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Opening Day blues



JENNIFER GONZALEZ • DAILY EGYPTIAN

Pat Stute, 57, of Anna, is consoled by his wife, LaDonna Stute, Monday at Pinch Penny Pub after the Chicago Cubs 1-0 loss to the Pittsburgh Pirates. The couple has been married for 30 years and says opening day is their favorite day of the year. "I'm a Cubs fan born and bred," Pat said. "It's the start of baseball, and baseball is life." LaDonna Stute was a New York Yankees fan, but said her husband is responsible for her making the switch. "She's a Cubs fan now," he said. "The transition didn't take long."

Voters say state politics are corrupt

LUKE NOZICKA
Daily Egyptian

Between Blagojevich, Ryan, Walker or the bevy of other Illinois politicians involved in scandals, Illinois voters think corruption is commonplace according to a new Paul Simon Public Policy Institute poll.

The Institute asked 1,001 registered voters across the state six questions regarding how common voters believe political corruption is.

David Yepsen, director of the institute, said the outcome is upsetting.

"People have a real understanding that this state has a problem," Yepsen said. "It doesn't surprise me as much as it makes me sad because this tells me our political leaders have got some real image problems."

The six questions were divided into categories consisting of local, state and national, and determined how much impact local corruption has on Illinoisans' lives and how much impact state corruption has on Illinoisans' lives.

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Campaigns begin for USG presidential election

The Undergraduate Student Government presidential election takes place April 9 and 10 on D2L. The presidential campaign pits familiar USG faces Senator Chris Wheatley against Treasurer Cameron Shulak. The president's term begins in June when current President Adrian Miller's term expires.

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Undergraduate Student Government senator Christopher Wheatley, a junior from Murphysboro studying political science and paralegal studies, will seek the presidency after his first term in office.

Wheatley attended Agape Christian High School in Marion. After becoming a USG senator his freshman year, Wheatley was nominated as chair of the Internal Affairs Committee last spring.



PHOTO BY SARAH GARDNER

Wheatley is a Saluki Ambassador and served as assistant director for the Southern Illinois Leader Conference in early fall. Wheatley is set to be director for next year's conference, but if elected USG president, he said he will not be involved in any other leadership councils.

"I will make this my one extracurricular activity," he said.

Wheatley also serves as the president of the West Campus Area Council. He said he is qualified for the position because he is professional and well-organized, two of the most important characteristics for a president.

"I also pride myself on being a listener and helping facilitate communication," he said. "You have to listen to the students but also effectively communicate that to the administration."

His campaign will consist of three main points, which are communication, cooperation and commitment, he said. He said he hopes to evoke conversation between senators and their respective districts.

"Also we will work to improve communication between the executive branch of USG and the legislative branch of USG," he said.

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SARAH NIEBRUGGE
Daily Egyptian

Cameron Shulak, a junior from Louisville, Ky. studying aviation flight and management, announced his candidacy for USG president Tuesday.

Shulak is USG treasurer and chairman of the Funding Board. He is also president of the Theta Zeta chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity as well as the vice president of the Inter-Greek Council.

Shulak said he decided to run for USG president because he wants to increase the voice of the student population.

"Over the past year while serving as treasurer of USG I've become more and more involved in the organization and I've had the chance to connect with a lot of students," he said. "I eventually made the decision that I want to step up that involvement and represent the students as their USG president."

Because of his history with USG and the Inter-Greek Council, Shulak said he feels he is well prepared to take on the role.

"I like to make a difference in everything I do, whether it be something very simple or something more involved like Undergraduate

Student Government," he said.

As a USG senator, Shulak composed and presented the new student funding guidelines, which were passed in his first semester as treasurer. He said this helped USG maintain better financial stability as well as provide funding for more groups on campus than in recent history.

"It's increased the fairness and efficiency of the process and really sets out a framework for the next USG executives to come," he said.

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The research found that voters believe Illinois is more corrupt than the rest of the nation by nearly 10 percent.

The poll was conducted Feb. 12 through 25, by Customer Research International of San Marcos, Texas, a firm hired by the institution for \$13,000.

