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Grant to prevent broken bridges

Brandy Oxford  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bridge collapses could soon become a thing of the past.

The Federal Highway Administration's Intelligent Transportation Systems program recently awarded SIUC a $1 million grant to create and test Internet-based wireless sensor research to provide almost instant data about the structural soundness of bridges.

"We wanted to be able to put a sensor to measure the vital signs of the bridge so that we know whether the bridge is in good health, to a good service condition or has been deteriorating over time," said Mary Yen, director of SIUC's Materials Technology Center.

Yen said the sensors measure deformation, vibration, cracking and corrosion among other things, and researchers will use a database to gather that information to analyze these parameters to see what conditions the bridge is in.

University researchers currently have two bridges in mind. Yen said, "The first, which is on campus lake, will be used to test the new wireless data acquisition system. Yen said they would install sensors and lay a DSL line so they can obtain the data through the Internet to the offices. Yen said the university is required to put up a matching fund to the grant."

"This match is some in kind, some services, some with donations and some with realistic people participation doing the research together," Yen said.

Yen said he expects to have the second bridge identified within the next two to three months. The selection of this bridge will be based on the recommendation of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

"This bridge has not been 100 percent identified, but since we have similar types of bridges throughout southern Illinois, it won't be too difficult to find one," Yen said.

Yen said the Department of Transportation will do a structural repair of the bridge they choose and he plans to install sensors before and after repairs are made.

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Procedures to remain the same

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In response to scrutiny concerning the university's plan in case of a student death, administrators reviewed the protocol during emergency situations and determined they followed standard policy.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the Campus Life and Safety Team has reviewed theirs and other universities' emergency procedures and will continue to leave initial family contact up to the hospital or coroner if a student is found unconscious or dead on campus.

The procedural review began in early October, when Alex Booth, a sophomore from Quincy who studied mechanical engineering, was found unconscious in his Pierce Hall residence and later pronounced dead.

A Daily Egyptian reporter notified Becky Booth of her son's death about two hours after he was found.

Although the university's emergency call tree had not been updated in at least two semesters at the time of Booth's death, Dietz said it was an university policy, not the outdated phone list, that prevented them from contacting the family. The list was updated earlier this month, but the procedure will remain the same.

Dietz said his office contacted all the public universities in the state and they all said family notification is the responsibility of emergency personnel or the coroner.

"We don't see a reason to change our protocol that falls in line with what other places are doing," he said.

Natalia White, a senior from Chicago studying business management, said her family would probably try to sue the university if none of its administrators contacted them in the event of an emergency and SIUC shouldn't follow other schools. See PROCEDURES, Page 5

Greek Row may shut down by 2012

Fire sprinkler law, costs could cause closure

Madeleine Leroux  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Members of the Greek system are being asked to decide their future housing, situation at SIUC because the buildings in Greek Row were not originally designed to last as long as they have.

In 2004, Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed the Fire Sprinkler Dormitory Act, which requires dormitories at all public and private colleges and universities in Illinois to have fire sprinkler systems installed by Jan. 1, 2013.

Julie Payne Kirchmeier, director of university housing, said it would be too expensive to bring housing on Greek Row up to code and as a result, spring 2012 would be the last semester Greeks can reside on Greek Row.

The buildings in Greek Row were not originally designed to last as long as they have, Kirchmeier said, so to bring them up to code would involve renovations as well as new sprinklers. The increased price would be added to Greek students' rent, making it unaffordable.

Andy Morgan, coordinator of Greek Life, said right now the focus is to find out what students want and need from future Greek housing.

"We're kind of leaving it in the students' hands," Morgan said. "Right now we're just in a very exploratory stage."

