but not for our soldiers at war. They will be spending their Thanksgiving away from home, fighting for us. Soldiers will rely on each other for the comfort only family can give.

All I really know about the war is what I see on television. What I do know is that I support the soldiers. When photographing a piece for the Daily Egyptian titled, “Training Private Ryan” from Oct. 27 to 29, I experienced firsthand a small part of that life through SIUC ROTC students during their weekend field training. The experience captured in this photo made me think that instead of turkey, stuffing and pie, some soldiers will eat Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MRE) for Thanksgiving.

Thank you, U.S. Army, for sacrificing your holidays so I can be free to celebrate mine.

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**Don’t DREAM IT, BE IT**

Rocky Horror-goers enjoy escape from reality

I t is one of five places in the world where real lifeAmazon.com customer ratings are not affected by the size of the book. It is also the place where people can buy books after they have read them, just like they do in real life. In the story of a newly engaged couple, Brad and Janet, who act out the scenes in front of the screen as they watch the movie, it is one of few places in the world where men can be cross-dressed and women can be cross-dressed as well. The audience shouts during the midnight showings of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” to instant-”vewer last fall when she attended a showing at the old University Four theaters in Carbondale, Illinois. The showing was at 11 p.m., and she did not know exactly how many people would be there. She was there to have a lot of fun, and what better way to have fun than by being part of the world where people can be cross-dressed and women can be cross-dressed as well.

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**SMARTS:** Kelsey Tholfsen, a sophomore from Chicago studying film, and middle school students from Rockford studying English, did not wish to be part of the initiation. After standing in the front of the audience through the first five differential procedures, she decided the fifth part of action would be to take her seat. “There are no rules to be in this,” she says, “we do it again in red lipstick.”

**LEFT:** Mark Daniel, right, a sophomore studying cinematography, dances to the song Time Warp with Casey Lavan, left, a sophomore studying musical theater, during the midnight feature of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” on Saturday.

**BELOW:** Dave Newlon stands in front of the screen as he plays the crimonal on Saturday night during the midnight feature of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show.”

**The Rocky Horror Picture Show**

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Pentagon's travel system hardly being used
Larry Margasak
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON — The Defense Department's computerized travel reservation system has turned into a half-billion-dollar fiasco, so flawed that only 17 percent of the travelers are using it as intended, Senate investigators say.

The system was designed as the Pentagon's version of an Internet travel site, in which flights, hotels and rental cars can be booked without the need for fee-based travel agents.

The Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, in checks this year of 41 military installations and the Pentagon, found that 83 percent of travelers have been contacting professional travel agents first — and then using the new system to book the travel afterward.

At the Pentagon, less than 20 percent of travelers used the Defense Travel System as intended. Virtually no travelers used the system at Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah, and Fort Leavenworth, Kan., investigators found.

Travel agents told the subcommittee they could have booked everything in five minutes. Investigators said using the two-tiered method could take a half-hour, adding the new system is missing flight and hotel information and does not always provide the cheapest options.

The investigators and Congress' Government Accountability Office are now questioning the Pentagon estimates of how much it saved by replacing the old paper form system with the expensive computerized one.

A senator plans legislation to force the Pentagon to use travel agents, saying military staff is wasting too much time using the cumbersome new system and therefore erasing any cost savings.

Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., chairman of the investigative panel, said the Pentagon's idea of eliminating travel agents "would be the same as directing all DoD personnel to speak Arabic in order to save money on translation fees. DoD is changing the savings from reduced travel agent fees without considering the cost of having the troops do the work."

Pentagon officials insist the new system is working fine.

"Any boss you had to leave in a couple of hours, I could do that," said Marine Maj. Stewart Upton, a Pentagon spokesman. "The future is in Internet booking."

"The system is effective, it's efficient, it gives you options on airlines, rental car agencies and hotels. We're very impressed."

McDonald's progresses towards new cooking oil
Dave Carpenter
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp. CEO Jim Skinner said Wednesday the fast-food chain is making "very good progress" toward developing a healthier oil for french fries cooked in its United States restaurants but still would not give a timetable for when a switch will be made.

Four years after the company first pledged to significantly reduce the trans fats levels in its signature fries, Skinner told an investor conference that the company continues to work hard on a new oil.

"I think that if New York passes a proposed ordinance making it the first United States city to ban eateries from serving food containing trans fats, it will delay the plan indefinitely a few months later amid concerns about changing the taste of the fries."

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Rory Jaros makes a piece for a chair outside of the Associated Artists Gallery on Wednesday afternoon.

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I was available and thought it would be fun to come over,” Sigler said. “It was interesting. There were a couple challenging ones otherwise, but none of them were awful.”

He said the police department received an e-mail invitation to judge the contest.

Fraternities excelled points toward the Fraternity Excellence Trophy for participation and extra points if they won, said Andy Morgan, a coordinator in Student Development. At the end of the year, the fraternity with the most points receives the trophy from the IFC. Morgan is the adviser for the IFC as well as other greek councils.

