Robert Hampton says he knows from personal experience what it means to be second in command at a university.

Hampton, a professor of social work and sociology and former provost/executive vice president at Tennessee State University, is one of the finalists for the SIUC provost and senior vice chancellor position. A position currently held by Don Rice, Hampton was the first of four finalists to participate in the open forum, as his was held Monday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium.

Before applying for the position, Hampton served as provost at TSU for two years before he was demoted back to professor of social work and sociology. He initially told The Daily Egyptian the reassignment was a "joint decision" between he and the president, but in a later interview, said he disagrees with the president's decision.

Hampton joined the administration at TSU in 2006 in the middle of an enrollment decline, which was down from the university's all-time high of 9,100 students in 2004 to 8,800 students in 2009, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. The president's decision to reassign Hampton was due to the school's poor enrollment numbers, which did not improve in his two years as provost, Hampton said.

Hampton said he was in charge of the school's enrollment management office and academic support, making him accountable for what was going wrong. He said he was "taken aback" by the president's course of action.

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As Illinois' Hispanic student population grows, the university must find ways to market itself to Hispanic students and make them feel more at home in Carbondale, says Luis Camargo, president of the Student Council.

Hispanic students make up 43 percent of SIUC's student population, but that number is expected to grow, according to projections from the U.S. Census Bureau. By 2020 Illinois will have the fifth-highest Hispanic population in the country, the bureau projects. Additionally, the bureau projects the nation's Hispanic student population will grow 166 percent by 2050, while the number of non-Hispanic students will increase 4 percent.

Data from the Pew Hispanic Center, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, has Illinois as one of the six states that combined to educate 70 percent of the nation's Hispanic students in 2007-08. John Nicklow, interim assistant provost for enrollment management, said the growing Hispanic demographic is something the university must watch closely and respond to accordingly.

SIUC's Chicago recruiters are already working on ways to get more Hispanic students to the university by visiting schools with high Hispanic populations and visiting Hispanic-graced community organizations and clubs, Nicklow said. He also said he maintains relationships with Hispanic community leaders.

"We want to make sure we're accessible," Nicklow said.

Camargo, a senior from Chicago studying aviation, said because most of SIUC's 966 Hispanic students come from the Chicago area, they often lose touch with their families while living in Carbondale and that may lead them to return before finishing their degrees.

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Our mission is to provide a better sense of self-identity to Hispanic students.

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Like other student groups, Hispanic students have unique needs and there aren't very many resources on campus right now to accommodate those needs, Nicklow said. He said SIUC's University College, a proposed support structure for first- and second-year students that's still in the development stages, will help better meet the needs of Hispanic, African-American and other student groups.

Camargo said he recently met with Chancellor Rita Cheng, who shared ideas with him for SIU to better market itself to Hispanic students, he said.

One such idea near completion is the Hispanic Resource Center in Woody Hall, said Linda McCabe Smith, SIUC's associate chancellor of institutional diversity.

The university has been trying to get a coordinator for the center for more than a year, Smith said, but it could have one within weeks. The center is funded with money from the state that will provide more resources for Hispanic students and gives them a better sense of self-identity, she added.
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- Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Pulham Hall room 204.
- $30 per participant.
- Developed specifically for Baby Boomers who are considering retirement or have recently retired.
- It will open new doors for volunteering, education, travel and second careers.
- Call 536-7751 for more info.

Dr. Holly Hurlburt Presentation: Sigma Tau Delta Lecture Series

- 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Nov. 11, in the Saline Room of the Student Center.
- Free, open to the public.
- Dr. Hurfturb, department of history, will discuss her research.
- Call 536-6818 for more info.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show

- Midnight, Oct. 29 and 30.
- In Student Center Ballroom.
- General admission $4, students with ID $3.
- Free, open to the public.
- For more info, please visit www specfm.com or call 536-3393.

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CHRISTINA SPARKUSKY  
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New poll shows more in favor ofhigher income tax

More Illinois voters support an increased income tax as a way to combat the state deficit than in years past, a poll released Monday by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute found.