See GREEK, Page 5

Fraternities and sororities will have to find a new home and won't be able to live in the buildings, such as Stein Hall above, in Greek Row. After spring 2012, the buildings will not be brought up to code leaving many to speculate where Greeks will reside after that semester.
**News**

**CALENDAR**

**Visiting Artist Lecture:**
Ted Grudowski
1:50-3:00 p.m. today at the Student Center, Activity Room II

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**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People**

Three die when bus traveling from Chicago to Las Vegas crashes

**LITTLETON, ROCK (AP)—** The in
dividuals of a passenger bus crashed, it was a rain-soaked highway in eastern Arkansas was hindered by a language bo
der between state police and the victims, who were primarily Hispanic, authorities said today.

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**National Association of Black Journalists hosts a resumé workshop**

1 p.m. today at the Communications Building, Room 1246

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**Black Women’s Roundtable**

7:30 p.m. Monday at the Student Center, Centria Room

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**Police Reports**

A domestic battery occurred at 4 p.m., Thursday at Evergreen Terrace. A suspect

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**Corrections**

In the Nov. 26 edition of the Daily Egyptian, the story titled “City Council reserves review requests at Tuesday's meeting” should have said the City Council will be running the meeting the same as a City Hall. It is a chance for the Council to meet in a public, surrounding. The story also said those who had proposed a senior living complex by Richland Development would only have independent living units. If you spot an error, please contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 253.

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**Weather**

Whether you want something fancy... Or not...

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**House Speaker backs off sales tax increase to fund mass transit**

CHICAGO (AP) — The political tug

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**Obama to his aides:**

the story before he reached Washington

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**CALCULATE**

The Real Meal Delivery Deal

Delivery

Drive through

Check out Monday’s D.E...
**Former residents scrutinize shelter**

Current residents and staff defend city’s only shelter, the Good Samaritan House

**David Lopez**

**DAILY EAGLE**

Since 1985, people finding themselves without a home or a meal have been allowed to visit Carbondale’s Good Samaritan House, the city’s only homeless shelter. Some residents at the shelter, however, have not been happy with their experience there.

Several ex-residents of the shelter said they have serious complaints about the shelter and its staff, ranging from wrongful eviction to harassment by the staff.

Shirley Miller, a former resident of the shelter, is now living with her son, Kenneth Taylor, in the Crown’s Mobile Home Park. Miller and Taylor both said they are treated unfairly during their separate times at the shelter.

“When you’re in there, they make you feel like you’re in a good place, you feel comfortable,” Miller said. “I got evicted from Good Samaritan and hear that name, I got sick in the pit of my stomach.”

Miller said she was evicted because she had a friend who needed somewhere to accommodate her wheelchair, and was told to leave because she was in the way. Taylor said he was evicted after an exchange of words with a staff member over the use of a telephone.

Taylor and Miller also said their food portions were inadequate sometimes consisting of a single hot dog.

Bobby Anderson, Staff Director at the Good Samaritan House, said the house would never evict someone for using a wheelchair, and that they had bad several wheelchair-bound residents who had stayed the full 14-day limit, and that residents who get evicted are in the minority.

“We get some people here, that if things aren’t the way they want, they get upset,” — Bobby Anderson, Staff Director at the Good Samaritan House.

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**Samuel Wesley Samples, a World War II and Korean War veteran, has been staying at the Good Samaritan House for two days. Samples, said he served during the Battle of Normandy, has been pleased with the shelter because it helps people who need food and a place to stay.**

Grubbs liked the shelter to a private residence, and said it is up to their discretion to ask someone to leave.

“It’s like if you have someone in your residence, and you ask someone to leave, and they refuse to leave you can call the Carbondale police,” Grubbs said. “We support the Good Samaritan House, and to have only one criminal complaint in a 12-month period speaks volumes about the work they do there.”

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**College tuition paid 18 years in advance**

Christian Holt

**DAILY EAGLE**

The last thing new parents are probably worrying about this holiday season is how much money it will cost them to send their babies to college in 18 years.

However, because of rising college tuition trends in past years, parents can expect to pay more than ever for their child’s college education. Luckily for new parents and parents with children in high-school, there is a way to save money when it comes to college costs.