Of the 12 fraternities eligible to enter the contest, only five competed, but the dining hall of the Alpha Gamma Rho house was full of people eating chili and filling out their own evaluations for the People’s Choice Award. Fraternities used their own recipes for the competition.

Other chili consumers were not in total agreement with the judges’ opinions and voted Phi Kappa Tau for first place in the People’s Choice Awards category, with Alpha Gamma Rho remaining in second place and Theta Xi taking third.

The first-place winner will receive a paddle with IFC cook-off People’s Choice Award written on it. Second and third place winners get bragging rights, said IFC programming chair Andrew Otto.

Charles Webley, an undecided freshman from South Blot, came to support his fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau, in the competition and said he enjoyed the unique recipes.

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The announcement of Wendler’s demotion to architecture professor caused concern for Brown, whose position was recently created by the departed chancellor.

“It’s very difficult to think right now as far as what’s going to happen, certainly what’s going to happen with me and my job,” Brown said. “I am assuming that it’s yet to be seen in the upcoming days and weeks what’s going on.”

Brown, who spent a bulk of his USG tenure trying to reform the group, said there was much correlation between him and Wendler.

In the same USG meeting in April, senators censured Brown and passed a resolution urging Wendler to pursue employment elsewhere.

“We’ve been up against the same obstacles and the same barriers,” Brown said. “I would describe both of us as leaders who have a clear vision, yet mobilizing public opinion and executing that based on principles alone was much more difficult.”

As the administrative guard changes, Dunn takes on a new load of responsibility. Since coming to SIUC in 2002, he has overseen the colleges and academic programs, and he has decided whether faculty members attain tenure.

Over the summer, Dunn took over enrollment management during an administrative restructuring that moved that responsibility to the provost’s office from Dietz’s office.

At the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday, Dunn outlined some of his goals for the interim period and vowed he was dedicated to the job as members aired budget concerns and questions about marketing.

“We’re in a transition, and it’s going to take all of us working together to make this a productive transition,” Dunn said.

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Susan Fehrenbacher is handicapped and has been a resident of the Arbor District for more than 20 years. She said she uses a Seeing Eye dog and was happy with the commission’s decision.

“Everything in my day-to-day life is over there,” she said. “A big, corporate store would change my small, residential neighborhood and the way I have to travel.”

Fehrenbacher added that if the CVS were built, she would probably move from the neighborhood because of the noise and traffic.

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VOLLEYBALL
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Looking to the future, The Salukis signed four players last week, three out of high school and one is a Parkland Community College transfer, where Winkeler coached from 1989-1999.


Winkeler said Robbins, a 5-foot-6-inch setter, will compete for a starting position at setter and “can run a very quick offense.”

Winkeler said Clark, a 6-foot outside hitter, Conner, a 6-foot-1-inch middle blocker and Leonce all possess great athleticism and leaping ability.

“They’re four kids that are very excited to become a Saluki,” Winkeler said. “I think they’ll bring that athletic ability that we need to the team.”

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Head swim coach Rick Walker watches his swimmers take off from the starting blocks as part of a drill set during swim practice Monday afternoon in the Edward J. Shea Natatorium.

SWIMMING
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The women’s team could also face a battle for the top spot at the invitational while running into the same challenges as the men’s team.

In addition to a strong men’s team, Michigan State and Northwestern have women’s teams that are title worthy but have been disappointing thus far — the Wildcats and the Spartans are winless on the season.

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Dan Zelman, a Simon & Schuster executive who is managing the book’s launch, told The Associated Press that Simpson was acquitted in 1995 of murder after a trial that became an instant cultural flashpoint and a source of racial tension. The former football star was later found liable for the deaths in a wrongful-death suit filed by the Goldman family. In the years since he has been mostly out of the public eye, Simpson has been convicted of multiple, particularly and for his role in the O.J. trial.

The book, which is expected to be released on Oct. 24, will detail the story of the former football star's life and career, as well as his legal battles over the years. The book is expected to generate significant interest, given Simpson's previous public statements and the controversy surrounding him.

Still, he was fired two days after the season ended, following a rift with owner Jeffrey Loria. "I knew that we had something here," Leyland said. "We had good players going into spring training, but we didn’t have a very good team. We made ourselves a good team and that’s something I’m very proud of." Playing 22 rookies, Girardi guided the Marlins to a 78-84 finish and had them in the playoff race until a late-September fade kept them from making the post-season.

"I don’t know if vindication is a good word, just because I want the manager to manage," Girardi said. "If I want him to manage, I’ll have a manager of the year award at the top of his resume."

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Sometime soon, Joe Girardi will go into the New York Yankees’ broadcast booth in a major league dugout. And when he does, he’ll have a manager of the year award at the top of his resume.

Six weeks after he was fired by Florida, Girardi won the NL honor Wednesday for keeping the rookie-laden Marlins in contention nearly all season, Jim Leyland took the AL award after a quick turnaround with the Detroit Tigers.

