Poshard defends claims of weak leadership

TARA KULASH
Daily Egyptian

SIU President Glenn Poshard says accusations against his leadership are egregious.

After two board members questioned his position in the university system, Poshard held a press conference Tuesday to attempt to debunk the accusations, where he listed complaints against him from two board members.

Five days after the SIU Board of Trustees annual election when chairman Roger Herrin was voted out of his position 4 to 2, Herrin said he believed the removal was the direct doing of Poshard. Herrin was appointed to the board by Quinn in April 2011 and is known to have a close working relationship with the governor.

Trustee Don Lowery, one of the two who voted in favor of Herrin’s tenure, sided with Herrin and said he thinks Poshard should step down as president.

In response, Poshard read a statement from newly elected board chairman John Simmons, which stated Poshard has been one of the most democratic, open and transparent leaders the university has seen and has effectively managed the university’s budget, even in difficult financial times.

“To suggest these accomplishments should be undermined by reckless and false statements by some board members staggers the imagination,” it states.

“Dr. Poshard is being crucified today by two board members because he has dared to stand up to their threats of intimidation and bullying.”

In reference to the bullying, Poshard said Herrin repeatedly threatened board members that if they didn’t agree with his ideas, he would call Gov. Pat Quinn to take care of them. “That’s bullshit,” Herrin said in response after the press conference.

He said he thinks Poshard made up the statement to try to deflect the attention from his own flaws.

Poshard claimed the governor’s office even called board members to ask if they planned to vote for Herrin again as chairman. If members said they didn’t plan to, Poshard said, the governor’s office asked them to skip the election or risk being removed from their position.

Political analyst predicts Romney for Republican win

LAUREN DUNCAN
Daily Egyptian

It’s still too early to predict the 2012 presidential election, says political analyst Charlie Cook.

Cook, a leading election analyst who edits and publishes the Cook Political Report, spoke Monday at the SIU Student Center Auditorium on “Forecasting the 2012 Elections,” an event held by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. Although he said his forecast could change because of certain factors, including the route the winning Republican nominee takes to obtain independent votes, Cook said he predicts Mitt Romney will win the Republican presidential nomination.

“It’s over,” he said. “He’ll either make it across the finish line or fall over.”

Cook said Romney has picked up 49.65 percent of all the delegates in the election so far. While Romney needs about 51 percent of the remaining delegates in order to win, Cook said, it is still more likely for him to take those than for Rick Santorum to attain the additional 76 percent he needs.

While the numbers show the current frontrunner has a significantly higher chance of winning the nomination, Cook emphasized that the changing atmosphere of both the Republican party and the demand of its constituents has shaped the race and factor into its change.

David Yepsen, president of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, said most political observers would agree with Cook on the change in the Republican party and what it demands of its candidates.

“Both parties have drifted to the ends of the spectrum,” he said. “I think Charlie’s right in that this poses a problem for the Republican party, because you have good, active, well-meaning conservatives who want to nominate a good conservative candidate, and yet they have to be careful in doing that so they don’t turn off the voters in the middle who decide presidential elections.”

Cook said there have been three different candidates with strengths in the different areas, which is why the campaign has had such changes thus far.

Scott McClurg, a professor in the political science department who had Cook speak to his Campaigns and Elections class Monday, said he thinks one problem a lot of people have with Romney is his trustworthiness. Romney’s credibility, McClurg said, is questionable. However, that image may not matter when it comes to the Republican nomination, he said.

“All these other groups, all they can do is extend the process and frustrate the candidate; they can’t win on their own,” he said. “The people that are really making the decisions — the party elites, the funders — they made up their mind awhile back that Romney was their guy.”

While Cook joked that the 10 percent of Republicans who recently said in a poll they approve of Obama must not have been able to hear the question, McClurg said Cook’s emphasis that many Republicans are looking for a candidate just to beat Obama is one thing he doesn’t fully agree with.

“I’m not entirely convinced that just because these folks really hate Obama, that that’s going to be enough to keep them on board.” he said.

But whether the nominee can beat Obama is what the political analyst said is most unpredictable.