Yepsen said the money comes from the institution's endowment fund. He said the money is used to make sure the survey is credible.

"(The firm hired) has nothing to do with Illinois politics. We want this poll to be very credible," he said.

Charles Leonard, a visiting professor who helps direct the institute's polls, said the firm conducted the poll by making phone calls, 30 percent of which were conducted through cell phones.

This is the sixth year the institution has conducted this poll. The institution does one statewide poll each year and one southern Illinois poll each year, consisting of the southern most 18 counties.

Leonard said the most frightening statistic is about 90 percent of people think federal corruption is either very common or somewhat common.

"There are so many instances of misbehavior by political officials in Illinois that the voters can be forgiven for thinking that (corruption) is common and widespread," Leonard said.

Eighty-five percent of those living in Chicago believe county or city political corruption is at least somewhat common and 55 percent believe local corruption is very common, according to the poll.

The research found that 60 percent of Illinois voters downstate believe state politics corruption is very common. 115th District Representative Mike Bost, a Republican from Murphysboro, said he is surprised the number is not higher.

"In the last 60 years, every governor except for two have either gone to jail while they were governor or after they had been," Bost said. "Illinois — I mean come on — look at the history of how many people are in jail."



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115th District Representative

Yepsen said the state must do more to "clean itself up" and restore public confidence. He said one way the state could do so is to allow the public to pick their leaders, as opposed to politicians choosing their constituents.

"Remember two years ago — there was a state legislature who was caught on tape taking a bribe from a federal officer," Bost said. "We went into special session and voted him out of office and his constituents voted him back in."

Better audits and more vigorous prosecutions may help Illinois corruption, Yepsen said.

Bost said corruption in Illinois

cannot be fixed because the state has "some of the toughest ethics laws" in the United States.

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Yepsen said despite the prevailing feeling that Chicago is corrupt, there is plenty of corruption in downstate Illinois.

"People in downstate are less likely to think they have a corruption in

government than they do in Chicago... But there is plenty of corruption in downstate Illinois," he said.

Yepsen said this persona and reputation hurts economic development. The Illinois Policy Institute predicted the state to be 50th in the nation in job growth for 2014 in January.

"Who wants to put a business in a state where it's perceived to be as rotten as this one?" Yepsen said.

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"Also we will work to improve communication between the executive branch of USG and the legislative branch of USG," he said.

Wheetley said as president he wants to develop stronger communication between USG and Graduate Professional Student Council.

"As a senator, personally, the only contact that I've seen — is us and GPSC had a joint meeting to discuss student fees but the reason that happened was pretty much so the people presenting didn't have to present twice," he said.

One of the most important things facing the student body is the fee awareness campaign, which has been brought to USG attention by President Adrian Miller, he said.

"The (SIU Board of Trustees) may not even vote on the fees for next year until — I've heard as late as May," he said. "So we might not see it this year, and if not that's something that I would definitely want to have in the future."

Wheetley said Miller has done well filling the student advisory boards, but there is room for improvement. He said all seats must be filled.

He said one of his biggest accomplishments is the addition of the student media fee.

Wheetley said he is taking his Law School Administration Test course so he can take the exam this summer and begin applying to law schools. He said his graduation date is flexible because he is a sophomore with as many credits as a junior.

"I could feasibly graduate in May 2015, which would be next year, which would make next year my last year," he said. "That's a decision I will have to make at the end of this year."

His ticket will consist of USG senator Matt Schmidlin as vice president, who represents west campus.

Wheetley chose USG senator Steven Smith, who represents the college of engineering as chief of staff, and Allison Campbell, vice president of Saluki Ambassadors, as executive assistant. Campbell is not a member of USG. He chose USG Sen. Mershon Caissie, who represents the college of agriculture, as treasurer.

SHULAK

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"It's increased the fairness and efficiency of the process and really sets out a framework for the next USG executives to come," he said. "There will always be that stability there set forth by that document that there hasn't been in the past."

Shulak said he saw a need for a change and made that change happen and received many positive comments from several RSO's.

