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Chilly weather for eager gamers

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Brian Tunison sat in his folding chair on the sidewalk outside of the Carbondale Best Buy, peeking out from under several layers of clothing, a scarf, a hat and a blanket — all to keep warm on a dreary day.

Tunison, a soon-to-be graduate of John A. Logan College student as they bear the cold and rainy weather Wednesday afternoon outside of Best Buy.

Johnson and Tunison have been camping outside of the store since Wednesday at 1 p.m. and are the first in line for the PS3, which will be released today at 8 a.m.

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Committee to address intellectual dishonesty

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Recent plagiarism accusations against faculty and administrators caused SIU President Glenn Poshard in October to call for a committee to review intellectual dishonesty policies throughout the university system.

Vice President for Academic Affairs John Haller has assembled this committee — a blue-ribbon panel to formally address issues of intellectual dishonesty and plagiarism — and is in the process of assembling another committee to search for a new SIUC chancellor.

“We’ve seen over the last several months instances where people — both faculty and administrators — have had charges raised,” Haller said.

He said he has tentatively selected nine faculty members and administrators but has yet to ask them to serve on the panel. He said five members will represent SIUC, and four will come from the Edwardsville campus.

In October, a committee ruled that former SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler, who stepped down Wednesday, committed intellectual dishonesty when he failed to attribute sources of the planning documents for Southern Illinois at 150, the university’s plan to be a top-75 public research institution by 2019.

The committee determined Wendler lifted passages from planning documents of Texas A&M University’s Vision 2020, a similar long-range plan that Wendler worked on before coming to SIUC.

Wendler was the second plagiarism claim against Wendler during his time at the university.

SIUE has also undergone highly publicized accusations. Chancellor Vaughn VanDegrift apologized in July for plagiarizing in a speech, and professor Chris Dusold sued the university after being fired in 2004 for plagiarizing his teaching statement.

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### Highlights:
- **February 11, 2006:**
  - Immigration and naturalization issues.
  - Discussion on educational programs for new arrivals.

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### Calendar:
- **February 13, 2006:**
  - Roundtable discussion on workforce development.
  - Focus on job training and employment opportunities.

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### Educational Programs:
- **February 14, 2006:**
  - Workshop on technology integration in classroom settings.
  - Emphasis on innovative teaching methods.

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### Community Events:
- **February 15, 2006:**
  - Annual community health fair.
  - Features health screenings and resource booths.

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### Additional Information:
- For more details and updates, please visit the official [government website](www.state.mn.us/gov).
New police chief says he’s prepared

Brandon Augsburg

Newly appointed Carbondale Police Chief Bob Ledbetter has always had a plan.

Ledbetter was named police chief last week after serving as the interim chief for almost seven months. He has been with the department for nearly 30 years and has worked almost every job from patrol officer to deputy chief during that span.

“Everything I have done in my career has certainly prepared me for taking this job,” he said.

Ledbetter said he originally wanted to be a teacher and graduated from SIUC in 1973 with a bachelor’s degree in education. He said many family members were teachers, so it felt natural for him.

After graduation, he found teaching jobs difficult to attain and became a radio broadcaster in Marion, and that is where he made his first professional contacts with law enforcement. He reported police stories on the radio and became a member of the Marion Auxiliary Police, for which he received basic training in police tactics and firearms.

“I developed an interest from that [radio], got on the auxiliary department and saw law enforcement from the inside,” Ledbetter said. “I decided that if I got an opportunity, I would like to pursue a career in law enforcement.”

Ledbetter became a part-time officer in 1977 and has spent the last three decades moving from job to job learning the nuances of every nook and cranny of the department.

Deputy Chief Calvin Stearns, who has worked with Ledbetter for almost 25 years, said Ledbetter’s experience is what makes him ideal for the chief’s position.

“They could not have selected a person that has more experience as the inner workings of this department,” Stearns said.

Ledbetter’s experience and overall knowledge of the department has sponsored one of his main initiatives for the future of the department — better communication.

