GLBT Safe Zone training in demand

TARA KULASH Daily Egyptian

At Monday’s Safe Zone training, students were advised to listen to each other, learn about the gay-straight alliance, reflect on what they learned and respect each semester.

Safe Zone training is a program organized by Wendy Weinhold, coordinator for the GLBT Resource Center, to provide a safe and welcoming environments in the workplace, school and other places for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

Weinhold said SIUC is recognized as one of the nation’s first and leading GLBT-friendly campuses. She said attendees can get a Safe Zone plaque after training to display they’ve been through the program.

Weinhold said she has seen an increase in requests for the training so far this semester.

“There’s been a growing recognition of the value of identifying ourselves as progressive thinkers,” she said.

Weinhold said she thinks the media attention to the repeal of “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” — a law prohibiting GLBT people to be open about their sexuality in the military — also helped with awareness of the Safe Zone.

Amber Mannin, a graduate assistant for University College, said while the training wasn’t required of employees, she wanted it offered to them.

“It generates and fosters pertinent dialogue to the university community, and we really want to promote safe spaces for our students,” she said.

Manning said because University College works primarily with first-year students, she thought it was a good opportunity for the new students to feel comfortable.

She said she coordinated a few trainings last week and four this week for employees.

During the training Monday night at Neely Hall, Weinhold explained several terms associated with GLBT such as an ally, someone who supports the GLBT community.

She also explained while sex refers to the genitals a person has, gender refers to performance such as gender roles, clothing, hairstyles and more. She said hate crimes in the past have been committed for reasons as small as a man sitting with his legs crossed or a woman wearing a baseball cap.

Increase of MAP grants would help students, SIU

LAUREN DUNCAN Daily Egyptian

Like many students at SIUC, affordability impacted Aaron Thomas’s decision to attend the university. Assistance from the state, though, made that decision possible.

The possibility of increased funding to the state-wide assistance program, Monetary Award Program, could benefit future SIUC students. For students such as Thomas, though, the grants already make a difference.

“They help a tremendous amount on my part,” said Thomas, an undecided freshman from Chicago. “I probably wouldn’t be able to go here without them.”

Less than two months after funds for the student assistance program were restored in December, Gov. Pat Quinn said in his state of the state address Feb. 1 more funding needs to be put into MAP scholarships. An increase in funding, university officials said, could help those who have been eligible to receive the award in the past but didn’t because of lacking funds in the program.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said he heard Quinn had proposed an addition of about $50 million to MAP grant funding, which Poshard said would award funding to SIUC students who have not received MAP awards yet.

“I was heartened to hear the governor’s declaration,” Poshard said. “That might be the one chance we have to help additional students, and would certainly help our enrollment also.”

In spring 2011, there were 1,598 SIUC students registered for the 2011-12 school year and eligible for the MAP award but did not receive one, said Terri Harfst, director of the financial aid office.

She said the average award was $4,367.73. Close to 1,600 SIUC students may be eligible for thousands of dollars that they did not receive due to the program’s budget restraints.

Harfst said students who filed their Free Application for Federal Student Aid last year after March 25 were unable to receive the MAP grant because of limited funds. After the funding was released January after being restored in December, she said, the deadline to apply has been moved to April 8 this year, so some students who were initially placed on the “suspended state” list for turning in a FAFSA after the date last year may now receive funding.

Thomas said because of the increased MAP funding, he was taken off the waiting list and will be eligible for funding this semester. He said without the funding, he would have had to find alternate sources to pay for school.

While Harfst said he sees how MAP grant funding directly affects students in the financial aid office, she said increased funding can also impact the university.

“It affects us in a positive way, because it makes the amount that students have to pay to go to school less,” she said. “Anything that helps the state helps us.”

One concern about the possibility of increased MAP grant funding, Poshard said, is where the money will come from.

In 2010, funding for MAP grants was cut to help cover the state budget deficit. In December 2011, after students were told they may see cuts to their grants in later terms, the funding was restored. Yet many students in the state who qualified still did not receive the grant.

While nearly 150,000 Illinois students received state MAP scholarships last year to attend college, just as many qualified applicants were denied because of lack of funding,” Quinn said in his state address.