College Illinois is an Illinois prepaid plan payment for future college students to build up savings and prevent spending a large sum of money at once.

The program is structured so the person purchasing the contract can buy as many as nine semesters at a university or four semesters at a community college. The person can choose to pay a lump sum as part of monthly payment and also whether he wants to make a down payment to make monthly payments lower.

Purchasers of the plan must pay an application fee of $89 for the first child and $85 for each additional child on the contract.

Also known as a 529 savings plan, Billie Jo Hamilton said the 30-year-old plan has various advantages, including tax-free benefits on the interest earned from the money put into the plan.

Hamilton, director of financial aid, said as long as the money is being used for educational purposes, the interest would not be considered taxable.

Hamilton also said she thought the plan was a good idea, as long as the family had the funds to support such an expensive fees.

“Assuming a family has the resources to do so. You are more beneficial than having to borrow money,” she said.

The College Illinois 2007-2008 calendar began Oct. 29 and ends for the general public until April 29. However, if the child is a newborn, this year’s rates are valid until Aug. 1.

According to collegeillinois.com, “College Illinois” covers in-state or in-district tuition and mandatory fees for the number of semesters purchased. Each semester is equal to 15 credit hours. Mandatory fees are those fees required as a condition of enrollment for all students. At the college level, the mandatory fee is $338 per semester.

Although the idea of the college savings plan may seem like a good idea, a bankrate.com, a Web site explaining 529 plans, claims it may not be as perfect as it seems.

Bankrate.com suggests people should invest in high-risk plans, may actually lose money due to annual fees. They do say that some of the programs will waive these fees, but the investor should make sure he will not be losing the money he invests.

People who purchase these contracts are also subject to termination fees if they have to cancel the contract for any reason.

For more information about the program visit www.collegeillinois.com.

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Bush, Mideast leaders voice their optimism about peace prospects

Anne Gearan

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush is joined by Iraq’s Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and other Mideast leaders Monday in signing the U.S.-Iraq Declaration of Principles for Friendship and Cooperation, at the White House in Washington.


WIRE REPORTS

CHAD

Chadian army claims it killed hundreds of rebels during battle

N’DJAMENA, Chad (AP) — Chadian soldiers killed several hundred rebels in fighting Monday in the central part of the country, the army said.

The battle at Abou Habouroune, about 60 miles east of the town of Abeche, left "several hundred (rebels) dead, several injured and several prisoners of war" in military custody, said Col. Aroumou, speaking from the general staff.

"The fighting lasted four hours and ended in the total and definite annihilation of this column," rebels, said the statement read on state radio and television by an unidentified official.

The soldier officials said also destroyed 50 rebel vehicles and captured another 40.

TEXAS

Police make tentative ID of 2-year-old found dead

Investigators said Monday they are "fairly confident" that a toddler whose body was washed ashore in a plastic storage bin was a girl whose remains were discovered in the accident after seeing a sketch of the child dubbed "Baby Grace."

The mother and stepfather of 2-year-old S.-backed measure was announced Monday he will leave the Senate at year’s end.

"I don’t know what the future will bring," he said. "This time, it’s different because we are going to have a lot of participation in what I hope will launch serious peace process negotiations between us and the Palestinians," Olmert said. He was referring to talks expected to begin in earnest after this week’s U.S.-hosted meetings.

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Olmert said he was pleased with the outcome of a meeting with the president of the Palestinian Authority, which stressed the need to address issues of Palestinian self-determination that have doved previous peace efforts.

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Wire Reports

Michael Kunzelman

PASADENA, Calif. — Michigan State Sen. Trent Lott will leave the Senate next year to pursue a political career in the state of Mississippi, he announced Monday in his retirement. Democrat John Stennis has been in the Senate since 1984, serving veteran Republican Senate colleague that retirement.

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Some of the houses have to be on-campus to be in existence.

— Keith Hopper
chair for town-Greek Council

If something happens to the student on university grounds, the university should immediately contact the family. Maybe they may not be able to give as many details, but they could refer to the hospital where they could get more information.

