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SIUC to pursue pot study
Grant requests could mean participants paid to smoke marijuana

Joe Crawford  
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If the university’s smoking lab has its way, SIUC lawn care workers may not be the only people tending to the grass. SIUC’s smoking laboratory plans to request a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to help them find why so many cigarette smokers also smoke marijuana, the lab’s director David Gilbert said.

If approved, Gilbert said the study — which would look at the health effects of marijuana on human subjects — would likely begin in early 2009.

Gilbert said he plans to submit grant requests for six studies, each of which would cost about $200,000. The studies would be the first ever at SIUC to examine the effects of marijuana.

Gilbert and his researchers involved with the nicotine study found a very high number of participants also tested positive for tetrahydrocannabinol — the psychoactive substance in marijuana.

“I think it’s very clearly important because it’s the most commonly used illegal drug in the United States,” he said.

Smoking marijuana is harmful to a user’s lungs and could negatively affect motivation, he said.

The marijuana study would be somewhat similar to the research the lab has done on nicotine, Gilbert said. Participants would smoke marijuana cigarettes obtained from the National Institute on Drug Abuse and researchers would monitor their brain activity with devices, including some that track eye movement and brainwaves, he said.

“We’re planning on building a special room with special ventilation so it won’t smell like marijuana in the building,” Gilbert said.

Similar to the nicotine study, participants’ identities would remain confidential and they would be paid for their work, Gilbert said.

“I don’t think we’ll have to pay them as much as for the nicotine study,” Gilbert said laughing.

For several months the lab has sent out questionnaires pertaining to marijuana use in preparation for the study, Gilbert said. The lab also plans to do preliminary studies on the effects of higher-than-normal amounts of carbon dioxide on human behavior, he said. Kris Martens, a research assistant in the smoking lab, said the questionnaires are designed to collect information on the reasons many tobacco smokers also use marijuana.

“It’s a combination of nicotine questions, marijuana questions, social/personality questionnaires,” Martens said.

Before the study can be done on human subjects, the project must be submitted to the university’s Human Subjects Committee, Martens said. The committee is designed to ensure research on human subjects is ethical and moral.

Chelsea Burg, a pre-major freshman from Springfield, said she was concerned about the ethics of studying the effects of illegal drugs on humans.

“I just don’t think they should use humans — they could do more with their money,” Burg said.

Ibsh Miller, a freshman from Lombard studying zoology, said he would be interested in participating in the study and said he expected the smoking lab would have an abundance of applicants.

“Smoking a joint isn’t going to harm anybody,” Miller said. “If people consent to it, it’s ethical.”

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Mike’s Music still in business despite move
Owner hopes ‘For Rent’ sign won’t deter customers

David Lopez  
DAILY EGYPTIAN  
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Those worried about the “For Rent” sign in front of Mike’s Music can lay their fears to rest; the store is not out of business.

Mike’s Music, which has been in operation since 1993, is moving over one space to the Wright Center shopping plaza. The store has transformed several times during the course of its 14-year history, moving from one space to the other and sometimes occupying both.

Mike Ricci, owner of Mike’s Music, said he hopes people driving by don’t get the wrong idea from the sign. Currently, a sign hangs outside the doorway to the music store informing customers of the recent change.

“I’m terrified that people will think it’s closing up because it’s not,” Ricci said.

Ricci has owned the business since 1997 and bought the store, which was originally owned by Mike Wright of Wright Properties, while he was still an employee.

Matt Wright, the current owner of Wright Properties and the place where Mike’s Music currently resides, said he remembers when his family ran the store and why they were forced to sell it.

“We just didn’t have enough time to spend on it, it was too time consuming,” Wright said.

Through the years, Ricci has tried several approaches with the business, such as including an in-house recording studio and more recently partnering with The Cat’s Meow to bring alternative clothing fashion to Carbondale.

Though the recording studio was shut down in 2004 after only three years of operation and The Cat’s Meow has become an online store exclusively, Mike’s Music has continued to thrive.

“We’re deciding to concentrate on what’s working, and what’s worked is the buying and selling of instruments and the music lessons,” Ricci said.

Mike’s Music also doubles as a music school with five teachers. The teachers all play in local music acts such as the Woodbox Gang and The Ivas John Band.