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Correction
In Friday's edition of The Daily Egyptian, the story titled, "Faculty, staff concerned for program cuts," should have addressed Todd Winters as interim dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences. The Daily Egyptian regrets this error.
The terms for sexual identity are constantly changing, though, Weinhold said, just like a person’s identity changes.

“Who I am now is not the same as who I was three months ago,” she said. “I certainly am not the same as I was a year ago. All of us have that privilege. We need to allow members of the GLBT community to have that privilege, too.”

Sarah Self, a senior from Lafayette, La., studying university studies and a trainer for Safe Zone, said she wrote the new materials for the program.

“I’m a genderqueer and the old materials didn’t really do a good job with that side of things,” she said.

Self said she originally just wanted to update the genderqueer section but realized the whole terminology section was outdated, so she took on the job of updating them.

Attendees really like the terms section, she said, because they often have heard terms like GLBT or transgendered but don’t actually know what they mean. Self said the resident assistants especially are bewildered because students come in the dorms or roommates have trouble with each other over sexuality differences.

“Even this simple one-hour training makes them feel like they have a right to say something,” she said.

Self said reworking the material, as well as the aspect of public speaking, has been a great experience for her. The biggest benefit of the training, she said, is the plaque given out after because it makes the campus at large feel safer. She said it’s important to know that Safe Zone training isn’t the end of preparation for gay-straight alliances.

“Something we stress in training is that Safe Zone prepares you to be a listener,” she said. “It prepares you to be an ally and to be there, but it doesn’t make you an expert.”

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According to information from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, which administers the program, the maximum awards for the 2011-12 academic year were reduced by five percent, from $4,968 to $4,720. Because of the restoration of the $33 million in December to the program, that number was not further reduced.

Yet the delays in funding last fall, Poshard said, affected SEUQ students.

“That funding is still leaving thousands and thousands of students who would otherwise qualify for the money ... without any funds,” he said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Campus Police — Campus police arrested Jeremy Strong, an SIUC sophomore from Chicago, Feb. 1 at Schneider Hall for failure to appear at the Jackson County Courthouse because of an original charge of battery. Strong was unable to post bond and was taken to the Jackson County Jail, according to the Department of Public Safety crime log.

Campus police arrested Payne T. Charlesworth, an SIUC freshman from Northbrook, Feb. 1 at Schneider Hall for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Charlesworth was issued a Carbondale City notice to appear citations and released, according to the DPS crime log.

Campus police issued Bill G. Boutris, an SIUC freshman from Chicago, a Carbondale City pay by mail citation for possession of drug paraphernalia Feb. 1 at Schneider Hall. According to the crime log, he was released.

Campus police arrested Domell D. Hicks Jr., a non-SIUC student from Chicago, Thursday at Neely Hall for failure to appear warrant out of Jackson County on an original charge of resisting arrest. Hicks posted $575 cash bond, according to the DPS crime log.

Campus police arrested Trevor Lowe, an SIUC freshman from South Holland, Thursday at Washington Street and Grand Avenue for a suspended driver’s license. Lowe posted $150 cash bond, according to the DPS crime log.

Campus police arrested Dominique Keith, an SIUC freshman from Chicago, Thursday for domestic battery. Keith was transported to Jackson County Jail and the victim, also an SIUC student, did not require medical treatment, according to the DPS crime log.

Campus police have referred an identified suspect to the State’s Attorney’s Office Thursday at Lincoln Drive at Thompson Point for an attempt to elude a police officer, reckless driving, and driving with out a headlight, according to the DPS crime log.

A wallet with $650 cash was stolen at Stengel Hall Sunday. An investigation continues, according to the DPS crime log.

Campus police arrested Danielle J. Gordon, an SIUC junior from Lindenhurst, Monday at Neely Drive and Logan Drive for a suspended driver’s license. Gordon posted $150 cash bond, according to the DPS crime log.

City Police — City police responded to a report of robbery Saturday in the 1300 block of S. Wall Street. According to the report, three black males approached the victim as she was walking and stole her purse. The suspects were last seen fleeing the scene. City police Department of Public Safety are still investigating the crime. The victim was not injured, according to the police log.