— Andy McColloough
second-year medical preparation student from New York

The Tornado Bus Lines bus, head-Quarters in Little Rock, Ark., was involved in a bus crash on a rain-soaked highway in eastern Arkansas. The bus was being driven by a licensed state police officer and the victim, who were predominantly Hispanic, authorities said Monday. Three people died in the late-night crash — a Mexican citizen and two Mexican children who were passengers, and the driver of the pickup truck the bus collided with. At least 19 others were hospitalized, including three children. Several were in serious or critical con-dition.

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The problem is not in the movie. I thought the same in 2006 when “The Da Vinci Code” was released, and have yet to meet anyone who stopped attending Sunday services because they saw a long-haired Tom Hanks search for the body of Mary Magdalene. I read all three of Pullman’s books this summer and thoroughly enjoyed the first installment. It seems many of the people opposed to the movie have not read the book. If they had, they would know the controversial themes are barely discussed at all in “The Golden Compass.”

In any case, “The Golden Compass” would not be the first movie released to children with themes that could be considered anti-Christian. In Disney’s “Heracles,” the young Hercules, spawn of an adulterous god, prays to Zeus, who happens to be his father. In “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” the antagonist Claude Frollo who lusts after Esmeralda is a judge, but in the book he is a priest. The Sultan in “Aladdin” constantly shouts “Praise Allah!”

And of course, there are all the issues with Harry Potter.

Ultimately, the movie is fiction, pure and simple. It’s based in a world in which the souls of the people are tangible and follow them around in animal form and can talk. There are talking polar bears with opposable thumbs and flying witches. Everyone travels by airship.

Just as I am sure no one was baptized after watching “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,” I would imagine no good Christian would denounce their church if they watch “The Golden Compass.”

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Faith and cinema

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As e-mails circulate and Facebook groups take life, it would seem the forecast for Dec. 7 this year could call for infamy. Most likely though, it will pass without notice.

Christian groups throughout the U.S. have been preparing for the release of “The Golden Compass,” a movie starring Nicole Kidman that will be in theaters next Friday. E-mails and Internet groups call for the boycotting of the movie because of its atheist themes.

People are particularly upset because the target audience for the film is younger children and pre-teens.

The movie is an adaptation of the bestselling and highly-acclaimed trilogy written by Philip Pullman. Pullman has been described as one of the most outspoken English atheists. He even admitted that his books try to undermine the status quo of Christianity; others have described them as a sort of antithesis to the “Chronicles of Narnia.”

While the idea of boycotting something one disagrees with is completely understandable and within the consumer rights of everyone, this seems like an odd battle to choose.

For example, in “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” the protagonist, Quasimodo, is a hunchback who is a leper because of his status, but in the movie he is a normal child. Moreover, the book is filled with themes that could be considered anti-Christian.

“For everyone who is thirsty, I will give them water to drink and their thirst will be relieved,” said Jesus in the Bible. 

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One hardcover English translation of Leo Tolstoy’s “War and Peace” has a list price of $37, weighs 3.8 pounds, and runs to a staggering 1,296 pages long. It is, in every sense of the word, a literal heavyweight.

But publishers are once again trying to make it easier to dive into such a long book. Past efforts to create widely popular electronic formats for books—the term of art is “e-books”—haven’t succeeded. Now those in the business of books are yet again experimenting with technology to lighten the load of readers on the go.

Amaron last week introduced the Kindle, a hundy 10.3-ounce paperback-size electronic tablet on which you can wirelessly download books, newspapers and magazines. Publishers are making deals that will allow you to download their books to your cell phone.

You might be tempted to scoff. Books on phones? Ridiculous. Even on a gloriously multiplexed smartphone, “War and Peace” is bound to feel, well, small, its epic breadth figuratively as well as literally shrunk.