"Within those student funding guidelines we've overhauled the process for allocating funds and how that process occurs," he said.

Shulak said he wanted to overhaul the current USG system to make student government a more open process.

"One of the biggest matters of importance that I see right now is just to increase the voice of the students of SIU," he said. "I'd like to do that by creating more representation for the average student within USG."

Shulak said he would like to overcome the disconnect he sees within the university and hear the voices of those outside of USG.

He wants to incorporate more RSOs and their leaders and have town hall style meetings outside of the USG senate setting with students to give them a chance to express themselves to the executive members, he said.

"If a student has something that they want changed, feels the need for a change or just something that they're not happy with, I want there to be a very easy avenue for them to express that concern to us," he said. "Or... what the school administration and USG administration is doing right and what they want to see more of."

Shulak said he would like students to express their opinions fearlessly and feel like a participating member of the Carbondale community and know how to do so.

Shulack chose Shantel Franklin as chief of staff, and Tracy Shorter as his vice president.

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Question: The CBS sitcom "How I Met Your Mother" comes to an end March 31st. Which of these famous TV sitcoms had the most meaningful finale?

A - The Office, 2013
B - Friends, 2004
C - Thirty Rock, 2013
D - Seinfeld, 1998

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Friends, 2004	25%
Thirty Rock, 2013	13%
Seinfeld, 1998	25%

*Results recorded on 03/31/2014 at 4:00PM

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STAFF COLUMN

We say goodbye, Ted says hello

KARSTEN BURGSTAHLER
Daily Egyptian

Warning: Spoilers from Monday’s “How I Met Your Mother” finale ahead...

Readers, I’m going to tell you an incredible story. The story of how I met “How I Met Your Mother.”

Well, it’s really not that incredible. After finishing my first year of college and beginning to think about what life would be like with a degree, I was looking for a TV show to watch that wasn’t going to get canceled, and my good friend suggested “How I Met Your Mother.”

I didn’t really know any of the actors on the show beyond Jason Segel, and it didn’t seem that appealing. But I gave it a shot and watched “Moving Day,” the season two episode where Ted and Robin decide to move in together. And just like Ted was hooked on Tiffany, and Scooter was hooked on Lily, I was hooked on “Your Mother.”

At the time, the show seemed like a great sitcom with characters I actually cared about — quite a rarity on television these days. I binge-watched and got through six seasons in three weeks, and never had such an emotional

stake in a television program.

The show had a format no one had tried before. Creators Carter Bays and Craig Thomas made it clear from the beginning that the story would be told by an unreliable narrator with an agenda. There was a reason everything happened, and the show quickly built a mythology — something rarely seen among sitcoms. The cult of “How I Met Your Mother” was built around slap bets, MacLaren’s pub and challenges accepted. Just like Ted and Robin had their own secret code, we, as fans, had a secret code.

Monday night the show rolled out the final secrets.

Here’s where the spoilers come in. Barney and Robin, whose wedding the writers have teased the entire season, were divorced in the first ten minutes. Barney attempted a “Perfect Month” and ended up actually becoming someone’s daddy. And the mother, who’s name is Tracy? She’s dead. The theories even the actress Cristin Milioti denied were true.

It was about five gut punches in 42 minutes.

End of Spoilers. But no matter how shocking

the finale was to fans, it was ultimately beautiful because the writers stuck to their guns. Giving everyone a happy ending was a plausible option — “How I Met Your Mother” has never been about living in a fantasy world. It got quite dark several times, never really cutting Ted a break.

Yet even in those dark times the show had a ray of light peeking through, bright as Tracy’s yellow umbrella. It was always optimistic, even when times got tough.

I certainly didn’t make the connection three years ago, when it seemed like I would have the shelter of college forever. Life in the real world seemed so far away. So it was about three weeks ago that it became clear to me why I was so moved by “How I Met Your Mother” back then, and why it’s still so important in my life now. Why at any given time I have 10 episodes my DVR just automatically records.