“Some people think communication is how the department is, an organization, communicates or that he would voice his expectations of the officers, but he has a different take,” Stearns said.

“Communication is making sure the information that I have that is important for patrol officers to have, that information gets to them, and that there is a process for that to go through,” Ledbetter said.

As the interim chief, Ledbetter began scheduling weekly senior staff meetings for the chief, deputy chief and lieutenants, and monthly supervisor meetings for senior staff members and sergeants, and he has continued those meetings as the chief, Stearns said.

Sgt. Paul Echols, who has also worked with Ledbetter for nearly 25 years, said Ledbetter’s experience is inherent difficulty of being a police officer, Ledbetter said he relishes his service to the community and understands the importance of his job.

“We have a role in society that we can’t step away from, and that is to enforce the rules and to try and prevent people from being victimized,” he said.

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Police Chief Bob Ledbetter works at his desk Wednesday morning at the Carbondale Police Station. Ledbetter was named police chief on Nov. 6 after serving as interim chief for nearly seven months.

Police: Residents should plan ahead to avoid robbery

Ryan Rendleman

Thanksgiving break starts today, and so does the prospect of getting burglarized.

Officer Randy Mathis of the Carbondale Police Department said there are many measures students can take to protect their property and homes against burglaries while away on break.

The Carbondale Police Department provides service for Carbondale residents who are concerned about their homes being burglarized. A resident can sign up for House Watch, and the police will check the listed homes once

a day, examining doors and windows to make sure no one has broken in. Mathis also said the department offers a home security survey to Carbondale residents, in which an officer will examine a home and make suggestions about what measures can be taken to better secure the home.

Mathis said it is important to check all windows and doors to make sure any easy access points for would-be intruders. Because many students rent homes and apartments, he said it is important to talk with property owners to get better security for areas that provide easy access to intruders.

SIUC Police Chief Todd Sigler said it is crucial students shut and lock all doors and windows because it is often overlooked.

He also said students should take valuable items such as laptops home with them rather than leaving them behind. This applies to both students living in the residence halls and off-campus, he said.

“The residence halls enjoy the prospect that the front doors of the buildings are locked, and their rooms are locked,” Sigler said.

Shrubs, trees and shadows can provide hiding places to burglars, especially if they are near a window or door. Mathis said. He said patrolling police could easily overlook would-be intruders ducking behind bushes or hiding in shadows, so he said it is important for students to clear their homes of such spots.

Mathis said the main objective for students who are leaving during break is to make their homes look inhabited.

“Giving the impression that you’re there when your not is the main thing you can do,” he said.

Mathis said students could give the appearance they are still home by using timed lighting and sound systems.

Letting newspapers and mail pile up is a giveaway that a home is unoccupied, so Mathis said students should put their mail on hold or have some-one they know collect it.

Sigler said officers check the residence halls during breaks to make sure there hasn’t been a burglary. He said there have been very few incidents of burglary in recent years but said students should still take their valuables home with them.

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Bush seeks global help to face N. Korea

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SINGAPORE — Hurt by election losses back home, President Bush wanted to extend his authority on the world stage Thursday by warning a nuclear-armed North Korea against proliferating weapons and warning the United States would not retreat into isolationism.

Bush's declaration came on the eve of his arrival in Vietnam for a summit of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, two days after the 21 members of the group met in Singapore to discuss the situation with the North.

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Democrats chose their leaders for the next two years as lawmakers in both houses labored to wrap up work in the impending 109th Congress and look ahead to the 110th, which convenes Jan. 4.

House Republicans hold elections Friday, with a two-way race for minority leader.


A third contender, Rep. Barton of Texas, dropped out of the race and endorsed Boehner.


Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-III., has decided to step down from leadership in the wake of his party's election defeat.

Pelosi, 66, faced neither challenger nor controversy in her own race to become the Democrats' choice for speaker — and the first woman in history — after four years as party leader.

Her accession awaits a vote by the full House Jan. 4, the opening day of the new Congress.