City police responded to two separate residences on the 300 block of S. Lake Heights Avenue on Saturday in response to reports of residential burglary. According to the police report, unknown suspects entered each residence between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. and stole private property. The investigation is ongoing, according to the police log.

City police responded Paige C. Allen, 16, and Donna M. G. Garcia, 15, missing Sunday. The two juveniles were last seen at a residence in the 1000 block of E. Park Street at 9:05 p.m. when they left on foot in an unknown direction. An investigation continues, according to the police log.

City police arrested Byron Thomas, Monday on the 500 block of E. Birch St. aggravated domestic battery, aggravated assault, and resisting a peace officer. According to the police report, Thomas was...

Preparing for a performance

Rob Hopkins, right, of Murphysboro, practices violin Monday between rehearsals for two upcoming operas at McLeod Theater. On Friday, McLeod will premier two one-act operas, a ninety-minute adaptation of Bizet’s “Carmen” and “Trial by Jury.”

April trial nears for man charged with murder

SHARON WITTEKE Daily Egyptian

A Carbondale man charged with three counts of murder in September will be tried in April. Matthew Jones, 18, of Carbondale was charged in September in connection with the shooting death of 20-year-old Deauntre Spencer in the 400 block of North Brush Street.

Another individual involved in the case, Jewlous Causey, 19, of Carbondale, was sentenced Jan. 25 to six years in prison after pleading guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm, according to a report Thursday in the Carbondale Times.

Causey was not involved in the shooting, but he was in possession of the stolen handgun used in the shooting, which he sold to Jones, according to testimony given at an October 2011 hearing.

The gun used in the shooting death of Spencer on Sept. 14 was stolen from Carbondale Police Chief Jody O’Guinn in June 2011, according to a Sept. 21, 2011 DAILY EGYPTIAN article.

In an incident report filed June 20, 2011, O’Guinn stated that his silver-colored Colt .380 semi automatic handgun had been stolen from his personal vehicle.

The report was initially filed incorrectly as an animal control case. The data entry error later caused suspicion that a cover-up was involved in reporting the missing weapon.

In response, the city launched an internal investigation into the police department’s reporting procedures and concluded in October 2011 no attempt had been made to cover up the gun theft.

State’s Attorney Mike Wespician announced in September the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department would take over the investigation of the missing gun from the Carbondale Police Department, according to a Sept. 22, 2011 DAILY EGYPTIAN article.

The Jackson County Sheriff’s Department has not announced any results from its investigation.

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## Letters to the Editor

### SIUC is no longer a top-party school

**Dear Editor:**

Seetharaman Narayanan — this name won’t mean much to most people even if they could pronounce it correctly. That is, unless you are like me and find yourself staring at the loading screen of Adobe Photoshop more than once a day.

He happens to be the lead engineer at the most popular image processing software in the world. And he is a graduate of SIU.

I commend the Daily Egyptian for recognizing the difficulty for international students to get visas to study in the U.S., an exhausting process not many Americans are aware of. The work International Programs and Services continue to do for the international student community certainly deserves recognition.

Carla Cupp, as director, has personally helped me keep my documents in check and it’s refreshing to know SIU is doing something right.

But why did Seetharaman, a 2009 Photoshop hall-of-fame inductee, decide to get a graduate degree in computer science at SIU? The school was on the list of Playboy’s Top Party Schools in 1987.

It is no secret that, in the 25 years since, the SIU administration has tried to suppress this image of a party school. Chancellors upon chancellors have recognized the best way to increase enrollment is to build new buildings and have what can only be deemed as the worst athletics program money can buy. If meteoric rises in tuition and fees are icing on the cake given to incoming freshmen, then classrooms with outdated equipment and an under-stocked library are the cherries on top.

In my four years at SIU, I have seen my services cut and my teachers disregarded, all the while the number of administrators increase, especially in certain building named after Susan B. Anthony that shall remain unnamed. But then again, the declining enrollment really may be a cyclical thing, based on 18-year-old birth rates.