Just six weeks from graduation, I have no idea where life will take me next. Jobs in journalism aren’t the easiest to come by. I’m willing to move anywhere to get one, meaning I’ve sent out applications across the country. In as little as two months I could

be moving to a town I know little about, moving out of the organized education stage of my life. You only take about four of those leaps in your life cycle. And if you’re one of the five leads on “Mother,” you literally take one of those jumps from rooftop to rooftop.

That episode, “The Leap,” seems so important to me now. “Mother” has always been about facing these changes, whether it’s a new job, starting a family or realizing mortality, with the utmost positivity. Ted never gave up hope, even after he was left at the altar.

It seems silly to take after a television show so much. But “How I Met Your Mother” speaks to my generation as encouragement to never fear what’s next. That’s why letting go now, with graduation looming, seems so hard to do.

But I will take the leap and I won’t fear it. Because I’ll always have Ted, Barney, Robin, Marshall, Lily and that pineapple in my memory.

I’m going to make my next step legen — wait for it, and I hope you’re not lactose intolerant because the next part is — dary. Legendary.

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US appeals ruling to let lawyers see secret files

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CHICAGO — A decision by a trial judge in Chicago to grant lawyers for a terrorism suspect unprecedented access to secret intelligence-court records would be a “sea change” in how such sensitive documents are handled and could end up jeopardizing national security, U.S. government attorneys argue in a hard-hitting appeal filed on Monday.

The dispute in Chicago is in the case of 20-year-old Adel Daoud, a U.S. citizen from an area suburb who denies allegations he took a phony car bomb from an undercover FBI agent in 2012, parked it by a downtown Chicago bar and pressed a trigger.

But revelations of expanded U.S. phone and Internet spying by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden raised the profile of such issues. The legal debate about whether secret court documents will be shown to Daoud’s attorneys is being watched by other lawyers defending terrorism suspects.

The surprise January ruling by U.S. District Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman was the first time defense attorneys had been told they could go through an application prosecutors submitted to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, or FISA, which was established in 1978 as a check on government surveillance.

That ruling was badly flawed, and it could set a dangerous precedent and have far-reaching implications, the government said in a 35-page filing that described the documents as dealing with “exceptionally sensitive issues with profound

national security implications.”

“The district court ... misjudged the damage to national security that could result from disclosing the FISA applications and orders,” it says. “Disclosure may lead to an unacceptable risk of compromising the intelligence-gathering process and undercut the FBI’s ongoing ability to pursue national security investigations.”

If permitted to stand, the district court’s order would put prosecutors in “a lose-lose dilemma,” the filing said. “Disclose sensitive classified information to defense counsel — an option unlikely to be sanctioned by the owners of that information — or forfeit all FISA-derived evidence against the defendant, which in many cases may be critical evidence for the government.”

Daoud’s attorney, Thomas Durkin, singled out prosecutors’ reference to unnamed “owners” of the information, saying the phrasing appeared to suggest someone other than then U.S. Justice Department was calling the shots about what could and couldn’t be disclosed in a criminal case.

“It’s astounding,” said Durkin in a phone interview later Monday. “This proves what I have been saying all along, which is that the Justice Department and the U.S. attorney’s office are not running this case. This is a case being run by the NSA or the CIA or whoever is the owner of that information.”

Unsurprisingly, perhaps, for a government document on secrecy, whole sections of the filing were secret. Underneath one entitled “The FISA Applications Established Probable Cause” were the words, “CLASSIFIED MATERIAL, REDACTED.”

Two weeks after her original decision, Coleman agreed to put

her ruling on hold while the appeals process ran its course. With the issue unresolved, she also pushed the start of Daoud’s trial to Nov. 10 from April 7.

The lower court’s ruling, if it withstands appeal, would allow defense attorneys to comb through the government’s application asking the secret court to allow FBI and other agencies to spy on Daoud as part of the government’s investigation.

In her January ruling, Coleman said allowing defense attorneys to vet all potential evidence against their clients was the “bedrock” of the Sixth Amendment’s guarantee that defendants will get a fair trial.

Prosecutors’ filing calls Coleman’s ruling an “outlier decision” that ran counter to established practice of judges, not defense attorneys, going through FISA papers to decide if some information could be relevant to trial.