Then again, so is much of our entertainment these days. We watch much of our movies not on big theater screens, but on home televisions. We consume music not at album length, but song by song, with all of our favorite artistsFront cover of the Daily Egyptian on Friday, November 23, 2007. (Daily Egyptian photo/Diana Sullivan)
Today's Birthday. This year is all about commitments, long-range goals and budgeting. Do it for little stuff, but also go after something really big.

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

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Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — A person who’s usually quite thrifty comes up with an outrageous scheme. Advise your friend it’s a money looser and keep your own money safe.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — Talk among your close family about recent frustrations. Don’t dwell long on that topic, though. It’s a waste of time.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Don’t travel until the job is done. Your trip will be ruined by the worry you won’t be able to pay your bills. Don’t risk your peace of mind.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — You want to go shopping, but should you? It’s possible that you can. First, scratch these frivolous items off your list. Next, lower your credit limits at home.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Be willing to give up on a scheme that might not have worked anyway. You’ll come up with more ideas, heed a skeptic’s wise considera- tions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — Decisions are definitely not going to work this time. The only thing that counts is results. Get busy and produce some.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — Conditions are great for romance on a limited budget. Just for fun, prove to yourselves that the best things are still free.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Today is a 6 — Comfort food is recommended. It’d do you good to settle into the lap of luxury, in your home sweet home. Or as close to that as you can get for change.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Don’t just dream about what might be, take assertive action. Do the research and learn how to build the life you want. The more you practice, the easier it gets.

Today’s Jumbles
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square. To form four ordinary words.

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VESOMI
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By Linda C. Black

Today’s Birthday. This year is all about commitments, long-range goals and budgeting. Do it for little stuff, but also go after something really big.

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 a 5 — Somebody’s hopes are going to be shattered. To make sure they aren’t yours, take precautionary measures. Only enter fights you can win.

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Super Mario stars again

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Super Mario Galaxy
Publisher: Nintendo
Developer: Nintendo
Platform: Wii
ESRB Rating: Everyone
Release Date: Nov. 12, 2007

History has proven that Mario games are both entertaining and entertaining. With the game's format is identical to "Super Mario 64" opened a whole new Mario experience, the Wii takes the 3-D world steps further while using the system's interactive play.

Mario shots into space for his latest adventure, but the game's format is identical to "Super Mario 64." Each "galaxy" consists of different levels while Mario collects power stars to advance. Like the other version, Mario doesn't have to beat every single level to beat the game, but there are several fun surprises along the way to make the game more interesting.

Aside from the excitement of playing levels upside down and collecting star bits, coins and other secrets, there's also the ever-present threat to the next, Mario can transform into a bee or a ghost and can shoot fireballs, freeze water or even fly, depending on what he picks up.

There is also a chance for a second player to join. While Luigi makes an appearance in the game, it's not expected to play — the second player only gets to aid Mario by collecting star bits and stopping rocks and enemies from moving. But as you're blasting through space or skating on ice, having a friend alongside helps tremendously.

If whizzing through the galaxy in search for his long-lost love, Princess Peach, isn't fun enough, gamers are challenged by certain 'comets' to beat levels in a different way: Sometimes the challenges are beating bosses without getting hit, sometimes Mario races his transparent double and other times the challenge is simply beating a level in a certain amount of time.

With the exception of very few games — Zelda, Metroid and downloadable old classics — Nintendo has just barely kept Wii owners' attention spans. Those who burned themselves out on "Super Mario 64" might not like the repeat levels — the quicksand temple, the butt-burning lava and the rabbit caves. The game's atmosphere brings a new excitement to an old challenge.

Those looking for difficulty might be a little disappointed. Beating the game is pretty easy. That's good for younger audiences, though maybe not so much for those looking for a long-lasting challenge.

But every Mario game holds surpises. There has to be a reward for collecting all the stars, not to mention little things here and there that make waiting to beat Bowser more rewarding, even if it is as simple as winning a penguin race.