“The country is clearly thinking about getting a new president,” Yepsen said. “But the question is whether the Republicans can nominate somebody who can fill that role.”
The Weather Channel® 5-day weather forecast for Carbondale

**Today**
- 82°F
- 51°
- Isolated T-Storms
- 30% chance of precipitation
- P.M.
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- 30% chance of precipitation

**Thursday**
- 73°
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- Isolated T-Storms
- 30% chance of precipitation

**Friday**
- 80°
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- Isolated T-Storms
- 30% chance of precipitation
- Scattered T-Storms
- 50% chance of precipitation

**Saturday**
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- 52°
- Partly Cloudy
- 10% chance of precipitation

**Sunday**
- 79°
- 62°

About Us

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Upcoming Calendar Events

Student Alumni Council Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the Ohio Room in the Student Center.
- The council conducts service projects throughout the city of Carbondale, planning events for the campus and community.
- All are welcome to attend and do not have to be a member, but are encouraged to become a registered member after attending a meeting.

Maurice Johnson, a student from East St. Louis, was arrested Sunday for possession of cannabis at Neely Hall. Johnson was issued a Carbondale City pay by mail citation and released.

Non-student Kirk Douglas, of Chicago, was arrested Sunday for fighting at the SIU Arena. Douglas was issued a Carbondale City pay by mail citation and released.

Non-student Ryan Hare, of Chicago, was arrested Sunday at the SIU Arena for resisting/obstructing a police officer and was transported to the Jackson County Jail.

Non-student Tammy Solomon, of Herrin, was arrested Monday for illegal transportation of alcohol at East Grand Avenue and South Washington Street. Solomon was released on a personal recognizance bond.

Weather

**CITY**

Police responded Thursday to a burglary in the 400 block of East Jackson Street. The house was vacant when an unknown suspect entered between noon on the 22nd and 5:00 p.m. Thursday. The report is still under investigation.

Police responded to a burglary in the 300 block of East Hester Street, where an unknown suspect entered the residence and stole property between 8:00 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. on Friday. The investigation is ongoing.

Police responded to a hit and run Saturday in the 300 block of East Walnut Street. The vehicle that fled the scene was stolen from a parking lot in the 400 block of West Mill Street. Officers chased down and arrested Jayson Valliant-Ellis, who was charged with motor vehicle theft, residential burglary, criminal trespass to a residence and leaving the scene of a property damage accident. Valliant-Ellis was taken to Jackson County Jail.
FBI: Pa. man stole Microsoft co-founder's identity

RANDY PENNELL
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — An AWOL soldier's simple scheme to defraud one of the richest men in the world has landed him in federal custody, according to a criminal complaint.

In the complaint unsealed Monday, federal investigators allege Brandon Lee Price changed the address on a bank account held by billionaire Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, then had the defrauded money deposited into Allen's bank account and personal expenses.

Price called Citibank in January and changed the address on an account held by Allen from Seattle to Pittsburgh, then called back three days later to say he lost his debit card and asked for a new one to be sent to him, an FBI special agent wrote in the criminal complaint filed in February.

The card was used to attempt a $55,000 Western Union transaction and make a $658.81 payment on the Armed Forces Bank loan account the day it was activated, according to the complaint. Surveillance footage also captured him attempting purchases at a video game store and a dollar store, according to the FBI.

Investigators found Price was listed as Absent Without Leave from the Army and wanted as a deserter, authorities said in the complaint. He was arrested March 2 and ordered detained until April 2 unless the Army takes him into custody.

David Postman, a spokesman for Allen, said the fraud was detected by the bank, which notified law enforcement officials. The only transaction — out of four listed in the complaint totaling $159,608 — that apparently made it through was the loan payment, Postman said.

Randolph Pennell
SHARON WITTKEN
Daily Egyptian

Whether they gather microscopic bacteria from frozen lakes or study weather patterns through sound, scientists find the harsh conditions of Antarctica a conducive environment for research.

As part of the ongoing initiative “Antarctica - Imagined Geographies,” NASA scientist Claire Parkinson will speak at the Guyon Auditorium at 7 p.m. today. Her talk will be broadcast live on YouTube and in the Global Media Research Center about the challenges of reporting climate change.

Parkinson’s work has been instrumental in promoting conversation about climate change among policy makers and the public, said Peter Lemisch, visiting professor at the School of Journalism and coordinator for the symposium.

Scientists discussed their Antarctic experiences as part of the Southern Illinois University Carbondale College of Mass Communications and Media Arts multimedia collaboration, “Antarctica – Imagined Geographies,” which features events and exhibits through May 4.

A pioneer in the field of sonification, Andrea Polli has traveled to both polar regions, which she said are showing the effects of rapid climate change caused by global warming.

Polli, who is also an associate professor of art and ecology at the University of New Mexico, spoke Saturday about the influence extreme environments had on her work in sonification, which is the translation of scientific data into sound.