“The district court’s reasoning would turn that regime on its head,” the government filing said. “To compel disclosure on that basis would trivialize FISA’s necessity standard and work a sea change in FISA litigation.”

In a related ruling earlier in prosecutors’ favor, Coleman did say they did not have to disclose whether the kind of expanded surveillance as revealed by Snowden was used to tip investigators off about Daoud.

But the application to the FISA court could indicate what led investigators to decide Daoud should be scrutinized further, be it an informant or the expanded surveillance.

In her ruling, Coleman said she found the government’s contention that she shouldn’t grant the access because no judge had ever done it before “unpersuasive.”

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The Hold Steady overindulge on 'Teeth'

KYLE SUTTON
Daily Egyptian

American rock band The Hold Steady has clenched its musical jaw.

The band's sixth studio album, "Teeth Dreams," is a lyrically dense album with a heavy emphasis on storytelling.

Losing teeth is a common recurring dream and is often interpreted as being anxious about worldly things such as money and personal appearance.

Throughout the album are recurring themes of alcohol overindulgence. The lyrics tend to be the album's most interesting aspect as frontman Craig Finn breathes life into each song with stories of drinking, drugs and women. The album runs start to finish without much excitement.

Since its formation in 2004, the band classifies its sound as a type of 1970's bar-rock with garage beginnings. But with the addition of former Lucero guitarist Steve Selvidge, the group has added a new dynamic. An opportunity for other Hold Steady guitarist

Tad Kubler blossoms as the dueling guitars feed off each other throughout the album.

"I Hope This Whole Thing Didn't Frighten You" opens the album with a story of a man who comes home to visit, bringing his girlfriend with him. She quickly finds out about his life before she entered it and realizes it was a dark one. She becomes frightened and he realizes how bad of an idea it was to bring her to his city.

The alcohol-drenched song "Spinners" — one of the album's singles — is an upbeat tune with a simple guitar melody blended with a fast paced drumbeat. Finn's overlaying vocals describe a party girl who does not know when to stop.

"The Only Thing" comes together as the album's third track. Finn describes a love lost — his mind travels back to a time before she was gone and describes how her teeth still appear in his dreams.

In the history of rock and roll, it is a recurring theme for bands to use a power ballad to slow the flow of an album — take a break from sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll — and bring

an emotional spirit into the music. The Hold Steady tries out its power ballad skills on "The Ambassador."

While most power ballads talk about love and themes of nature, that is not the case for The Hold Steady. This ballad talks about skinheads, bloodshed and bar fights. Close enough.

The album's remainder seems to move on without much variation until listeners arrive at the final two songs. Busting out the acoustics on "Almost Everything," the band again slows down a little bit to show it is singing about more than just slamming beers and ingesting copious amounts of unidentifiable substances.

The band proves it can jam on "Oaks," the album's final song, a nine-minute track describing a few kids and their experience buying dope from the car wash. This is where the album's biggest wildcard enters — a three-minute passionate guitar solo near the six-minute mark.

"Teeth Dreams" fails to really stand out in the overall scheme of rock; the story's characters tend to stay the same throughout the album,



most of them under the influence of enough alcohol and drugs to sedate a horse. However, the catchy guitar riffs and lyrically entertaining stories make this what it is — background bar rock.

"Teeth Dreams" is available on iTunes and can be streamed on Spotify.

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Engaged Johnny Depp shows off 'chick's ring'

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Associated Press

BEIJING — Johnny Depp showed off a diamond engagement ring that he called a "chick's ring" on Monday — indirectly confirming rumors of his engagement to actress Amber Heard.

Asked whether he was engaged, the "Pirates of the Caribbean" star replied: "The fact that I'm wearing a chick's ring on my finger is probably a dead giveaway. Not very subtle." He laughed as he lifted up his left hand and displayed a single diamond on a band around his ring finger.

His comments follow months of unconfirmed reports of his

engagement to actress Amber Heard, 27, who starred alongside Kevin Costner in "3 Days to Kill" released in the U.S. earlier this year.