The poll shows the most popular option of increasing revenue is raising the income tax, with support at 40.9 percent, an increase of 8.8 percentage points from 2009. Opposition declined by 9.3 percent.

The poll, conducted from Sept. 10 to Oct. 10, surveyed 1,000 Illinois residents likely to vote in the November elections and has a margin of error of 3 percentage points. said David Yepsen, director of the Institute.

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Erenzo Tomas, 44, owns and operates Aula Camilla Mexican Grocers on East Jackson Street. Tomas, who has lived in Carbondale for 23 years, is originally from the Mexican province of Michoacan. He said one of the main problems facing Hispanic families in the U.S. today is that parents work so much to provide for their families that they don’t have time to study English and adjust to the culture.

Tomas said the university’s Hispanic students need to take advantage of the opportunities presented to them in the U.S.

“They’re parents possibly came to do fieldwork to work in factories, so they can’t stop working to maintain and give (their children) food and pay for college,” Tomas said. “So (students) must take advantage of the opportunities that they couldn’t have in Mexico.”

Students from that type of working-class background need more financial aid available to them, Tomas said.

“We have the kids that are in the middle who don’t have a lot of support from the government,” he said.

With a chancellor who has experience in Milwaukee dealing with a large Hispanic student population, Tomas said he’s optimistic the university will increase its appeal to Hispanics in the future.

Nickles said diversity is a necessity for any well-respected university, as it better prepares its students for their careers.

“I often tell my engineering students, ‘When you graduate, you’re going to be serving a clientele that is far more diverse and if you all look the same and speak the same and believe the same, there’s no new ideas,’ Nickles said.

“It’s important to be as diverse as our communities and our world and as that changes we need to change.”

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Report: Questioned Marion VA has shown improvement

JIM SUHR
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS -- A southern Illinois Veterans Affairs hospital has made "substantial improvement" in quality control since major surgeries were suspended more than three years ago in the wake of several patient deaths, a VA inspector general's report has concluded.

But the findings, based on an unannounced, three-day inspection of the Marion VA in August, criticized the medical center's procedures -- not actual quality of care -- and came with no recommendations, still "leaving unclear when major surgeries could resume," the report said.

A phone message left Monday with the national VA system was not immediately returned. Peggy Williams, a spokeswoman for the Marion VA, said she would look into whether the VA could comment about the latest inspector general's report or any timeline on when key surgeries may return to the site.

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Our Word

University should not repeat provost past

Although the Daily Egyptian understands the university lack of appeal to highly qualified potential provost candidates, we question a selection process that pushes forward a man who has repeatedly failed in similar positions elsewhere.

President telling Robert Harbour two short weeks in provost-like position, coupled with the fuzzy details about why he left and/or was removed from those posts, make us question the 11-person search committee that allowed him to become a finalist in the provost search. This is especially unnerving when we look at the university's history of going through previous like children with good Halloween candy.

So, where is that invisible provost buffer taffy candidate who will still be around at Christmas?

New York newspapers reported Hampton was asked to step down from his position as president of York College in New York after less than two years based on concerns a sleep disorder was affecting his job performance. He was "assigned" to his previous, lower-level position at Tennessee State after two years as provost/executive vice president and chief operating officer following a security breach in his position but he continued unreported enrollment numbers at the underlying reason. In his defense, Tennessee State struggled with recruitment and retention before he assumed the position.

If that sounds familiar, it's because SIUC also struggles with recruitment and retention. Other parallels include retaining former Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Victoria Valle after she failed to properly perform in her position and when Hampton followed his established pattern, would be known yet another highly paid administrator with an obscure title and correlated job description.

Candidate Gary Minis, former Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, held the bulk of his previous positions for two to four years on average, so we could easily ask all the same question above him. Minis, at least, offers a far less questionable character, simply retiring from previous positions such as the position of dean after more than five years. Although he offers no experience in provost or higher-level administrative positions, he has a detailed plan to show how he increased enrollment both here in the college of Agricultural Sciences and at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

So Minis has a viable sitting point to make his position as a finalist believable. However, if Hampton couldn't fit that role, then Minis can only honestly face his previous positions, how did he convince the 11-person committee he could fill SIUC?