Polli said she collaborated with atmospheric scientists in Antarctica during her visit four years ago to produce her acoustic and visual work titled “Sonic Antarctica.”

She said the effects of human visitors on the fragile ecology of Antarctica prompts people to wonder why scientists need to be there at all.

“Why actually go there? Obviously, these are not places where everyone can or should go,” she said. “They’re experiencing major changes in the climate and the environment and humans obviously have a great impact on that.”

Travelers to Antarctica are cautioned about the need to keep the Antarctic pristine, said Laurie Achenbach, professor of microbiology and associate dean in the College of Science.

Achenbach said she visited Antarctica in 1998 and in 2000 to study the continent’s microbial bacteria in its permanently frozen lakes.

She said microorganisms living in Antarctic lakes are unlike those found anywhere else because of the extreme cold.

Madigan said the huge ship that resupplies McMurdo Station with all the supplies it needs to operate also carries out all the waste, and the United States provides the logistical support for most of the continent.

“Why was wisdom the Antarctic treaty,” he said. “The U.S. doesn’t put up with any monkey business down there. If you’re not into the rules, they just put you on a plane and kick you out.”

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Andrea Polli, a Mesa Del Sol Endowed Chair of Digital Media and Director of the Social Media Work Group at the University of New Mexico, speaks Saturday at the Guyon Auditorium about her research in Antarctica, where she used sonification to record the effects of climate change on the continent. While in Antarctica, she created a radio broadcast, live performance and a sound and visual installation.

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Transportation bill is an opportunity to rethink federal spending

JASON GRUMET & EMIL FRANKEL
McClatchy Tribune

A strong, modern and efficient transportation system is good for everyone in the United States regardless of politics, geography or profession. Almost every American uses the road and rail network paid for with the help of federal dollars.

Last year we logged 2.9 trillion vehicle miles on our roads, and in New York City alone, people boarded the subway 1.6 billion times.

That is why, for the last 50 years, paying for our transportation infrastructure has invariably been a bipartisan effort, with funding for roads, bridges and trains widely supported by both parties in both houses of Congress.

That tradition continued last week when the Senate overwhelmingly approved a $109 billion highway bill first drafted by Democrat Barbara Boxer and Republican James Inhofe. The two senators who in many ways symbolize the most conservative and most liberal wings of their respective parties struck a bipartisan compromise that's most rare these days.

So it was with great disappointment that we've watched the companion legislation in the House get bogged down in the partisan bickering that has stalled many good ideas and eroded the goodwill that sustains our system of government.

Instead of enlisting the Senate, the House transportation committee approved a bill on a party-line vote and House Republicans promised to tack on provisions to stop setting aside federal gasoline taxes for public transit and to expand offshore oil drilling. Those measures, designed to attract Republican votes, drove Democrats away. This approach broke the half-century precedent of working across the aisle to pay for our nation's transportation infrastructure.

The result was a partisan plan with no Democratic support whose price tag — $250 billion over five years — drove away too many Republicans to receive approval.

Some of the House's broad goals — eliminating duplicative and wasteful programs and creating long-term certainty in the transportation budget — are admirable and broadly embraced. Pursing these shared goals through a divisive process is unnecessary and unfortunate.

Few doubt that our nation's transportation infrastructure is in sore need of an upgrade. This critical national asset, which is essential to the success of every enterprise in this country, is not keeping up with our growing economy and population. At the same time, gas tax revenues are lagging in part because of the increased fuel efficiency of our vehicles.

The default response, to rely on general tax revenue, is unwise and unsustainable.

We believe there's a need for more investment in surface transportation, yet we also understand the very real need to cut the deficit and the debt. In the current political and economic climate, there's little apparent taste to increase the federal motor fuels taxes either in the Administration or in Congress. That leaves us with the inoperable to pay for the roads, bridges, trains and buses that we need while keeping costs at manageable levels.

We recognize that asking Congress to vote for a transportation program that would cut funding and shift spending, perhaps away from their own states and favored projects, is not simple.

The Bipartisan Policy Center has laid out a plan that meets these requirements. Our proposal, developed by former elected officials, transportation experts, and a diverse group of civic, labor, and business leaders ties transportation spending more closely to the revenues that are collected specifically for highways, transit and other transportation infrastructure. Lawmakers, if they are so inclined, can embrace it without continuing the partisan fight.