Criticalizing the university’s commitment to administrative excellence and academic mediocrity may seem fashionable these days, but that is not the trend I am trying to continue. Regardless of what my emails and letters say, SIU is no longer a top-party school. If anything, this has become a school of cover-ups and scandals.

Ahmed Ali
Senior from Maldives

### Parking “solutions” offered in Tuesday’s article are laughable

**Dear Editor:**

Are you kidding, Kylie Brewer? You are actually suggesting that “enrolling in 8 a.m. classes and even parking off campus” will save students from the frustration of not being able to find a parking spot?

In other words, we should work our class schedules around the university’s lack of available spaces? In September, Brian Magier of the SIUC Parking Division was quoted in the DE stating “9,802 student parking decals were sold during fiscal year 2011” and continued with “8,050 of the 12,180 available parking spaces on campus are designated for students.” Obviously, Ms. Brewer, you don’t have to deal with slow driving, parking-spot-seeking scavengers who creep up behind you in the lots.

Nor, unlike many students who don’t have 8 a.m. classes or prefer to park off campus, do you have to become one of those scavengers. Perhaps the school should offer a class that covers the topic of “learning how to deal with things like parking,” because we clearly don’t understand why it should take twenty minutes to find a parking spot.

My advice to the school is this: revamp and expand the parking lot next to the College of Engineering. It’s a crappy lot and there are never any spaces available between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Brett Delaney
Senior from Rochester, N.Y.

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Council votes chickens welcome in Carbondale

SHARON WITTKER
Daily Egyptian

Chickens may soon be roosting in the backyards of Carbondale. Roosters, however, will not.

Legislation allowing chickens within city limits passed with a 6 to 1 vote at the Carbondale City Council meeting Tuesday night, and the council discussed fiscal year 2013 funding requests from more than a dozen nonprofit community organizations.

Under the revised ordinance, the city will approve no more than 20 chicken coop licenses, and individuals may keep up to six chickens for egg production.

“No roosters allowed,” said Mayor Joel Fitzler.

Council members discussed increasing the number of chicken coop licenses but agreed to address the issue after one year.

“If it’s working out well, that limit of 20 can be raised at a future time,” Councilman Don Monty said.

Applications for chicken coop licenses will be available at City Hall on April 1.

The council’s action culminated nearly two years of work by the city’s sustainability council and the planning commission. Members of both committees researched other communities’ chicken regulations.

“There are literally hundreds of cities in the United States that allow chickens to be raised,” said Councilman Lee Fronabarger.

Councilwoman Corene McDaniel cast the sole vote against the proposal. She said when people figure out the cost of building coops and maintaining chickens, they will realize they can go to the local farmer’s market and buy their eggs for less.

She also said people won’t know what to do with all the eggs once the chickens start producing them.

“T1 grow up with chickens, I raised chickens and I know about chickens,” McDaniel said.

Council members also discussed at the meeting, funding requests from nonprofit community organizations, and members from those groups voiced their support for the funding they receive from the city.

Fitzler proposed reallocation more than $100,000 from the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau to help support other civic organizations.

He said he would like to provide some of that money to Carbondale Community Arts, Carbondale Main Street and the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, among others.

Fitzler said the city’s funding for Carbondale Main Street has been whittled back over the past few years and that an attractive Main Street enhances the impression visitors form of the whole city.

Carbondale Main Street director Meghan Cole said she would put the additional money toward landscaping the downtown area. She said the funding was long overdue.

Fitzler said he’d also like to use reallocated funds to employ a full-time street sewer and to pay overtime to police officers for special events, both official and unofficial.

Debbie Moore, the executive director of the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau, said she came prepared to make a presentation about CCBT’s funding and to answer questions.

She presented reasons why she thought funding for CCBT should remain at the same level.

She said her organization helped Carbondale increase the amount of money it received from tourism through its aggressive marketing program.

“That’s really what we’re all about — marketing to the outside market,” Moore said.

The council approved the new labor agreement between the city and the police department and approved the city’s reimbursement to Coleman Rental Properties for a portion of the cost of remodeling and construction of a 2,400 square feet addition at 210 East Walnut Street.