Depp and Heard starred together in "The Rum Diary," filmed in Puerto Rico in 2009.

In 2012, Depp split with his partner of 14 years, French model-singer Vanessa Paradis. They have two children.

In a trademark off-the-wall comment, Depp said: "I think that I would be better at making women's shoes than I would be at wedding planning, I can't plan anything. I'm really bad at that stuff."

The 50-year-old actor was in Beijing to promote his new

movie "Transcendence." Depp plays a terminally ill scientist who downloads his mind into a computer in the sci-fi drama that asks: What if we could upload a human mind into a computer? It also stars Rebecca Hall as Depp's wife and Morgan Freeman.

"The technology that exists within the film, what I find most fascinating is that a lot of it exists already and by all accounts from scholars and professors and scientists that species of technology is not far away, that kind of artificial intelligence," said Depp in an interview.

"It's one of those films that one person is forced to make a choice in an instant, when your loved one is

dying and you have a split-second decision if you have the ability to upload their consciousness into a computer, would you do that? It's quite a strange decision to make but for love I think we would all do it."

"Transcendence" comes out in China on April 18 — the same day as the U.S. release. China is the only country currently where "Transcendence" will be showing in 3-D — a format popular with Chinese audiences.

China is also the only international stop Depp is making as part of the movie's promotion tour, illustrating the growing attention Hollywood is paying to the country that now has the

world's second-biggest box office after the United States.

Last Monday, Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson and Samuel L. Jackson promoted "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" in Beijing, followed the next day by "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" stars Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone and Jamie Foxx.

"With regard to Hollywood, China is quite a large market, certainly," said Depp, who was on his first visit to China. "I think there will be a lot more films coming here, a lot more people coming here and continuing the trend."

Michael Jackson album 'Xscape' to feature unreleased recordings

TODD MARTENS
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — A new album will once again offer fans a glimpse as to what music lies inside the Michael Jackson vaults. On May 13, Sony's Epic Records will release "Xscape," a collection of eight, previously unreleased Jackson songs.

The album was executive produced by Epic Records Chairman/CEO

L.A. Reid, who, according to a Sony press release, curated the album and decided on its final tracklist. A host of recognizable producers worked on the Jackson songs, including the project's lead producer, Timbaland.

The final eight songs were chosen after apparently combing through four decades of material. All the songs on "Xscape" feature completed Jackson vocals, according to the release, but they were retooled. Reid, in the statement,

prefers the word "contemporizing," noting that producers did not treat the material as sacrosanct.

"Michael left behind some musical performances that we take great pride in presenting through the vision of music producers that he either worked directly with or expressed strong desire to work with. We are extremely proud and honored to present this music to the world," Reid said in the statement.

'Walking Dead' Season 4 finale draws 15.7 million viewers

RYAN FAUGHNDER
Los Angeles Times

Sunday night's Season 4 finale of AMC's "The Walking Dead" walked away with big ratings, but not quite big enough for a series record.

The episode averaged 15.7 million viewers total, up 27 percent from the last episode of the third season, according to Nielsen. The episode pulled in 10.2 million

viewers in the advertiser-desired 18- to 49-year-old demographic.

Still, it failed to surpass the season premiere in October, which delivered a whopping 16.1 million viewers, 10.4 million of whom were in the 18-49 category, marking the series' best-ever numbers.

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Dawgs win Saluki Invitational

TONY MCDANIEL
Daily Egyptian

The women's golf team made a habit out of protecting its house, winning three straight home tournaments.

SIU won the Saluki Invitational Monday at Hickory Ridge Golf Course with a two-round score of 617, ahead of the nearest competitor by 14 shots. The Dawgs' second round total of 309 was just one stroke worse than their first round score.

Alexis Mihelich, who has coached the Salukis in their two latest Saluki Invitational wins, said she was proud of how her team capitalized on its home course advantage.

"I would always think the home team should have the advantage to at least strive to win," Mihelich said. "I can only hope to continue the tradition."