The basic premise of our plan is that Congress must define specific priorities for transportation funding and then the trust-fund money will go to meet those goals. BPC proposed five goals: economic growth; national connectivity; metropolitan accessibility; energy security and environmental protection; and safety.

Testing each spending proposal against these goals eliminates pet-projects that serve no national interest and cuts funding that goes to states simply to create an aura of fairness. The largest program that we eliminate is the Equity Bonus Program, which allocates more than $9 billion a year to projects not on their merit but on returning to states federal revenues raised within their borders.

In the current budget environment, there's no room for such programs.

In addition to eliminating programs and earmarks, the BPC proposal consolidates more than 100 surface transportation programs into 10. This simplification eliminates duplicative work and clarifies the goals of each program.

If implemented in 2013, the BPC proposal would align spending better with existing revenue, which today is about $40 billion a year, $14 billion less than is being spent on existing programs. The plan would allow more money to pour into much-needed transportation programs as funds become available.

The BPC believes the House would do well to adopt the current Senate plan, and could do better by improving on that bill with our bipartisan strategy. The worst result of the current debate would be to cut transportation funding without reforming the programs.

We recognize that asking Congress to vote for a transportation program that would cut funding and shift spending, perhaps away from their own states and favored projects, is not simple. The historic popularity of the surface transportation bill has come directly from the fact that it was concrete evidence of a lawmaker's ability to bring home federal dollars.

However, if our elected leaders want to show their constituents that they hold the national good over their parochial or partisan interests, working across party lines to reform the federal highway program would be a good place to start.

Submission

Letters and guest columns must be submitted with author’s contact information, preferably via email. Phone numbers are required to verify authorship, but will not be published. Letters are limited to 400 words and columns to 500 words. Students must include year and major. Faculty must include rank and department. Others include hometown. Submissions should be sent to opinion@dailyegyptian.com.

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Volunteers help repaint the Christian H. Moe Theater Monday in the Communications Building. The team was covering up white paint used in the student production of the play “Crave,” which ended Sunday. The set was made completely white by hanging fabric on the walls and painting the floor.
ACROSS
1. "Silk" Lisa
2. Group for Stonemusic demographic? (Abbr.)
3. Inactive Tool song?
4. Famous bassman who hates collars?
5. The Pogues’ ___ MacGowan
6. "What Hurts the ___" Eddie Clarke adjective
7. Roy Ayers “___forth”
8. "___ to the Other Side”
9. Famous bassman who hates collars?
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14. What town’s sound curfew has you on
15. "___ to the Other Side”
16. Famous bassman who hates collars?
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DOWN
1. Repeated word in Pink title
2. What “That Smell” was about?
3. Led Zeppelin “Stairway to Heaven”
4. Scottish folktronic band
5. “If You Can ___ ___ ..” Katya Perry
6. "Don’t Answer Me" Parsons
7. Happens in between tours
8. Down song that set a course (with “The”)
9. "Rock In ___"
10. Suspended Matchbox 20 song?
11. "Hedwig and the Angry ___"
12. "If You Could Only ___"
13. "___ the Sheriff"
14. "Top Pop’s West"
15. "Let It ___"
16. "What drumstick does, eventually"
17. "Far to Midland ‘With This ___"
18. "Sweet Love" Baker
19. "RE.M. ‘Michael"
20. "ABC song ‘Poison"
21. "What touring clock comes home to"
22. "What Lisa Ford will do to her ‘Eyes Forever’"
23. "What town’s sound curfew has you on"
24. "Try to fill all of them"
25. "92-year-old rocker, perhaps"
26. "What Bob Stinson of The Replacements got"
27. "Sober" band
28. "Boo!" alternative
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Tuesday’s Puzzle Answered:

Aries — Today is an 8 — The ball is in your court, and the shot’s wide open. Stay light on your feet, and repeat signals if they get garbled in translation. Play all out, and remember: It’s a game.

Taurus — Today is an 8 — Take every opportunity to share your love with your partner. Acesh cash flow. Seek professional advice regarding an area that’s got you stumped. Get a second opinion, even.

Gemini — Today is an 8 — Your partner fields an opportunity, which gives you time to think up new possibilities. Don’t take it for granted. Create something that will inspire.

Cancer — Today is an 8 — You’re dreaming of a place, a captivating destination. Is it your next vacation destination? A future study opportunity? Or a new job relocation? Consider it carefully.

Leo — Today is an 8 — Grab a chance for happiness. If you make a mess, clean it up. If you fail, try again (with some modifications). Avoid the avoidable errors, but enjoy who you are.