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Dear Hollywood: Don't change the message

ALICIA WADE

Amidst a holiday trailer blitz featuring fighting polar bears, an icy Nicole Kidman and more talking animals than a Dr. Doolittle film, "The Golden Compass" has found an enemy — Christian groups.

Based on the novels in the "His Dark Materials" series penned by Philip Pullman, "The Golden Compass" is the first in a trilogy dealing with the concept of a authoritarian Church and its battle with a child who possesses a compass that reveals truth. Christian groups are protesting the perceived anti-religious message within the material.

It isn't the protesting that is offensive, since religion is obviously a touchy subject, but rather the fear that anti-religious themes will take the place of references to the Bible.

In the film version of "The Golden Compass," the Church is referenced as the "Magnstrian," and New Line confirmed to MTVNews that any religious references were related.

While it is clear filmmakers can't please everyone in the marketplace, a film, themes shouldn't be changed just to appease a perceived backlash.

People will still see the film if they want to, not because the Church was changed to the Magstrian.

Hollywood should honor its source material and protect the integrity of the original work and vision of the author. Of course some could make great movies with signs and tacks to stories, but if the editing causes the work to lose its original message, then it is distorting the composition of the author and disrespectful to his creativity.

"Compass" director Chris Weitz told MTV he has no intention of softening religious tones in the sequel to the film and should only be applauded for his decision. The single most valuable thing is that New Line didn't water anything down at all.

Audiences will choose what they want to see and whether it conforms with their beliefs. It shouldn't be Hollywood's call to change the themes from literature to get a couple songs back at the box office.

Protect the world's integrity, Hollywood, and fans of the text will flock to the theaters and thank you first.

Fire destroys Red Hot Chili Peppers' house

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MALIBU, Calif. — Flea isn't sure about living on Malibu, even though another house, the Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist owns in the coastal enclave was untouched by the flames, he said.

"I know he loves living there," he said. "I don't know where he was with this one. I don't know if he was looking for a bigger house, or even fly, the other house is a piece of paradise." He said he would build back a bigger house, if it is as complex and secure as his other home.

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Hill finishes sixth in Walter Payton Award balloting

NFL senior quarterback Nick Foles placed sixth in the 2017 Walter Payton Award early ballots, the Sports Network announced Monday.

Foles was one of 16 candidates for the award, which is given to the best player in the Football Championship Subdivision, formerly known as Division I-AA, each year.

Foles worked his way into the three finalists Monday, including quarterbacks Jayson Farner of Georgia Southern, Josh Johnson of San Diego and Eric Sanders of Chattanooga and No. 1 and Northern Iowa.

The three finalists will attend the annual Sports Network awards dinner at the Chattanooga Marriott during the championship game Dec. 13, where the winner will be announced.

Last season, former SIU running back Arkeel Newsome placed third in the balloting.

Foles has thrown for 2,853 yards and 25 touchdowns with only four interceptions. He has rushed for four touchdowns and 281 yards.

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advance past the second round for the first time since the 1983 National Championship season.

"I was a very tough, difficult human being for everybody in that building, and I’m not letting up any," Kill said. "We’re going to work our butts off to get to the next one."Fetchki for the game is set for 2:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Senior linebacker Trevor Moe said the team has consistently improved week to week in practice, and showed it on the field Saturday with the focus being third down stops.

"They want to run the ball, and you’re going to have four or five yards on the first two plays and they’ll have to pass it. That’s not what they want to do," Moe said.

Foles’s defense was also boosted by the return of two sophomore starlets in the secondary.

Cornerback Brandon Williams and safety Marty Rodgers both returned to action Saturday after missing time with injuries. Rodgers recorded nine tackles against the Panthers while Williams notched 1.5 tackles for loss, including half-a-sack.

"They’re fresh-legged," Kill said. "They’ve been out for two to three weeks so their legs are ready to go. So that’s not all bad sometimes."

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Folkner said the young athletes of Southern California were able to take away what the Salukis traditionally get success in, and the team was unable to hinder much of what the Trojans do on offense.