“We’re here to help out any level, any age, any style, to break through any barrier they might be having,” said Dan Goett, one of the instructors and an SIUC alumnus who currently plays in the Woodbox Gang.

Before the empty space east of Mike’s Music is rented out, Wright properties will be renovating the property. Repairs are expected to be complete within the next month and a half.

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City council, Doherty to draw the line

Barton Lorimor

Off all the directions Carbondale is expanding city limits and developing, the east may stay the same.

City council members unanimously voted in favor of City Manager Jeff Doherty to post public notice of reinstating an intergovernmental agreement between Carbondale and Murphysboro to Tuesday night’s city council meeting. The agreement would prevent the two cities from zoning land on their opposite sides of Country Club Road four miles north and south of Illinois Route 13.

“Country Club Road has long been recognized as the dividing line between Carbondale and Murphysboro by the two municipalities,” Doherty said.

This type of agreement between Carbondale and Murphysboro began in 1981. According to state statute, such an agreement between Carbondale and Murphysboro at the point where the 24-inch wide pipes stretching east and west.

The city council also approved a proposal for extending city water lines to the Reserve at Pointe on Carbondale’s eastern limit and developing, the east may stay the same.

The proposal would branch city water mains 1,513 feet from the 24-inch wide pipes stretching east and west.

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Jeannine Aversa
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — It took more than four years, but borrowers finally got some interest rate relief.

In a bold strike, the Federal Reserve slashed a key interest rate by a half percentage point on Tuesday and ordered the door open to further rate cuts to prevent a painful housing slump and jarring credit crunch from dragging the country into recession.

Wall Street responded enthusiastically, propelling stocks up 335.97 points — its biggest one-day point jump in nearly five years. Politicians, scholars and even bird-eaters cheered, and the Internet was awash with more, the crucial and astonishingly awaited action Tuesday by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his central bank colleagues lowered an important interest rate to 4.75 percent. Economic and political pressure has been building on the Fed for action.

As a result, commercial banks' prime lending rate changed to millions of borrowers dropped to a corresponding amount to 7.75 percent.

Whether Bernanke can have his cake and eat it too, is the biggest question in the Fed's meeting's history. He's had his hands in his first 19 months at the Fed helms.

"Today's action is intended to forestall some of the adverse consequences that might otherwise arise from the disruptions in financial markets and to promote moderate growth over time," the Fed said in a statement released after its closed-door meeting.

The last time the Fed cut rates was in late June 2003. Its action means borrowers who can obtain credit should see rates on a variety of balances fall. It will become less expensive for people to finance certain credit card debt and for homeowners to repay larger home equity lines of credit, which they often use to pay for education improvements or medical bills.

It also will help some homeowners whose adjustable rate mortgages reset in the fall. Those rates will still go up but not by as much as they otherwise would have, analysts said.

"No less important, we're here to support the country's economic health. The rate cut could take three to nine months to ripple through the economy and bolster overall activity," the aggressive action under- scoring the Fed's need to prevent a worst-case scenario.

The Fed's economic assessment was somber.

"The tightening of credit conditions indeed is the most serious barrier to a more rapid recovery," the statement said. "We are not intending to stop the housing market's decline. We are, however, attempting to support the economy and bolster overall activity."

Senator Barbara Boxer, a Democrat from California, said the move "is a very strong move, but it is not going to turn on a dime.

Spector trial foreman says jury at impass

Judge considers putting lesser charge on table

Linda Deutsch
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — The foreman of the jury in Phil Spector's murder trial said Tuesday that the panel is "at an impass" and the judge told lawyers he was considering allowing the panel to consider a lesser charge.

The juror told Superior Court Judge Larry F. Fink that he could not agree to a first-degree murder conviction in any way he could help, including re-reading specific instructions or speaking to the prosecutor, insisting the attorneys re-argue or part out all of the case.

"I've spent at least two days thinking about this in the last few days, and I don't know what can be added" to what the jury already knows, the juror said. "If I was rendered completely mute by the American Constitution, I would then have to say what I would have said, and that would suggest that I would agree with the lesser charge that might result."
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Come one, come all! The Poshard Show is about to begin.