Considering the university's high turnover of provosts and chancellor, we wonder what the committees continue to do wrong and if there is a better way to choose administrators.

We would hope money is not a factor; especially considering the overpaid administrators and coaches employed by the university. The provost holds every university academic department and the university's next provost will also be hired to the chancellor.

Such a position should carry with it a certain level of prestige making it desirable to potential candidates. Then again, how many successful provosts go administration? These men would want to be associated with SIUC's enrollment problems and questionable ethical leadership, known for plagiarism, bureaucratic accretions and lying about military records? SIUC's recruitment and retention problems extend far beyond its students. Finalists like Robert Hampton would only further those problems.

For information about the four finalists, visit http://voicesdailyEgyptian.com/ October101413/tgs41013.html

Guest Column

Prominent activists, journalists illustrate our responsibility

James Anderson

graduate Student in mass communication and media arts

On Oct. 8, the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to jailed dissident Liu Xiaobo, who is serving an 11-year sentence for calling on the Chinese government to recognize human rights and institute political reform.

Following the death of another journalist in Iran, Mexico's El Dia newspaper, "El Diario" printed a front-page editorial Sept. 19 pleading with drug cartels to end the violence against reporters begging in its headline, "What do you want from us?"

Although there are notable barbers in the United States to voicing dissent and reporting the truth when it involves powerful interests, our society is generally more permissive of those essentially democratic acts. Intellectuals in this country typically have more freedom of speech. They're still less likely to get shot or get locked up for speaking out and offering meaningful criticism of leadership.

Yet, for all our greater freedoms we have been doing a less admirable job. Let's call it a spade. Spade we've been doing a terrible job.

This admission of guilt is not just my public mea culpa. More than 40 years ago, academic disciplines and newspapers, El Dia wrote in an essay, "The Responsibility of Intellectuals," that criticized his colleagues for their craven servility to power. Today, I wish to assume culpability myself and reiterate the importance of Chomsky's assertion for a new generation of American academics and journalists.

I wish to do this courageously because we are in grave default of our duties. That is not to disparage the phenominal work that has been and is consistently carried out by researchers and reporters alike. There are brave journalists with incredible integrity that take incredible risks every day. Similarly, there are dedicated academicians that devote their entire lives to tirelessly studying and educating in efforts to promote positive change.

Many have made incredible societal contributions that should be applauded. All of that is admirable, but by and large, those endeavors remain within approved walls of state discourse. We continue to display an unacceptable amount of discipline that does far too little to stop a top to exploitation and gross human rights violations.

In his 1967 essay, Chomsky said, "It is the responsibility of intellectuals to speak the truth and to expose lies." Those of us in relative positions of power and privilege have a special moral obligation to do just that. In "Spiderman," Peter Parker's grandpa, said something when he and "With great power comes great responsibility." Granted, most of us can't go sleuthing webs and climbing walls, but we do have something in common with Spiderman. We have acquired the ability to defend ourselves. We're capable of intellectual self-defense, and should one to empow-er others and counter the massive misinformation campaigns serving a repressive status quo.

Unlike Spiderman we're not likely to be imprisoned for doing so, nor are we likely to have our brains blown out by vicious drug cartels like reporters in Chudios, Japan, but don't espouse the greater safety and autonomy we enjoy with American benevolence. That is precisely the sort of mentality that underlines democracy. Don't confuse re-establishment of the citizens of others in line with acceptable mainstream narratives as courageous examples of speaking truth to power. It isn't.

Rather, if there are irrevocable atrocities and injustices perpetuated by U.S. corporate states power, our failure to present facts and analysis re-creating the morally reprehensible acts which we have the greatest chance of ending is more compelingly cowardly, conformity and complicity with the same crimes against humanity than anything else.

It is difficult to work within and around severe time and structural constraints to do what's right. It entails overcomimg enormous ideological impediments. Take this for what it worth the facts are products of human construction; hence, they can be deconstructed by humans, but only if we choose to take advantage of critical factors and use opportunist interac- tives to voice opposition to what we know is wrong. Includdly its position will be unfavorable, ignored or met with extreme vitriol. It is necessary, though, and our responsibility.