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History expert pleads guilty to stealing documents

SARAH BRUMFIELD
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A memorabilia collector and self-styled expert on presidential history pleaded guilty Tuesday to conspiring to steal thousands of documents signed by leaders throughout U.S. history.

Barry Landau, whose knowledge of the White House earned him network morning show appearances, acknowledged in the plea to taking documents from the Maryland Historical Society and conspiring with his assistant to steal historical documents from several institutions with the intent of selling them.

Thousands of documents were seized from Landau's artifact-filled Manhattan apartment. Prosecutors say he schemed for years, if not decades, to steal valuable documents signed by historical figures from both sides of the Atlantic including George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Marie Antoinette, and Charles Dickens. The oldest document listed in the plea was dated 1479.

The assistant pleaded guilty in October to the same charges: theft of major artwork and conspiracy to commit theft of major artwork. They pleaded guilty to stealing a case that was a wake-up call for archives and historical institutions nationwide to strengthen their security, prompting checks for visits by the pair and whether anything from historical collections was missing.

David S. Ferriero, archivist of the United States, said in a statement Tuesday evening that, 'I am outraged that Mr. Landau, who fashioned himself as a Presidential historian, violated the public trust at many of our nation's greatest historical repositories.'

Landau, 63, and Jason Savedoff, 24, were arrested last July in Baltimore after alert Maryland Historical Society staffers realized something was off about the pair who plied staffers with cookies and portrayed themselves as uncle and nephew.

Kevin Martin, an SIUC grounds department employee of four years, works on a condensate leak Tuesday near Parkinson Laboratory. In order to repair the leak, the pipes must be dug up. The condensate pipes carry steam from the power plant into the buildings to heat them.
Ill. plant again generating electricity after shutdown

Associated Press

BYRON, Ill. — A northern Illinois nuclear plant is back up and running after a reactor lost power and shut down last week.

Exelon Nuclear says the Unit 2 reactor at the Byron Generating Station began producing electricity at about noon Tuesday after it was reconnected to the electrical grid.

An outage on Jan. 30 started when an electrical insulator failed and fell off the metal structure it was attached to. That interrupted power and caused the reactor to automatically shut down as a precaution.

Exelon says technical experts did hundreds of maintenance and inspection tasks while the unit was offline.

The Byron Generating Station is about 95 miles northwest of Chicago.

Cabbie pleads guilty in terror case

MICHAEL TARM
Associated Press

CHICAGO — A Pakistani-born Chicago taxi driver who prosecutors say could be heard on FBI wiretaps discussing a plan to bomb a stadium pleaded guilty Monday to attempting to send money to a Pakistani-based terrorist with alleged ties to al-Qaida.

Standing before a federal judge in an orange jumpsuit and his ankles shackled, Raaj Sahib Khan, 58, said he was pleading guilty to one count of two counts of attempting to provide material support to terrorists. As part of the plea deal, prosecutors dropped the other count.

The agreement recommends a sentence of between five and eight years, well short of the maximum 15 years for a conviction of a single count of providing material support. A sentencing date was set for May 30, the U.S. attorney’s office said.

Outside court, defense attorney Thomas Durkin said finding jurors who could give his client a fair trial would have been difficult, suggesting that was one reason Khan accepted the deal with prosecutors.

“The word ‘al-Qaida’ scares the bejesus out of people and that’s all (jurors) have to hear,” he said. “But it was a difficult case — and the (agreement) was fair under the circumstances.”

Prosecutors did not speak to reporters after Monday’s hearing.

Khan was arrested in 2010 and accused of taking steps to send cash to Pakistani-based terrorist leader Ilyas Kashmiri after Kashmiri indicated he needed money to buy explosives. Khan, prosecutors said, believed Kashmiri was getting his orders from Osama bin Laden.

Khan, who became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1988, sent $950 in 2009 to an individual in Pakistan for delivery to Kashmiri, he also took $1,000 from an undercover agent and said it would be used to buy weapons and possibly other supplies, prosecutors alleged.

A 35-page complaint affidavit filed after Khan’s arrest also accused him of discussing the possibility of planting bags of bombs around an unspecified stadium, saying in one wiretap, “Put one bag here, one there, one there ... you know, boomp, boomp, boomp, boomp.”