The Daily Egyptian has its popcorn ready. What better entertainment than watching the fate of our school’s reputation exchange hands?

Chancellor Fernando Trevelo has called forth seven members of SIUC’s academic community to review plagiarism allegations against SIU President Glenn Poshard and recommend further action.

While this approach is clearly the lesser of two evils — we still think a hearing as outlined in the graduate school handbook would be more fitting — we must have faith this committee will gather enough steam to do the right thing.

Or, more specifically, we have no other choice.

This committee is our last opportunity to save grace, and if it does not take its job seriously, it could be another giant step in the wrong direction.

We, as students of this university, have quietly bit our tongue despite the number of opportunities available to insulate SIUC. The way others have. We want to believe that this committee’s actions will be a testament to the integrity of this institution.

We want to put an end to our university being a punching bag.

And the truth is, we at the Daily Egyptian might be some of the few that aren’t laughing.

The status of this university can be summed up by it being declared a laughing-stock of the academic world. Others have called for Poshard’s resignation. That is why the idea of the buck stopping internally for the first time is so ridiculous.

We're disappointed to say their pertinence has far exceeded our expectations. Why are we surprised? Poshard continues to be indecorous, and the truth is, he is no longer fit by the consequences.

So why does it seem as though no one else is concerned with this truth?

Why wasn’t the Board of Trustees forthcoming when, according to its chairman Roger Tedrick, it first became aware of these allegations months ago? Is that why its unabashed endorsement of the university president served as such a beautiful rebuttal just one day after the Daily Egyptian reported the damning accusations?

Why do people lend so much weight to the idea the age of this document is more important than the timeless charge itself: plagiarism?

Such issues have plagued the minds of this editorial board. We're disappointed to say their persistence has caused a considerable portion of this academic community full of Poshard groupies. If Poshard walks away with a suble slap on the wrist, the consequences for this university would be unparalleled.

**A call to spark southern pride**

**AARON WOLFE**

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There is a unique quality to southern Illinois that is difficult to convey — a feeling that is best described, in the simplest sense of the word, as comforting. This is a coarse characterization of my childhood home. However, it can be best clarified by a drive down any country road of your choice. It is the far best way to observe the blissful blue of our night sky, or the pale, golden color of the cornfields.

This trip will take you through farmland and communities with thousands of stories unique to our region — uniquely southern and, more importantly, uniquely American.

Cache Chapel is one such place — a church that appears to have grown into the community as organically as the crops surrounding it. As the social hub for the rural town of Ullin, its small, white frame sits on top of a humble mound of rich earth. After evening services, a dust cloud gathers around it from the caravan of pickup trucks and cars leaving its gravel driveway — an effect that highlights the last golden rays of a setting sun in the fresh country air as it swells and floats gently back into oblivion.

Uniquely southern Illinoisans locate like this are why I have found myself at a loss for words when asked the fairly innocuous question, “Where are you from?”

I began to mumble incoherently, and my brain vainly attempts to formulate a sentence that compacts my childhood into a sound byte. The answer that usually spills out, much to my chagrin, is one word: Illinois.

It is one part of the answer, but certainly not the whole.

The unfortunate follow-up question is usually along the lines of, “So you’re from Chicago, right?”

And it is at this point that my heart constricts, and, in order to alleviate the pressure, I sigh as deeply as possible.

This question is inane because of the 300-mile stretch of culture between here and the Windy City that is often lost in its long and imposing shadow.

As a born and bred resident of this portion of the state, I am acutely aware of this problem and become frustrated with anyone who assumes I am from Chicago simply because I live in Illinois.

This is an easy assumption to make considering approximately 9.5 million of our state’s 12 million residents are from there. However, it is this top-heavy nature of our state that has caused a considerable amount of heartache for southern Illinoisans. My every experience here is coupled with a knowledge that serious issues lay beneath the surface. I also know that Chicago politicians have done little to nothing to help us.

The ongoing battle about Gov. Rod Blagojevich’s $463 million budget cuts is a perfect example of this tug of war between north and south. After all, it takes a special kind of arrogance for the governor to cut hundreds of thousands of dollars to SIU and then say he was eliminating “special pet projects.” And it takes a pathological disregard of our region to spend thousands of dollars to fly in a private jet to the Du Quoin State Fair so he can sign a “rate relief” package.