"That’s what you want as a program. You want people to counteract what we try to do," Folkner said. "You want that respect, but you also have to give that respect. You can’t just lay down."

Folkner’s efforts in the tournament, where he averaged 20.3 points and 7.3 rebounds in three games, earned him a spot on the All-Tournament team alongside the freshman Mayos, who was named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player.

Lowery said Folkner’s effort amid the double-teams showed his poise, but the failure of the guards to hit or even take the open looks that kind of attention afforded them hurt the team immensely.

"Somebody was always open. That’s what was so disappointing," Lowery said.

The defeat dropped the Salukis four spots to No. 22 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and a loss of 22 votes to fall out of the Top 25 in The Associated Press Poll. The win catapulted formerly unrated Southern California to No. 22 in The AP Poll and No. 24 in the Coaches Poll.

The Salukis next opponent, Indiana, also dropped in Monday’s national polls after Xavier handed the team its first loss of the season Saturday.

The Salukis need to take the early season loss as a lesson, Lowery said, and will be motivated by their passionate body language and lack of effort when they watch film of the game as they prepare to face another high-powered offensive team Saturday as the No. 15 Hoosiers visit the SIU Arena.

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**Younger team earns accolades**

Underclassmen expected to improve program's future

**Megan Krampus**

Daily Egyptian

While the SIU volleyball team did not feature any seniors in its starting lineup this year and managed to help make the future of the program look a little brighter, coach Brenda Waskerly’s young team earned accolades.

Sophomore middle blocker Chandra Robinson was named second-team All-Missouri Valley Conference and redshirt freshman Jennifer Berwanger was named to the Freshman All-MVC team after the Salukis (15-16, 7-12) made their first trip to the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament since 2002.

Roberson recorded 273 kills and 105 assists per game throughout the season and was raised into eighth place all-time at SIU in career block assists with 98 in only her second season. Berwanger, meanwhile, recorded 34.4 digs and 25.7 kills per game on the way to her honors.

Though the team lost in the first round to Creighton, Winkler said the individual accomplishments help point the Salukis in the right direction for the years to come.

“We feel really good about the future,” Winkler said.

Roberson said she was honored to receive the award and it showed how hard she worked to improve her game this season.

Last season, only one Saluki — outside hitter Jazmine Young — was named to the All-MVC team.

Roberson said she learned a lot from Young, who graduated after Roberson’s freshman season in 2006. After her first year of playing together, Roberson said she hopes she can mirror the former star’s success on the court.

Junior right side Kristie Berwanger also received awards as she was named to the MVC All-Scholar team and the All-Tournament team.

Kristie Berwanger is a fashion design merchandising major and holds a 4.0 grade-point average — a positive experience for the Salukis.

After posting its best record since Winkler became head coach four seasons ago, the Salukis will return all six starters next season.

**SIU defense suffocates Panthers**

Needs to do similar against UMass’ powerful offense

**Scott Miszalek**

Daily Egyptian

SIU head football coach Jerry Kill said the Saluki defense did nothing out of the ordinary during its first round domination in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs. The fourth-ranked Salukis (13-1), held Eastern Illinois to 179 total yards in a 30-11 first-round playoff win.

Before the game, the Panthers averaged 311.3 points and 403.7 yards per game.

Eastern Illinois managed 113 passing yards and 66 rushing yards, and assistant coach Roc Bellantoni said the Salukis were stacking the box for the run and during the Panthers to throw the ball.

But not being able to run or pass successfully backed Eastern Illinois (8-4) into a corner it couldn’t escape from.

“When you can’t get your running game going, it’s hard to set up any play action,” Bellantoni said. “That’s not going to suck anybody up and then open up some seams behind the linemen because that hurt us.”

Kill said it all came down to how hard the Salukis wanted to work.

“All teams this time of year, you are what you are,” Kill said. “You’re not going to change.” You’re going to do what you do best, and then you’re going to try to take tendencies away.”