Virgo — Today is an 8 — One last check for costume, hair and makeup, and you’re on stage. Don’t have time for nerves, so stay in the moment, and say your lines. You’ve practiced. Relax.

Libra — Today is an 8 — Your community plays a strong role in today’s performance. Don’t be self-conscious. Give it all for the benefit of others. Their victories are your victories.

Scorpio — Today is an 8 — Get your ducks in a row. Pay attention to details and collect the earnings of your efforts. Think twice before spending your savings. Reward yourself with a party.

Sagittarius — Today is a 7 — Every little step moves you closer to your goal, even if you have to backtrack at times. Play well with others and you’ll have more fun. Notice small blessings.

Capricorn — Today is an 8 — Things clear up a bit and you can complete difficult projects now. You can save by doing the work yourself, but take care of your health. Rest.

Aquarius — Today is an 8 — Creativity is on the rise. Allow the right side of your brain to take over for a while and surprise yourself (and others). Romance follows you around.

Pisces — Today is an 8 — Telecommuting can provide new opportunities today. Listen to a family member for a new solution to an old problem. They can see something you can’t.
### Schedule

#### Week by week

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### Flailing

#### for football

Jeremy Brister, a junior from Maywood studying criminalology and criminal justice, jumps to catch a football Tuesday at Jean Stalle Field. Brister is part of the flag football course offered in the Kinesiology department. Class members spent their first day on the field reviewing rules, warming up and running drills.

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### MVC Player of the Week

**Tennis**

Taylor Orsburn, sophomore from Alto Pass studying sports administration: Orsburn helped the Salukis to a doubleheader sweep of Creighton Saturday and Sunday and the series victory, going 7-for-10 for the weekend. The first baseman had two doubles, five RBIs, seven runs scored and 14 total bases as she held a 1.400 slugging percentage and .769 on base per average. Orsburn has a .371 conference batting average.

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### Illini still focused on Groce, but deal not done

**CHAMPAIGN, ILL.**

Ohio’s John Groce appeared to still be the top choice Tuesday to take over the basketball program at Illinois, but two days after interest in the former Thad Matta assistant was reported the university said no deal has been reached.

But little or no news didn’t mean nothing happened in Illinois’ nearly three-week-old quest to find a replacement for Bruce Weber.

While news reports surfaced Tuesday and then were withdrawn that a news conference to announce a new coach was planned, former Illini player and ESPN analyst Stephen Bardo said turmoil at the university, such as last week’s resignation by President Michael Hogan, makes hiring a new coach a challenge.

And a university trustee — one of two who have said they’d like to see Illinois hire its first-ever black men’s head basketball coach — said that after worrying that the university had missed out on top-tier candidates, he’d suggested the school consider President Barack Obama’s brother-in-law, Oregon State coach Craig Robinson.
Basketball losses ripple through Athletic Department

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Illinois is in the midst of a severe budget crisis, and Saluki Athletics felt the crunch at a time when revenues from men's basketball were up to par.

"We've weathered probably the most perfect storm from a financial standpoint," said Mark Scally, chief financial officer for Saluki Athletics. "We've had to make some substantial cuts in the things we've done.

The most significant cut came March 1, when Athletic Director Mario Moccia terminated the contract of former coach Chris Lowery, but the cuts began before that. According to the department's financial records, SIU cut $1.6 million from expenses this year's budget to overcome an expected revenue loss of $674,453 from last year.

"We budget our money centrally, so basketball revenue helps support other sports," Scally said. "So when the revenue's down, the money's got to come from somewhere.

Men's basketball ticket sales accounted for 61 percent of SIU's overall ticket sales in 2011, and Scally said around 30 percent of the remaining money was from football ticket sales. The remainder came from volleyball, softball and women's basketball, the only other sports that sell tickets.

But sales have been down for both men's basketball and football in the fiscal year 2012. Men's basketball ticket sales accounted for $785,085 this season, a 37 percent decrease from how much they made the season following SIU's Sweet 16 run in 2007.

"Everything's easier when you have money," Scally said. "At our peak, we weren't faced with some of the statewide budget cuts and some of the other issues we've had."

Moccia is declining all interview requests until a new men's basketball coach is hired, but he said March 1 the decline in ticket sales and donations to the athletic scholarship fund was a large part of the decision to fire Lowery.