But, on top of this, it is particularly insulting to have a columnist pass judgment on SIU President Glenn Poshard from an ivory tower hundreds of miles away. These are trying days for southern Illinois, but I am confident in our ability to clean our own house — one we should, no matter what happens, be proud to call home.

Wolfe is a senior studying English education.
I guess it’s the simplicity of it all that gets me. A light breeze sweeps the sand to create golden waves before each step I take. As I make my usual trip around the shore, I notice that not too many people showed up this brisk morning at the Wilmette Beach. Strolling for about 20 minutes, I feel the wonderful calmness of the lake hit me and realize that all my worries and stresses don’t matter at this moment in time. I found a perfect spot in the sand to sit and relax when my eye caught sight of a grandmother sitting with her daughter and two grandchildren soaking in the powerful tranquility provided by the lake. The breeze was just strong enough to create subtle waves for the children to play in. I scrambled for the camera as fast as possible to capture the simple moment of a small family relaxing on a summer morning.

In my opinion, nothing can make your day go by a little easier than seeing the sentimental togetherness of a close-knit family living in a time when life was a little simpler and not so fast-paced. Money, power and success are not all you need to live a happy life. I believe the world would be a better place if only everyone decided to stop, take a break from his or her hectic life, and take some time to relax on a beach and let the stresses of the world fade away. Allow yourself to let go and appreciate the beauty of simplicity that surrounds your everyday life.

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MIAMI — The rules are simple: Keep a low profile. Don't shoplift. Steer clear of immigration officers. And you might avoid ending up in a deportation facility.

ICED, a video game set to be released for free in November, pits five immigrant teens trying to stay in the country against a slew of immigration officers. The title is a play on Immigration and Customs Enforcement, also known as ICE — the government agency that, among other duties, targets illegal immigrants with outstanding deportation orders.

The game was developed by a New York-based nonprofit, Breakthrough, to raise awareness about the effect of immigration reforms passed in 1996. “This is virgin territory,” said Mallika Dutt, the group’s executive director. “You can watch a documentary, you can watch a video story, but there’s really no other way that you can get into the skin of another person and actually see what it’s like.”

The game lets one player roam a virtual metropolis modeled after New York City. If you make good choices — for example, not jumping the subway turnstiles or stealing from convenience stores — you’ll earn points that will keep you on the streets. Players can also boost their points by walking into a language center, by recycling or by correctly answering questions along the way. The more points earned, the fewer immigration officers chasing you down.

Eventually — it’s virtually inevitable — you’ll be arrested and taken to a second level, the detention facility. Here, players must avoid getting into fights, starting hunger strikes or signing a voluntary deportation letter. At the end, players will face a judge who will determine their fate.

The game is timely and necessary, said Cheryl Little, executive director of the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center. “Immigrants have been demonized recently to an extent that I haven’t seen in a long, long time,” Little said. “Perhaps it’ll result in a little more compassion.”

About 100 students at three New York City high schools pitched ideas for the game. Some, like Daniel Laverde, a 10th-grader at Renaissance High School in Queens, also did voice-overs. “Pretty much everything that I wanted to see in the game was there already: from the different ethnicities to the different situations,” Laverde said.

The five characters were based on actual case studies, and developers had to work hard to avoid watering down complicated ideas, said the game’s co-designer, Heidi Boisvert. “The game is still in development, it already has its detractors. Joanna Marzullo, president of New Yorkers for Immigration Control and Enforcement, a group that opposes illegal immigration, said the game makes a joke of the immigration debate. “It’s trying to inoculate our youth with a sense of sympathy for illegals,” Marzullo said. “It creates the image of the U.S. as a big bully. I think it’s wrong.”

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to split up 6,000 existing casino positions, the Illinois Gambling Board will add two new riverboat casinos and a land-based casino in Chicago.

SIU President Glenn Poshard spent the day in Springfield meeting with state legislators still undecided about Tuesday night’s vote, Gross said.

“The action taken tonight by the Illinois Senate is the most significant political progress to date in the effort to pass the state’s first capital construction plan in numerous years,” Poshard said in a statement.