A rookie skipper himself, Girardi beat out Willie Randolph of the New York Mets by a comfortable margin to become the first manager ever to win back-to-back NL awards.

"Joe Girardi will go looking for another job in 2006," The Associated Press

"This is an historic case, and I consider this a historic award," Leyland said. "It’s nice that people who watch the game every day understand what we accomplished,“ Girardi said, adding he wasn’t particularly surprised to win. "We had a lot of good things happen."
BASKETBALL

After three-game suspension, Tatum’s ready to bury the past

Jordan Wilson  

DAILY EDITION

For three games, Jamaal Tatum found himself in an unwanted position. The senior guard on the SIU men’s basketball team was healthy; yet, he donned a tie, shiny black shoes and slacks and sat shoulder-to-shoulder with injured Salukis on the sidelines.

Because of a three-game suspension that stemmed from Tatum’s March 25 arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol, the Saluki floor general’s role was relegated to that of sideline cheerleader.

The team fared fine without Tatum — the Salukis won their two exhibition games and season opener. Come Sunday, SIU will be full-force with its fifth starter back in the lineup.

Lining the sideline instead of lighting up the scoreboard, Tatum said he had time to reflect on past decisions. “It’s probably been real hard,” Lowery said, “the simple fact that you really want to be out there, and you see mistakes that you know that you won’t make.”

While bracing a two-time Missouri Valley Conference Preseason First Team member wouldn’t appear to churn out positive results, it did create opportunities for Tatum’s teammates. By being down a trio of guards — injured freshmen Josh Boone and Christian Coralitos included — Lowery was able to shuffle junior forward Matt Shaw into the perimeter mix and see junior transfer Tyrone Green also make an impact.

“It gave coach a lot of freedom to put people in different positions and see how they worked, and it worked out well,” Tatum said. “It could definitely be a blessing in disguise, and later on in the season, it could prove to help out a lot.”

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VOLLEYBALL

Elswick sets digs record

SIU volleyball team signs four new players

Scott Mieszala  

DAILY EDITION

Kristy Elswick is rewriting the Saluki record books. Elswick, a sophomore libero for the SIU volleyball team, set the school’s single-season digs record Friday in a loss against the University of Evansville.

Her 17 digs boosted her season total to 514, breaking the previous record of 504 set by Kristie Kemner in 2002. “It’s pretty cool,” she said. “My family was there, so that was a neat experience.”

Elswick’s indifference to the record came as no surprise to head coach Brenda Winkeler, who said Elswick’s attitude reflects her competitive nature. “She’s a winner, she comes from two winning programs,” Winkeler said. “She’s been part of success, and she knows the biggest part of success is a team effort.”

Winkeler added somebody pointed out Elswick, who wears a glittered headband and a towel during games, as someone who looks egotistical. But Winkeler said the statement couldn’t be farther from the truth. “She’s very humble,” she said. “You can embarrass her very easily by bringing up her accolades.”

The list of Elswick’s accomplishments could be very extensive. In addition to her single-season digs record, she also ranks ninth on the SIU career digs list. With 944 digs, she is on pace to prevent her from becoming too "I’m a very competitive person,” Elswick said. “I get too competitive and too focused, then I don’t play well, so I try to keep it light on the court — just have fun and I’ll play better.”

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Swimming and diving faces challenge at Northwestern

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SU is trying to see where it fits in against some of the top swimming programs in the nation.

Friday’s Northwestern Invitational in Evanston could be an indication of where the Saluki swimming and diving team stands halfway through its season.

So far, the Salukis have been successful and have garnered top-25 votes in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America poll for the second week in a row.

The meet will feature a pair of Division-I stalwarts in Northwestern University and Michigan State University as well as Kenyon College — a school that has won 27 consecutive Division III national championships.

Both Michigan State and Northwestern have received top-25 votes this season; however, Northwestern appears to be the oddball on favorite — it boasts the seventh-ranked men’s team in the nation.

Head SIU swimming and diving team coach Alex Marrucho, a backstroke competitor, said he won’t get caught up in any of the other teams but rather to position the Salukis as well as possible. “I’m trying not to worry about any of the other teams but rather to continue to build on a good week of practice,” Marrucho said. “Personally, I’ve been working on some of my backstroke mechanics that should give me some extra speed.”

Marrucho won the 200-meter backstroke with a time of 1:50.08 at the Missouri Dual Challenge and also scored against Missouri State at the Missouri Invitational on Oct. 20. The women’s team could also face a battle for the top spot at the invitational while running into the same challenges as the men’s team.

In addition to a strong men’s team, Michigan State and Northwestern have women’s teams that are title worthy but have been disappointing this fall — the Wildcats and the Spartans are winless on the season.

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Suspension over, Tatum returns

Jamaal Tatum and C.J. Smith cheer for the Salukis while sitting on the sidelines during the SIU vs. Washington (Mo.) University game Friday at the Arena.