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FEATURE

HOME MOVIE DAY HELPS TO PRESERVE MEMORIES

Julie Mosbo, right, a Monis Library preservation librarian, checks the condition of home movies brought in Saturday by Roger Poppen in the lower level of Monis Library. Saturday was Home Movie Day, a day dedicated to the worldwide celebration of amateur films, according to its website. Mosbo, the organizer of the local event, said it was important to celebrate family memories as well as to educate people on proper care of home movies. "One of the main reasons I thought it was important to do a Home Movie Day was to emphasize preserving home movies," Mosbo said. She said in some cases films are left in attics or basements, which can damage if not destroy them. Beyond education, however, Mosbo said the nostalgia is important as well. "It's fun to see things that you haven't seen before and see people who may not be around and remember good times," she said. "It's really a nostalgic thing. It's memories, and people like memories." IMAGE CREDIT: ISSAC SMITH

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Robert Hampton says his predecessor, Della Sakerham, was right to state that change is inevitable. "We can choose to be victimized by change, or we can choose to develop a vision that will allow us to manage change in a productive way," he said.

Hampton, a professor of sociology and social work at Tennessee State University, was the first of four finalists for the SIUC provost and senior vice chancellor position to tour campus and hold an open forum. More than 60 staff and faculty attended the forum Monday in the Student Center Auditorium, as Hampton explained his plans for the university if he were to take over as provost.

He said during the presentation he looked forward to coming to a university which held its research in such esteem.

"I hope Rita Cheng, the president that exists on campus, the realization that this institution is a strong one, with a strong historical legacy, something that will last much longer in the future," Hampton said. "Clearly part of the mantra for the next provost is to make sure that future stays bright."

He used his "deprecating humor" to discuss the need for SIUC to keep up its academic standards and the need for diversity among students and staff, as well as a need to recruit students and retain them until they graduate.

"For me, degree completion is the No. 1 priority we need to have here on campus," Hampton said.

A recent report by the American Institute of Research showed SIUC had one of the lowest first-year retention rates of the 12 public state universities at 70 percent, Only Chicago State University at 55 percent, Northeastern Illinois University at 64 percent and University of Illinois at Springfield at 67 percent had lower retention rates. 

"In response to a question from David Yepsen, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Hampton said he did not want SIUC to get the idea they had to compete against elite universities for students. He said they needed to make the best out of the students who do attend.

"The challenge is to take the university and the students and make it competitive against the best and the brightest across the state," he said.

"Enrollment at SIUC has dropped every year since 2005, with a total loss of 1,401 students in the past five years. Enrollment peaked in 1991 at 24,869, but has seen a steady decrease during the past two decades.

Yepsen asked after the meeting it was still too early for him to develop an opinion on Hampton, but he said Hampton handled himself well during the presentation, especially during the question and answer session.

"He was very impressed with the way Hampton presented himself and it was a good sign of the potential of the other provost candidates," Yepsen said.

"It was a hopeful sign if the search committee can give us someone of such quality right out of the gate," he said.

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CPR switch: Chest presses first, then breaths