Kill said SIU will need to prepare similarly for its quarterfinal opponent Massachusetts (10-2), which also averaged just more than 31 points per game during the season.

The Minutemans, as well, feature frontcourt from all three skill positions. Running back Matt Lawrence has ranked for 1,473 yards and 16 touchdowns this season, while wide receiver Liam Coen has thrown for 2,670 yards and 27 touchdowns.

“Defending running corps represents even more problems. J.J. Moore, the Minutemans’ leading receiver with 73 receptions for 1,056 yards and five touchdowns, is just one of three receivers who has scored more than five touchdowns this season.”

Kill said the coaching staff began preparing for the Minutemans as soon as the Eastern Illinois game was decided, and will need to work to

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**SIU men’s basketball**

Salukis fall in polls

Blowout loss disrupts national ranking

**Sean McGahan**

Daily Egyptian

SIU men’s basketball coach Chris Lowery said he blamed himself for his team’s uncharacteristic performance in the worst loss of his career as a head coach.

After the Salukis (3-1) fell to Southern California 70-45 — the largest margins of defeat in eight seasons — Sunday, the team recognized nationally for its ferocious defense experienced a backslide in national polls.

SIU dropped four spots in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and fell completely out of The Associated Press Top 25 Poll.

Lowery said the team was too passive on offense and backed the intensity on defense to make up for it, something he said was a result of poor preparation on his part.

“Wasn’t magically happen,” Lowery said in a postgame radio interview. “We acted like it was going to magically happen for us instead of fighting for it.”

Lowery credited USC (5-1) for its comprehensive gameplan that centered on suffocating SIU’s leading scorer Randy Falker with double teams inside and forcing other players to shoot from the perimeter, where they finished with a season-low 5-20 mark from long-range.

Falker, a senior forward, did not relent despite the pressure, leading the team with 17 points and 11 rebounds, but failed to adjust on the defensive end as the Trojans outscored the Salukis 26-12 in the painted area.

On the defensive end, SIU allowed a season-high 70 points and 39.5 field goal percentage from its opponent, many of which resulted from a failure to get back on defense to combat the Trojans’ high-powered transition game.

“That’s almost unheard of,” Falker said in a radio interview. “Our ‘D’ wasn’t what it needed to be.”

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**Volleyball**

Senior guard Tyrone Green jumps over the back of an NIU player during the Salukis’ Nov. 17 win over the Huskies. SIU has a 3-1 record after winning its first three contests convincingly and getting blown out by Southern California Sunday.

Falker was the only double-digit scorer for the Salukis, whose usually proficient bench was held to just seven points with a basket a piece by guards Josh Boone and Brandon Wood and forward Carlton Faj.

The Trojan bench featured three of its four leading scorers, with freshmen O.J. Mayo and Davon Jefferson and sophomore Taji Gibson finishing in double digits.

Mayo and Gibson started in the team’s first games, but were benched at the tip-off in a late decision by coach Tim Plow. Both entered the game with their team trailing 10-6 and finished the half with a 29-13 run.

Gibson especially added SIU in the paint, as many of his 10 points and nine rebounds came off of second-chance looks earned by attacking the glass.

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Junior defensive end James Cloud dives for a sack of Eastern Illinois quarterback Boiede Reeder during Saturday’s first round playoff victory. The stout Saluki defense held the Patterned Panthers offense more than 20 points below its season scoring average, opening the way to a 30-11 victory.

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**Randal Falker**

Senior forward

Awards: First-team (3 games)

– 8.3 points per game

– 4 rebounds per game

– 4.3 assists per game

– 36.0 minutes

– 20-for-32 (.625) from field

– 11-for-15 (.733) from the free-throw line

– 10-for-16 (.625) from the lane

**Junior guard Chandra Robinson**

– 263 kills

– 105 assists

– 28 blocks

– 86 digs

– 2.0 service aces

**Jennifer Berwanger**

– 266 kills

– 146 assists

– 204 digs

– 40 blocks

– 39 aces per game