Other branches of the SIU system could also take a piece of the $145 million allocation. About $69.5 million would be set aside for the construction of a new science lab at the Edwardsville campus and $10 million would go toward a regional center for patient safety at the SIU School of Medicine in Springfield.

David Carlson, dean of library affairs, said he gave a lot of credit to Poshard for his ability to be influential in finding the funds. Morris Library has needed since a construction bid was approved.

The amount of money for Morris Library — which has been under construction since September of 2004 — was higher than Carlson expected. He said he was planning to receive nearly $14 million. He said the cost of the $17 million would be funding, but was not fully briefed on the library’s status during his traveling.

“I’m happy to be confused about a larger number than a smaller one,” Carlson said.

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It, while visiting the fictional land
of “Margaritaville,” singer Jimmy Buffet
did spend a night with the
“woman to blame” and fathered a
child, by the sound of his newest
album, that child might just be Kenny
Chesney.

With his latest studio release,
titled “Just Who I Am: Poets &
Pirates,” Chesney delivers laid-back
country songs with
a mellow Caribbean
feel, similar to his
more recent
releases from albums such
as “When the Sun
Goes Down” and “The Road and the
Radio.”

Although Chesney usually pens
or co-writes a select few songs on his
albums, “Pirates” lacks any writing
from Chesney. This has a tendency
to show through on a few tracks that
sound like cookie-cutter efforts of his
older songs that have gotten plenty of
radio play in
recent
years.

However, for this album that
sound isn’t necessarily a bad thing, as
“Pirates” is more of an extension of
recent work than it is a step forward
for Chesney.

The opening track and
first sin-
gle off the album, “Never
Wanted Nothing More,” immediately gives
a driving-with-the-top-down-on-a-
sunny-day feel with an up-tempo,
cheerful beat accompanied by several
plucking guitars and a banjo.

The song tells a story of the simple
life, which appeals to the common-
alities listeners have. From getting his
first car, marrying the love of his life
and working a job to support a family,
Chesney dips into standard country
song topics, but has catchy lyrics that
make this track fun to listen to.

“I’m what I am and I’m what I’m not,”
sings in his easy baritone
voice. “I’m sure happy with what I’ve
got / I live and love and laugh a lot
and that’s all I need.”

“Pirates” also
features a duet with coun-
try legend
George Strait that
seems to be mod-
elled after Buffet’s song “Grapef
ruit — Juicy Fruit,” called “Shiftwork.”

The two sing about blue-collar
work that never stops, calling it a
“big ol’ pile of shiftwork.”

The song is a humorous take on
jobs that are more mundane than
productive, backed by a
Caribbean
beat and bongo drums.

However, Chesney
departs from beach
songs and tracks about freedom
long enough to delve into provocative
topics with the song “Dancin’
for the Groceries,” a sorrowful
recording
about a woman who is supporting
her family as an exotic dancer.

“She wishes she could call and
say she loves them, but the boss man
says no calls go out or in,” he sings
as a forlorn guitar melds into the
light drum beats in the background.

“So she puts on a dress that might
feel pretty if she didn’t have to take
it off again — she’s dancin’ for the
groceries.”

This is one of a select few tracks
that show Chesney as an artist
who can address something beyond cocktails
and the waterfront and all the fun
that can be had.

Overall, “Just Who I Am: Poets &
Pirates” doesn’t have the sound
of progress for Chesney as an artist,
but rather an extension of previ-
ous albums. But for the most part,
it’s a fun listen and is the perfect
soundtrack for hitting the road with-
out a destination on a lazy afternoon.

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James Blunt
“All the Lost Souls”
4 out of 5 stars

Motion City Soundtrack
“Even if it Kills Me”
3 out of 5 stars

Twista
“Adrenaline Rush 2007”
3.5 out of 5 stars

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Football

When the defense forces a turnover and recovers the ball farther from the end zone, Hill said the offense’s job is to sustain a longer drive and keep SIU’s defense off the field.

“Don’t really do much whenever you get that turnover and you go three-and-out and they’re just right back in the same position,” Hill said. “But you’ve been doing a good job of capitalizing on those turnovers.”

To force the turnovers, Claeys said it is important for the defense to disguise its coverage and keep pressure on the other team’s quarterbacks.