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The Associated Press

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Crossword

ACROSS
1. With 75-Across, when you might find the start of 20, 23, 48, 53, 54, 58, 59
2. AE, as stones
3. "This doesn't look good" 11
4. Sleep problem
5. Fast food
6. Best Musical, award say 7
7. Almost full
8. Tarzan-copy 9
9. Ignite
10. Guy on a skateboard
11. Country in which Toms were created
12. Work hard
13. Somnolence
14. Droll,地说
15. Portfolio assist.
16. Attacked named for its elements
17. Feature of much of Bach's music
18. Mitis with plasm
19. Stomach's partner
20. Song sheet
21. 3 On Long John Silver
22. Speaking spot
23. Notable period
24. Meadow
25. Best Prefix
26. Genius helper
27. Advertising, as a fluid
28. Symbolic but inconsequential act
29. Unhanded
30. Europe, to muscians
31. Often unattainable perfection
32. Pre-Easter period
33. Backpack needs
34. 23 Words
35. At the top of 26
36. 3 Words
37. End of SAT
38. Horror film street
39. Tues., in bars
40. Inside, in sports
41. Don't think so
42. Running by
43. Ongoing/Deepest complaint
44. 34 Words
45. Dog
46. Jill ivawer
47. M. Marcel
48. Duckamps, a plume
49. Put It In (Vive band since the 70s)
50. Like droplets
51. 8 Demoted planet
52. Japanese fish
53. The Beechnut brand
54. Husk, grasses are often fried in it
55. Running by
56. Control
57. Turkey neighbor
58. Part of SAT
59. Clarinet cousin
60. M.P.M. (band since the 80s)
61. Hushpuppies
62. 55 Words
63. The most common words
64. One letter to each square, unscramble these four Jumbles.
65. Isn't this a mystery clue
66. Top-fermented beer
67. NRBA
68. 5 Words
69. Southern, Inc.
70. Control
71. For the answer, use the clues
72. Scrambled word game
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SUDOKU

Sudoku is a puzzle of 9x9 grid with some numbers filled in. The goal is to fill the rest of the grid so that each row, column, and 3x3 box contains 1-9, no digit repeated. To solve Sudoku visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

FRIDAY'S ANSWERS

11 1 8 7 3 5 6 8 9 2
5 6 2 1 7 6 3 4 5 9
2 3 7 8 9 4 5 6 1
6 4 5 9 1 8 2 3 7 9
4 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 0
1 9 3 0 4 7 2 6 5 8
8 6 4 5 7 9 1 2 3
9 5 6 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
7 5 9 1 0 4 7 6 8 0

Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's birthday — You tend to overestimate your capabilities now. You have great luck, though, when you get it too deep and may actually find an excellent escape route. To keep the stress level at a minimum, practice counting to five before you leap into action. Don't forget details.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a good day to do something you enjoy. You need to think things through before making a decision. There's time to share insights later.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a good day for expansion, as you may find opportunities to grow. Think about your personal goals and how you can achieve them.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is a good day to be creative. You have the ability to express yourself through art or music. Be open to new ideas and possibilities.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is a good day to connect with friends and family. You may also find time to work on projects or tasks that need attention.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a good day to focus on your personal growth and development. You may find inspiration in books or online resources.

You are your own best source of information today. Don't be afraid to ask questions or seek guidance when needed.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a good day to be proactive. You may find success in taking action and pursuing your goals.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a good day to express yourself creatively. You may find inspiration in music, art, or writing.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a good day to focus on personal goals. You may find motivation to work towards achieving your dreams.
**WE LOVE SPORTS BECAUSE IT IS A VIOLENT, AGGRESSIVE GAME.**

When there is a simple leg tackle, we don’t get excited as we do when there is a jaw-dropping smash that roars through the stadium. Sorry they get hurt, but they know what they’re getting into when they sign million dollar contracts. Concussions will remain high, but we will cheer racing.

-- BRANDON LACHAi, \n
**WOMEN’S**

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"We weren’t quite as focused, but it was a good warm-up for regionals," Notworth said.

Notworth said Dekker’s shoulder injury didn’t bother her in loss to起伏 Elmire from SLU (6-4, 7-5) and Jared Frerer of Eastern Illinois (8-6).

Dekker, who is also suffering from elbow tendinitis, and Sims, who suffered a sprained ankle several weeks ago, showed no signs of slow play or loss of mobility as they battled through tough sets in their matches, Notworth said.

"I was surprised (Elmire) was able to play all four matches," Notworth said. "We were happy about that, but she’s still not 100 percent on her moving.”

She spins and a strained left calf didn’t bother Lee too much either. Notworth said, "Lee always covers the court well and doesn’t let injuries slow her down."

"I don’t want my teammates to get in the way of my competing," Lee said. "I try not to think about (now) but I’ll probably think about it when the season is over."

Dien, who went 0-2 in singles and 1-1 in doubles, didn’t play as well as expected, Notworth said.