We made history and now we will make progress for the American people," California Rep. Nancy Pelosi said after her election in the closed meeting, according to officials familiar with her remarks.

She pledged that after 12 years in the minority, "we will not be dazzled by money and special interests any longer."

A veteran of nearly two decades in Congress, Pelosi raised more than $50 million for her campaign and committees over the past two years.

In her time as minority leader, she helped地位粒子 advances beyond what had seemed possible in the past.

"It's just as bad as it gets," Pelosi said at least five people, who were pulled from the rubble.

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Rescue workers using a Coast Guard helicopter lowered a pump to a fishing boat that was taking on water in 15- to 20-foot seas about 50 miles from Charleston. One crewman was aboard the 34-foot boat, which the Coast Guard rescued back to land.

The tornado that struck rural Coastal Plain about 20 miles north of Wilmington was hit shortly after 6:30 a.m. As many as 40 mobile homes were damaged before the tornado crossed a highway and leveled three brick homes. Some of the dead were believed to be children.

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Colby Chapman, a sophomore from Chicago studying forensic science, said she would not get her hopes up about moving in early next semester. "I feel this is very impersonal, the whole situation is very unprofessional, they’re not equal,” Chapman said of the administrators. "I don’t think it’s going to be done in January.”

Wall and Grand students living in Wright Hall have recently been given free laundry use, one of the amenities that was guaranteed with the Wall and Grand complex. They will also have use of cookware on each floor of Wright Hall during the Thanksgiving break. The students are paying a discounted rate while they live in Wright Hall.

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**Residents** were first told they could move in Aug. 12, but construction delays pushed back the opening date several times. Administrators most recently slated Jan. 2 for students to move into the first of three apartment buildings. University Housing officials have said the second building would also open in January, and the third would open in fall 2007.

Marks said there was no single factor causing the construction delays. Students questioned the cost of rent at Wall and Grand, with one student asking what the justification was for paying $620 a month.

**Matthew Picchietti** and **Joe Yancey**

Fight Club meetings are generally laid-back and relaxed, making it easy for students to talk with student government, Picchietti said. “It’s pretty informal, the meetings are pretty laid-back,” he said. “It’s convenient for students who are interested, but not by all. Picchietti said he wants to find out about important issues was beneficial. "I thought it was a great opportunity to have some dialogue,” he said. “In retrospect, I think it would have been helpful had we started this earlier, but by the same token, we thought we would be in the building earlier. Fight Club co-founder Joe Yancey said the students were vocal because of how much the apartments affect their lives. “Everyone’s really passionate about it,” he said. "It’s informal, it’s just open questions, everyone can just release all their anger. They all seemed pretty angry.”

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A time of thanks (and safety)

I t may be hard for the typical stu-
dent to realize this, but there is
a big, crazy world outside of the
SIU campus.
The time before Thanksgiving
break is one of many hard dead-
lines. There’s always something due: One
day a term paper, and don’t forget
those dozen internship or scholarship
applications that need to be mailed
before the end of the week.
Thanksgiving break is a much-
needed time of rest for everyone
(although for many there’s work that
is still to be done over the free week).
This week provides great opportuni-
ties to get back in touch with the
world beyond your desk or your
computer screen. So to the SIU
student we say: Live it up, but please be careful.
The DAILY EGYPTIAN doesn’t want
to be your daddy, but we do feel the
same worries of a protective par-
ent on the verge of this latest break.
Why? Well hardly a break goes by
that we don’t hear an SIUC student or
a local resident was found dead
somewhere or some other tragedy has
happened.
In looking at the last three short
breaks this school has had, you see
tough stories this newspaper had to
tell.
Three southern Illinoisans died in
car crashes over Thanksgiving
break last year, the oldest was 26.
The winter break that followed saw
SIU student Kurt Mueller had died
from an overdose of OxyContin.
Fortunately, there were no deaths to
report over spring break, but there
was the story of then-senior Quinton
Dudley, who was wounded after
being shot seven times while picking
his sister up from a birthday party in a
case of mistaken identity.
Simply be careful out there,
please.
There are more reasons to buckle
your seatbelts than just the police.
Sometimes, like with Dudley, you
can’t control what happens to you.
But in those cases in which you have
a choice to make, just think about the
consequences and think about the
people who may expect to see you
again once school is back in session.