“Two freshmen — linebacker Matt Speed and comebacker Korey Lindsey — had interceptions against Southern Utah, and Claeys said he’s working with both on their vision and ability to break on the ball.

Those kids are doing a great job on seeing where the quarterbacks’ throwing and breaking,” Claeys said. “It sounds kind of funny, but we tell them all the time, ‘There’s only one ball, and he’s got to keep to where he’s throwing the dang thing.’”

Gazdik

Gazdik will also work with the Dawg Pound — a group of student fans that comprise the student section at SIU sporting events. Gazdik said he hopes to expand the reach of the organization by modeling it after Xavier University’s student support group, dubbed X-treme Fans.

X-treme Fans is Xavier’s largest student organization with 950 members, Gazdik said, while the Dawg Pound has only 50 members. X-treme Fans is similar to the Dawg Pound in that its members attend athletic events and get priority over seats, Gazdik said. X-treme Fans, however, also holds fundraisers and giveaways — functions Gazdik said he would like to see the Dawg Pound begin to incorporate.

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“It is a great program and something I think, if the student body really knew about it and got behind it, would really be amazing,” Gazdik said. “I know with the support of the students that if we get out there and put the right program together, we will get there.”

Gazdik originally became involved with X-treme Fans as a freshman at Xavier. By the time he graduated, Gazdik was the group’s advisor.

“Savage said the relationship Gazdik had with X-treme Fans should help him abilities to market the Dawg Pound.

“We think we have the right individual because of his passion for student involvement,” Savage said.

Gazdik also listed creating a children’s club as another goal to attain at SIU. Similar to his experience at Xavier, Gazdik said he has organized the marketing for the Xavier Jr. Musketeers’ Club.

The club provided opportunities for local children to attend Musketeers’ athletic events.

Gazdik hopes to strengthen the popularity of SIU athletics as a whole, and said ESPN’s College Game Day broadcast of the SIU men’s basketball game against Creighton on Jan. 26 should help the entire university and not just the basketball program.

“You can’t trade that for anything in the world,” Gazdik said of the national publicity. “It is good to really help everyone here on campus realize we are a big-time program.”

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Gazdik hopes to bring in ‘X-treme’ ideas

Justin Stofferahn Daily Egyptian

Mark Gazdik hopes to sell a lot more Dawg Pound T-shirts this year.
Gazdik, 26, began his new position as SIU’s assistant athletic director of marketing Monday. For the past two years, Gazdik was the assistant director of marketing at Xavier University in Cincinnati. Before that, Gazdik was the assistant director of sports marketing at the University of Delaware for six months after serving as the marketing assistant at Xavier for three years.
Gazdik earned both his bachelor’s degree in sport management in 2002 and his master’s degree in sport administration in 2004 from Xavier.
Gazdik’s responsibilities at SIU will include marketing the university’s 18 intercollegiate athletic teams, selling corporate sponsorships and creating ticket sales plans, said Chet Savage, SIU’s associate athletic director.
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SIU already two takeaways from tying last season’s total

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Takeaways are the essence of teamwork for the Saluki football team.
In Saturday’s game at Southern Utah, SIU sophomore cornerback Brandon Williams forced a fumble on the second play of the game, and senior cornerback Craig Turner recovered the fumble and ran 19 yards to the Thunderbirds’ 7-yard line.
Junior running back Deji Karim ran for a touchdowns two plays later, and senior quarterback Nick Hill said the fumble recovery changed the game.
Through three games this season, the Salukis have forced 11 turnovers, recovering four fumbles and intercepting seven passes — as many picks as SIU had all season last year.
“We deferred the kick because we wanted to play the wind, and right off that we get the ball right at the beginning of the game and scored,” Hill said.
Defensive coordinator Tracy Clarys said he put stressing turnovers on the back-burner last season, and instead worried more about having new defensive players in the right spots.
“In the spring, we started emphasizing it a lot more, and we’ve been doing them every day,” Clarys said. “So fat, so good.”
Williams, a first-year starter at cornerback, has two interceptions this season, both of which came in the Salukis’ 34-31 win at Northern Illinois. Last season, no player on SIU had more than two interceptions.
The sophomore cornerback said forcing turnovers is all about picking up his offensive teammates.
“I feel like we’re just causing turnovers to help the offense to get into good position or to score or to do whatever,” Williams said. “That always charges me up when the defense can go out and help the offense.”
Hill said the offense has been capitalizing on the turnovers, such as when Karim scored the touchdown two plays after Turner recovered the fumble at Southern Utah.
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Men’s Golf
Salukis place second at JSU invitational