"(Dien) competed the same way. She was still going after her shots, there was just something off about her shots," Notworth said. "She had a lot more errors than she usually does."

Notworth said the Salukis plan to train tightly today then leave for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s Central Regional competition Wednesday in Fayetteville, Ark.

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-- NICK JOHNSON

**COLUMN**

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If the defense plays even half as well against Tampa Bay as it did against a better San Diego team, the Rams should have a shot to take down the Bucs for their first road win. Offensively, the Rams have a chance to open up their playbook on a so-so face defense. Jackson carried 29 times against San Diego, and the Rams should run him like that again to set up throwing opportunities for Bradford, who can deliver when the game plan is working properly around him.

Fantasy forum: Danorlo Alexander, wide receiver — You’ve out and get this guy of the waivers this week. After not even working out at the combine or being drafted in April, Alexander caught fire passes for 72 yards, including a spectacular diving touchdown grab in his first NFL game against a talented San Diego secondary. The former University of Missouri star is 6-foot-5 inches 215 pounds and was outstanding. Chargers players whenever he steps onto the field. Alexander has the ability to be a truly dangerous deep threat, and after his debut Bradford is going to look his very own.

More about both teams next week.

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**DAILY BARK**

Freshman Adam Fabik returns the ball Sunday during the Saluki invitational. Fabik won both of his singles matches, which improved his season record to 13-6. Central Regional tournament in Norman, Okla.

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Bears, Rams need to run for success

It's been tough for most NFL fans to tell how good their team actually is this season, but two of the league's toughest cases to crack come from Chicago and St. Louis. The Bears and Rams have alternated on the upsizing and downsizing all season, long, and it will probably still take at least another three weeks to accurately gauge how good either team is. The Bears beat a pretty solid San Diego team Sunday, while the Bears capitalized against the ho-hum Seahawks. But next week it would be a complete reversal. As a fan you just never know when your team is going to blissfully surprise you or hack up a lung.

St. LouisLast week: Seahawks 23, Bears 20

Week 7 score prediction: Redskins 21, Bears 20

Chicago

Last week: Rams 20, Chargers 17

Week 7 score prediction: Rams 24, Buccaneers 14

By beating a San Diego team that had a top-ranked offense and defense, St. Louis is sure to have impressed a lot of windbag analysts Sunday. The best part about the win for the Rams, though, is what circumstances it came under. They'd just been blown out 44-6 a week ago. They just lost Mark Clayton, their best receiver, for the season to an injury. The defense had to defend quarterback Philip Rivers and an explosive San Diego offense right after being shredded by the mediocre Lions. But the Rams put that loss behind them, pinned their ears back and put San Diego down 17-0 before the Chargers even knew what was going on.


Danario Alexander emerged as a new weapon for rookie quarterback Sam Bradford, who again played outstanding. The defense was suffocating and sacked Rivers six times, though it allowed a brief comeback.

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Men, women get mixed results at home

Salukis look past loss to ITA Regionals

SIU uses fitness to excel

BRANDON COLEMAN

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TENNIS

Losing her first set 6-4, seventh-seeded Saluki freshman Anita Lee early in her match against Jenny Nayela of Saint Louis University, but she found her resolve and won the next two sets 6-4 and 10-7.

"I was struggling, but I fought through it (and) figured out a way to get in her head," Lee said.

Lee said she was able to get herself in a rhythm Sunday and shake early match jitters because the Saluki Draw lasted all day.

Coach Audra Nothwehr said playing four matches Eastern Illinois University and SIU should work to the Salukis' benefit going into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Central Regional competition Thursday.

Against EIU and SIU, the Salukis won 2-0 in doubles, with both wins coming from Lee and.

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"We have room to improve."

The Salukis played 5 today against the Eastern Illinois Panthers and the Saint Louis University Billikens.

Freshman sensation Lisa Fakul was 20-0 in singles and 1-0 in doubles. Said she didn't have any trouble in doubles because she was so consistent. She's been playing a lot of singles and was able to focus on her opponent, he said.

"We will make the same mistakes over and over again in doubles and some of our matches too, Nelson said."

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