"If we're going to lose $300,000 worth of ticket sales, there's a point where we can't go any lower," Scally said. "It also spills into our sponsorship contracts. When you have a basketball game with decreased attendance, the value of the advertising that might be done is lower.

Scally said he expects a 50 percent decrease in royalties from 2011, even though money from sponsorships and advertising has gone up every year since 2007, when Saluki Athletics partnered with LearField Sports to handle their multimedia rights.

Scally said the department is doing several things to cut costs in the wake of declining ticket sales from men's basketball and football this season, such as going paperless with forms in the office and cutting down usage of university vehicles.

There was also a budgeted $500,000 cut into the amount the Athletic Department spends on scholarships for 2012, which Scally said was a rising cost because of tuition increases.

"There's been budget cuts all across campus, so at the same time some of the similar decreases that I've seen in ticket sales, I've seen in student fee income when enrollment's down," Scally said.

"So I wouldn't say that basketball is the only place where we're struggling." Scally said the revenue losses won't affect how the Athletic Department moves forward with projects such as Saluki Way and the new track facility. The student athletic fee went up 258 percent in six years to pay for both projects, Scally said, along with $3,571,740 in earmarked contributions, mostly for Saluki Way.

"Saluki Way hasn't really taken away any operational money from the other things that we're doing," Scally said.

The Athletic Department has beefed up its efforts to schedule away games at bigger schools for basketball and basketball in an effort to pull in more revenue, Scally said, because the bigger schools pay SIU more money to come to their stadiums.

Scally said there was no sweeter feeling than walking away Sept. 16, 2006, from a 35-28 win over Indiana University's football team with a $900,000 check from the school.

The Athletic Department's official numbers from the 2012 fiscal year won't be released until January, Scally said.

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Sources say Hinson will be the new men's basketball coach

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According to two anonymous sources with close ties to the athletic department, Barry Hinson will be the next head coach of Saluki men's basketball.

Athletic Director Mario Moccia said Tuesday he had no comment about the coaching search, while Associate Athletic Director Mark Scally said Tuesday morning that SIU expects to announce a decision in the next 24 to 36 hours, although he said the department wasn't ready to make an official announcement on the name of the head coach.

Media Services Director Tom Weber said Tuesday that the search is still ongoing and they can't comment on any specific candidates.

Hinson has been the Director of Basketball Operations at Kansas since May 2010. Before he took his current job, Hinson was the head coach at Missouri State from 1999 to 2006, but was fired after failing to make the NCAA tournament in his last three seasons. His current head coach record is 205-140.

During his tenure at Missouri State, the Bears had the highest academic progress rates in the Missouri Valley Conference, including his time as head coach of Oral Roberts from 1997 to 1999, 46 of Hinson's 48 players graduated, although another 18 left early.

On March 2, after Lowery was dismissed, Moccia cited player retention as one of the key reasons behind his firing. The team lost a school-record 23 games last season under Lowery, who still had two years left on a contract that paid $750,000 annually.

University of Kansas athletic department officials told the Daily Egyptian Tuesday that Hinson is still dedicated to helping Kansas in the Final Four in his administrative role.

SIU football player arrested

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Despite being indefinitely suspended from Saluki football, the investigation of Ronald Barnes continues in order to determine whether he will return to SIU in the fall.

Baines, a 20-year-old freshman cornersback from Voorhees, N.J., was arrested March 16 in Panama City Beach, Fla., and charged with two counts of each of kidnapping, attempted sexual battery and exposure of sexual organs.

Red Steve, university spokesman, said Baines is still enrolled in the university and that an investigation is ongoing to determine further action.

The SIU Athletic Department has since stated that Baines will be indefinitely suspended from the team.

Baines, who is studying sports administration, played in one game for the Salukis and is credited with one tackle. After his arrest, Baines did not appear on the Salukis' spring 2012 roster, according to SIU Media Services.

On the night of Baines' arrest, the Bay County Sheriff's Department issued a statement saying a female taxi driver claimed Baines fondled her and held her against her will in a convenience store restroom after she picked him up at a Panama City Beach hotel.

According to the statement, Baines followed the taxi driver after she fled the store, re-entering the cab while she tried to escape. The driver told police that Baines continued his lewd behavior until she was able to notify her boyfriend of the happenings via cell phone. Baines then fled the vehicle and was later picked up by police.

Further into the investigation, the Bay County Sheriff's Department revealed complaints from a hotel staff member, which later resulted in the additional charges of kidnapping, attempted sexual battery and exposure of sexual organs.

Baines was released on bond March 16.

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