Competition does hurt

DEAR EDITOR:
I wish to support wholeheartedly the comments made in Monday’s guest column by Dr. Wiesen, which aptly sum up the real issue in SIU concern-
ing salaries. The problem was also exacerbated by the former chancellor’s policy of hiring “super faculty” at huge salaries rather than employing the talents of accomplished and dedicated faculty already here. It has created a very uneven salary situation benefit-
ing privileged individuals (tenured at tenured positions with huge salaries often without departmental faculty consultation) who will gain more from an “across-the-board raise” than those existing on lower salaries.
Early union demands for “across-the-board raises” under the dubious and undefined argument of a “job well-done” resembles certain Republican Party
requests for a “flat tax” in which billionaires and low
income workers pay the same amount of tax. Both are equally inequitable and unfair.
The faculty union and administrative negotiators now urgently need to consider better proposals involv-
ing the elimination of these compression problems so
that highly productive faculty finally receive appropriate
financial recompense for their long years of service
to SIU in the areas Dr. Wiesen outlines. An “across-
the-board raise” involving everyone is no longer the
solution. Special salary raises for accomplished faculty
who have suffered from compression appears a logical
solution. These faculty members often cannot move
east because of decreased mobility in academia, age
discrimination and professional jealousy in depart-
ments. They face a bleak retirement situation especial-
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WORDS OVERHEARD
"..."
The Duplex

This is interesting. Did you know there are some bacteria living on a human body that your body can’t live without? Enjoy this fact on the right.

The Boondocks

Will you thank you came back to me? You’re a real CASH DOG.

Sudoku

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Thursday’s puzzle

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Solution to Friday’s puzzle

LUCID PIPER FITFUL BUTTONY esterday’s Jumbles:

Answer:

What Mom said when her bareheaded son objected to wearing a hat — PUT A “LID” ON IT

Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

“IT’S STARTING TO GET COLD TIME TO PLAN OUR ANNUAL GAMES ON WEEKENDS.”

Girls and Sports by Glenn McCoy

“GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR TEAM MEMBERS AND THE ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE AND PERIOD.”

Today’s Birthday (11-17-06)

This year is about getting your agenda across, in spite of resistance. You’ll have to be very good. Luckily, you are.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - You’ll be less and less satisfied to sit inside and do paperwork. You’ll be more and more impatient to run, jump, climb, etc. Make serious plans.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Keep pinching the pennies. It’s a job you do quite well. And you’re getting better at it. Frugality provides its own rewards.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 9 - You’ve been working overtime. Schedule a little more fun. Re-establish the humor in your meaningful relationships.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Necessity is the mother of invention. That’s why you should see every limitation as a reason for celebration. It’s another chance to be brilliant.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - There’s an awkward learning curve whenever you take on a new endeavor. Don’t give up; practice when nobody’s looking.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You don’t have to do what somebody else said you should. You’re a grown-up now, aren’t you? Make up your own mind.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 9 - You’re so cute that others want to go along with your plans. This is the best way to get what you want. It’ll save you a lot of money.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Caution is still advised but conditions are changing in your favor.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Put your subconscious mind to work. You can answer the question you’ve been stressing about when you’re sound asleep. Why waste all that time?

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 9 - You’re good working with others for altruistic objectives. You’re inhibited by a tyrant or other large monster, which makes the game more interesting. Get your team together.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Don’t dampen your enthusiasm by going through your old routine. Get somebody else to help with that, and try something different.

Crossword

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Now that the Dawg House has been packed, it’s time for the SIU women’s basketball team to protect it. The Salukis (0-1) will host Murray State University at 7:05 p.m. tonight at the SIU Arena. Tip-off is set for 7:05 p.m. 