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It didn’t take long for Jordan Cox to leave his mark in the SIU record books.
Cox, a sophomore transfer student from Springfield College, led the SIU men’s golf team to a second place finish Tuesday at the Jackson State University Invitational in Tunica, Miss.
Cox’s third round score of 68 tied him for the best-three in SIU history. Cox finished first overall in the tournament after ending the final four under par with a four-round score of 212.
Head coach Lenox Newton said he was very pleased with Cox’s performance.
“He did an outstanding job,” Newton said. “He played good golf on a good golf course.”
As a team, the Salukis shot three under par 363, which was good enough for fifth all-time in SIU golf history.
Murphy State University ran away with the championship with a 14-under par, 851 combined score.
Junior Todd Oberguser chipped in with a 214 tournament score to tie for fourth place overall, while senior Matt Ellis finished tied for 12th with a 217.
Junior John Danilowicz, who finished 196th, with a 220, and sophomore Blake Driskell, who finished 222nd with a 221, rounded out scoring for the Salukis.
Newton said the team’s second place performance showed the team’s consistency and ability to stay grounded under pressure.
“Our boys didn’t try to get too far ahead of themselves,” Newton said.
The Salukis will head to Charlotte, Ohio, this weekend to participate in the Cleveland State Invitational. SIU will try to keep pace in what has been the team’s best start since the 2004-05 season when they finished third and third in the opening tournaments.
“We’ve been swinging the clubs really well. This is special group of boys. If we keep it up, we’ll do well the rest of the season,” Newton said.
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Heading into Week 3, it only seems practical to start any and all offensive players fortunate enough to play the Cleveland Browns.
The Bengals’ defense has thus far been atrocious, and teams are taking notice.
For crying out loud, even the Cleveland Browns whooped up on this sorry excuse for a defensive team.
Even then we had to look up the Cleveland quarterback’s first name — which is Derek Anderson — to find out who put up such gaudy numbers against what I thought was a decent team.
Anderson, who started the season as a back-up and basically a filler until Brady Quinn sitting on the bench, busted out against the Bengals’ secondary for 328 yards and five touchdowns. That’s eight, five. And he only threw one interception.
And it wasn’t just a secondary flaw either. Jamal Lewis, who has been out of his prime for some time now, posted 216 yards and a score against Cincinnati.
Which leads us to our point: Play any and all offensive players fortunate enough to play the Bengals.
The Bengals have games in Seattle, against New England, a bye week, against Kansas City and in New York to face the Jets. If you have anyone on these teams, prepare for a good week.
In two games this season, the Bengals’ defense has surrendered 434 offensive yards per game while allowing 35.5 points per game. With numbers such as these, offensive owners should be salivating at the opportunity for their players to face Cincinnati.
This week would be a good week to start — or add off the free agent list — Seattle’s Matt Hasselbeck and running back Shaun Alexander (a no-brainer). But more important, offensive owners can cash in on little-known or draftee Seattle receivers Bobby Engram or Deton Branch.
Elsewhere in the fantasy world, after two weeks of logging stellar fantasy numbers, Texas wide receiver Andre Johnson may have hit a roadblock. Johnson is listed as question-able for this week due to a sprained knee.
While Johnson is doubtful for this week, it’s a good time to re-notice the fine job Houston quarterback Matt Schaub is doing. This season, Schaub has thrown for more than 200 passing yards in each game and has thrown three touchdowns and one interception on the season.
Although Schaub is not considered a top ten fantasy signal-caller, he could be used wisely in the next few weeks.
Texas fans, who have gotten off to a surprisingly swell start, have a relatively easy schedule for the next month or so. After Denver, who isn’t an easy defense, the Texans will face Atlanta, Miami, Jacksonville and Tennessee. Not until Week 8 will they face another solid defense when they play San Diego.
Look for Johnson, Schaub and running back Ahman Green to all post pretty solid numbers until later in the season.