The Salukis finished out in front of 12 other teams including Missouri Valley Conference foe Indiana State University, who finished second with a score of 631. Mihelich's former team, Chicago State University, posted a cumulative score of 638 to finish third. MVC competitor Evansville University finished fourth with a score of 643.

Kayla Katterhenry of Evansville finished in first overall with a score of 147, but the Salukis were not far behind.

Junior Kris Grimes, who posted a two-round score of 152 and finished in third place, led SIU on the scorecard. Grimes said she was pleased to bounce back with such a strong result after finishing 43rd at

the Eagle Landing Invitational last week.

"Last week was tough for me," Grimes said. "It was beautiful weather but I just couldn't focus or hone in. It feels good to come back home and then be able to play well on the course that I know, and at the same time in conditions that weren't really the best."

The home tournament also allowed Mihelich to field a second team of five golfers, or a "B" team. The "B" team finished tied for tenth, and was led by freshman Brooke Cusumano who shot identical rounds of 77 to finish in fifth.

Mihelich said she was happy with how her second team performed.

"I was really impressed," she said. "They came out and beat two Division I "A" teams. It just shows how much depth we have as a team. They can only continue to get better. Four of those players that weren't in the lineup are underclassmen, they can continue to improve and contribute later in their careers."

Seniors Ashleigh and Cassie Rushing shot a 155 and 156 to finish in the top 10 as well. While neither of the seniors recorded individual scores low enough to win their final home tournament, Ashleigh said she was happy with her team's performance overall.

"I tried not to think about [playing in my final home tournament] too much today," Ashleigh said. "It feels good to win it as a team though."

Freshman Kristie Yang also finished in

the top 10 for SIU. Yang shot a team-low 72 in the first round, but shot an 83 the second day, which was still good enough for a sixth-place tie.

Yang's performance marked the third time this semester a Saluki finished in the top 20 as an individual.

Sophomore Mattie Lindner and freshman Xianmei Jin finished in a tie for 15th. Jin played consistently shooting a 79 and 80 in the two rounds, while Lindner shot an 84 in round one, but bounced back with a 75 in the windy second round.

Lindner said the wind and her putting helped her quite a bit on the second day of the tournament.

"I'm a wind player," she said. "I'm from just north of Indianapolis and the wind never stops. I'm used to wind. I like clubbing up, so I know it sounds weird, but for some reason, I'm good with it."

The win yesterday marked the third time the Salukis have won a tournament this year, which put the team just one behind Mihelich's previous record of four wins in a season dating back to her first year as a Saluki.

Mihelich said her team has a shot to tie that record this season.

"We still have Bradley and conference," she said. "Exceeding four wins? Maybe not, but I think we can get to four."

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LEWIS MARIEN • DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman golfer Xianmei Jin lines up a shot Monday during the Saluki Invitational at Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carbondale. Jin shot a 159 in the two-day tournament to tie for 15th place. The team took first place in the tournament with a score of 617, earning its third tournament win of the season. The Salukis will travel Saturday to Peoria, Ill., for the Bradley Invitational.