SIU is coming off a 71-60 loss Nov. 12 to the University of Missouri, but the Salukis kept the game close against the Tigers, a 2006 NCAA Tournament team.

While her team’s solid performance in its opener billed as “Pack the Dawg House Day,” head coach Dana Eikenberg thanked a record-setting crowd over the public address microphone. She encouraged all 3,637 in attendance to come back, promising continued success by the women’s program.

Last season, SIU visited Murray State and touneced the Racers in a 94-77 win. 

Senior forward Carla Moore said 2005’s embarrassing defeat could provide extra motivation for Murray State.

“I think they’re a hungry team,” Moore said. “We want to take our last year and have a big win against them, so now they’re ready to come to our house and do the same thing.”

Sophomore forward Jasmin Gibson said SIU must prepare for the Murray State offense.”

We need to come in here and just get it done,” Gibson said. “Don’t take them lightly because when you do that, they catch you deeper.”

Moore said the Racers possess a complete game with quality play from both their inside and outside players.

Eikenberg said the Salukis need to stop double penetration and give the Racers different looks when SIU is on defense. She added that another important aspect was Murphy State’s offensive rebounds.

“We can’t give them repetitive opportunities,” Eikenberg said. “If we can really control that, then we’ll be able to control the tempo of the game.”

Gibson, who fouled out with 4:38 remaining against Minniss, said her defensive intensity must remain just as high, however, she needs to stay in position to minimize her fouls.

“I bring a defensive energy when I’m in the game,” Gibson said. “I have to keep fighting.”

On the offensive side of the court, Eikenberg said SIU needs to be more aggressive and work the ball inside to the post more. To do that, SIU will need to drive to the basket more and use its post players, such as Moore, Gibson and freshman forward Dana O’Connor.

The trio was a main source of scoring against Minniss, combining for 39 of SUU’s 60 points. Moore led the way with 16 and 10 rebounds.

Eikenberg said the Salukis must put forth the extra effort and keep their poise against Murray State.

“(The Racers) are coming in here with the thought process that they’re going to beat us,” Eikenberg said. “We’ve got to be ready to go as we were for the Mizzou game.”

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“aroad win in the Big Ten is tough. While Michigan has looked weak a bunch of stud this year, I’ve gotta give the Buckeyes, per home field advantage. And, yes, more than likely those two will both heads for the national title.”

“If they’re similar to teams in the past, I’m sure we’ll be in for a fight,” Tatum said. “We’re familiar with the Buckeyes and the Buckeyes are a win because we all want to keep playing”

“She’s head football coach Jerry Kill on the emotions going through the team before its game against Southern Illinois University Saturday at McAndrew Stadium at 3 p.m. The game is also Senior Day and could be the last home game for an abundance of seniors on the team.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?

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#11 Southern Illinois University vs. Southern Utah University

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### MENTALITY

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“They’re good enough now as juniors where they can make plays,” Lowery said. “And that’s where we’ve got to continue to make sure we focus on — going inside and then outside.”

While the Salukis have had their game plan etched out all along — they return five starters and their top eight scorers — the Racers carry with them a fresh book with a new coach and a bevy of new players.

“Tatum said from film he watched, the Racers looked to be similar to the Salukis. Tatum said they played man-to-man defense and put on a full-court press frequently.

“If they’re similar to teams in the past, I’m sure we’ll be in for a fight,” Tatum said.

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FOOTBALL

Salukis face another must-win

SIU must stop Southern Utah for at-large playoff bid

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The Salukis are still one win shy of claiming a legitimate playoff berth.

The SIU football team, though, could move one step closer to the playoffs with a win over Southern Utah. The Salukis face another must-win game for the second week in a row.

For SIU to secure a spot in the tournament, the team must win both of its remaining games. Last week, SIU dominated the University of Northern Iowa on Nov. 7 with a 47-23 victory.