Freshmen infielders shift as season goes on



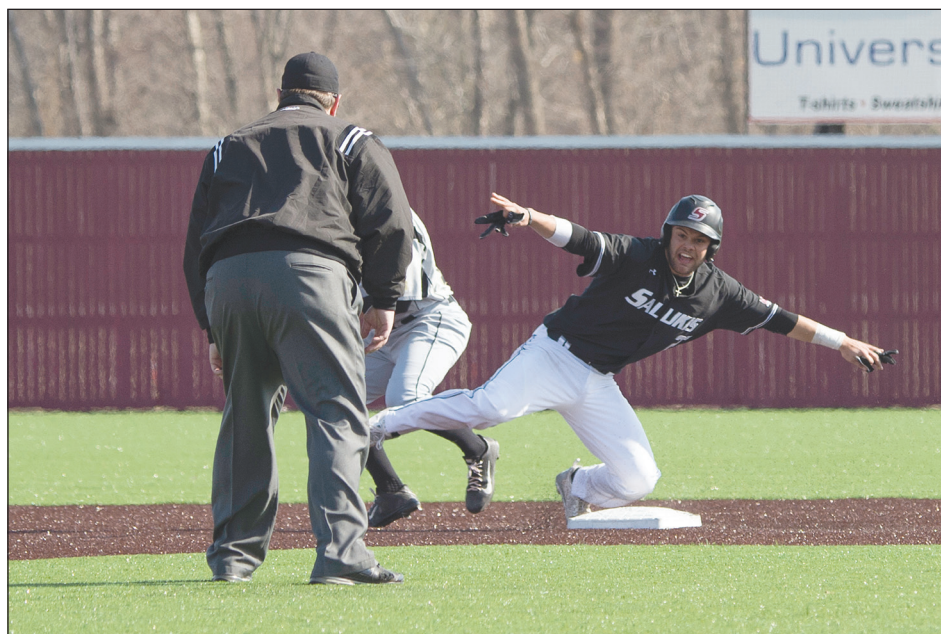
Even though opening day for Major League Baseball was Monday, the Saluki Baseball team (14-12, 1-2) is already in full swing.

The Salukis had their first conference series of the season during the weekend against Missouri State University. The Bears took the series 2-1, but the Salukis' five errors cost them Friday's game and a wild pitch Sunday cost them the series.

Freshman infielder Connor Kopach got his first starts at shortstop because senior shortstop Jake Welch was ill with suspected food poisoning. Kopach went 2 for 4 Saturday and 0 for 5 Sunday. Kopach has started 15 games at second base this season and has been in a positional battle with senior Ryan Rosthenhausler.

Rosthenhausler is a utility man, and deserves to start at either second or third base. He went 5 for 14 this weekend, and has performed well in clutch situations so far this season.

Freshman Ryan Sabo has been the main starter at the hot corner this season, but after



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Freshman Ryan Sabo calls himself safe during SIU's 5-4 win against Purdue March 22 at Itchy Jones Stadium. Sabo started 15 games so far this season and leads the team's third basemen with an on base percentage of .380. The Salukis play Murray State University Wednesday at Itchy Jones Stadium.

a 0 for 5 performance Friday, freshman Will Farmer started the rest of the series. Farmer went 3 for 9 in the last two games, and should start the weekday games this week.

Farmer should not consistently start over Sabo, but it's hard to sit him after this weekend. Farmer is a better defensive option than Sabo, but Sabo's on base percentage is almost 100 points better than Farmer's.

It's a three-person battle. If Kopach hits better, he will start at second and

Rosthenhausler will move to third. If Farmer hits better or Sabo plays defense better, they will become consistent starters at third and Rosthenhausler will stay at second.

Another positional battle is the outfield, as the Saluki roster has five quality outfielders. Senior Donny Duschinsky has the most power of any of them, but he has not had a hit in his last nine at-bats, and has two errors in his last two starts.

Duschinsky isn't a player to bench for long

though. He is tied for the team lead with three home runs this season. Coach Ken Henderson has other options. The other four outfielders have eight hits in the last two games, which Duschinsky did not play in but he is one of the best three hitters of the outfield.

The Salukis have two weekday games this week, which will likely create a temporary fifth rotation spot. Freshman Kyle Pauly should start Wednesday against Murray State. No pitcher will be able to throw a complete game, since they're used to coming out of the bullpen, but Pauly could get through up to five innings.

Pauly has pitched four more innings this season than the fourth starter, freshman Connor McFadden. Pauly doesn't have the best strikeout to walk ratio, but he has the best ERA of bullpen arms that can throw starters' innings.

Tuesday's game against the University of Missouri will help determine who starts Wednesday. The other two options to start are senior Matt Murphy or freshman Chad Whitmer. Of the three options, Pauly had the best weekend. Whitmer should eventually make the rotation, but because Pauly and Murphy both have already pitched against the Racers, they are the frontrunners. Murphy has not started in four years, but if he starts, he likely won't go more than three innings.

Regardless, the Salukis will use multiple pitchers. Don't be surprised if all three of them and a fourth pitcher go to the mound Wednesday.

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