This week, the Salukis (7-3, 4-3 Gateway) will look to improve their playoff chances by fending off Southern Utah (3-7), who have lost seven of their last eight games.

A win for SIU could seal the deal for a playoff spot and the automatic berth that comes with the Gateway title out of reach, the Racers' offense has been sporadic the past three games this season, all of which have been losses.

Senior quarterback Nick Hill said the Salukis can't leave their playoff hopes to chance and must focus on Southern Utah.

"It is definitely a must-win," Hill said. "We've had a lot of teams that have had a lot of success, so we need to come out and play it that way."

While Southern Utah sits in last place in the Great West Conference, one more win than Evansville this weekend to earn a spot in the tournament. Drake this weekend; therefore, the Salukis need one more win than Evansville this weekend to earn a spot in the tournament. The Salukis could have clinched a spot in the playoffs if they had beaten Evansville — the Salukis lost in three games.

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Defensive mentality

Saluki defense looks to turn up heat against Racers

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On the heels of a 59-28 victory, it would be safe to think SIU men's basketball coach Chris Lowery would be content with his team's defense.

Washington (Mo.) University's 28 points were the fewest allowed in SIU history, yet the third-year head coach could rattle off a handful of things his Salukis could improve on defensively. SIU will look to make those strides Sunday when the Salukis host a sluggish Murray State squad.

It's not that Lowery is displeased with his defense, last year, the Salukis had the fourth-three scoring defense in all of Division I. Rather, Lowery can always find something defensive to nitpick about.

"We want to be the best defensive team in the country," Lowery said. "And I think we have a chance to do that with working hard and doing the things we do."

While SIU's defense is a perennial mainstay, the Racers' offense has been sporadic through their first three games. They finished with point totals of 84, 68 and 44 in their first three games this season, all of which have been losses.

Regardless of the offense the Salukis face, sophomore guard Bryan Mullins didn't hesitate to stress defense.

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- Chris Lowery

SIU head basketball coach

MEN'S BASKETBALL

"Defense we can always improve," Mullins said. "We need to stop fouling so much — get our hands off people."

To do so, SIU will receive some much-needed assistance from senior co-captain Jamaal Tatum, who served a three-game suspension stemming from a March drunken driving charge.

Mullins said having his backcourt mate back on the floor will make his job much easier.

"I think T.J. will help a lot — just having another shooter on the floor will open it up for me," Mullins said.

During Tatum's absence, a slew of other players proved themselves capable of being offensive threats. Two of those players, who also played key roles last season, are junior forwards Matt Shaw and Randal Falke.

Instead of using strong guard play to open

Saluki quarterback Nick Hill hands the ball off to running back Arkee Whitlock while the offensive line holds the defense during the Saluki football game against Western Kentucky on Oct. 23 at McKibben Stadium.

Saturday, the senior running back will have a chance to break three all-time Saluki records: the single-season record in rushing touchdowns (21), the single-season points scored (128), and the career all-purpose yardage record (4,077).

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VOLLEYBALL

Salukis fight for their playoff lives

SIU must win one more game than Evansville

Scott Mieszala
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The SIU volleyball team's playoff hopes have come down to the final two matches. The Salukis, who currently sit in seventh place in the Missouri Valley Conference, must advance into the sixth position to earn an MVC Tournament berth.

After a loss to the University of Evansville on Nov. 10, SIU relinquished the tiebreaker for the sixth spot in the MVC Tournament to the Purple Aces and now must win the sixth seed outright.

The Salukis (11-16, 6-10 MVC) will host Creighton University (18-9, 10-6 MVC) tonight and Drake University (6-22, 2-14 MVC) on Saturday at Davies Gymnasium — both matches will begin at 7 p.m.

Evansville will also play Creighton and Drake this weekend, therefore, the Salukis need one more win than Evansville this weekend to earn a spot in the tournament.

The Salukis could have clinched a spot in the playoffs if they had beaten Evansville — the Salukis lost in three games.

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