Khan, though, was never charged with such an attempted attack as prosecutors focused instead on allegations he sent money intended as aid for Osama bin Laden’s terrorist network, al-Qaida.

“I believe everyone came to a conclusion that he was not an imminent danger,” Durkin said.

As he entered the Chicago courtroom Monday, the bald, bearded Khan blew a kiss to his wife sitting on a spectators’ bench, and she returned the gesture. Khan leaned into a courtroom lectern as the judge asked him if he understood the implications of pleading guilty.
No cigar: Embargo on Cuba turns 50

PETER ORSI
Associated Press

HAVANA — When it started, American teenagers were doing “The Twist.” The United States had yet to put a man into orbit around the Earth. And a first-class U.S. postage stamp cost 4 cents.

The world is much changed since the early days of 1962, but one thing has remained constant: The U.S. economic embargo on communist-run Cuba, a near-total trade ban that turned 50 on Tuesday.

Supporters say it is a justified measure against a repressive government that has never stopped being a thorn in Washington’s side. Critics call it a failed policy that has hurt ordinary Cubans instead of the government.

All acknowledge that it has not accomplished its core mission of toppling Fidel and Raul Castro.

“All this time has gone by, and yet we keep it in place,” said Wayne Smith, who was a young U.S. diplomat in Havana in 1961 when relations were severed and who returned as the chief American diplomat after they were partially re-established under President Jimmy Carter.

“We talk to the Russians, we talk to the Chinese, we have normal relations even with Vietnam. We trade with all of them,” Smith said, “So why not with Cuba?”

In the White House, the first sign of the looming embargo came when President John F. Kennedy told his press secretary to go buy him as many H. Upmann Cuban cigars as he could find. The aide came back with 1,200 sticks.

Kennedy announced the embargo on Feb. 3, 1962, citing “the subversive offensive of Sino-Soviet communism with which the government of Cuba is publicly aligned.”

It went into effect four days later at the height of the Cold War, a year and a half after he became president, and eight months before Soviet attempts to put nuclear missiles on the island brought the two superpowers to the brink of war.

Washington already had some limited sanctions in place, but Kennedy’s decision was the beginning of a comprehensive ban on U.S. trade with the island that has remained more or less intact ever since.

Little was planned to mark Tuesday’s anniversary, but Cuban Americans of Congress issued a joint statement vowing to keep the heat on Cuba.

Supporters of the policy acknowledge that many U.S. strategic concerns from the 1960s have been consigned to the dustbin of history, such as halting the spread of Soviet influence and keeping Fidel Castro from exporting revolution throughout Latin America. But they say other justifications remain, such as the confiscation of U.S. property in Cuba and the need to press for greater political and personal freedoms on the island.

“We have a hemispheric commitment to freedom and democracy and respect for human rights,” said Jose Cardenas, a former National Security Council staffer on Cuba under President George W. Bush. “I still think that those are worthy aspirations.”

With just 90 miles (140 kilometers) of sea between Florida and Cuba, the United States would be a natural No. 1 trade partner and source of tourism. But the embargo chokes off most commerce, and the threat of stiff fines keeps most Americans from sunbathing in balmy resorts like Cayo Coco.

Cuba is free to trade with other nations, but the U.S. threatens sanctions against foreign companies that don’t abide by its restrictions. A stark example arrived off the coast of Havana last month: A massive oil exploration rig built with less than 10 percent U.S. parts to qualify under the embargo was brought all the way from Singapore at great expense, while comparable platforms sat idle in U.S.
Scheduling a mess of men's basketball

JOE RAGUSA  
Daily Egyptian

“The travel schedule for the men’s basketball team has started to wear on the players, said coach Chris Lowery.

“It’s not always about the game,” Lowery said. “It’s about being able to come back that night and the next day being able to practice and being able to be in your own bed.”

The Missouri Valley Conference picks the conference schedule, so SIU had almost no say in how its schedule looked from Dec. 27 to the end of the regular season, said athletic director Mario Moccia.

The problems with the conference schedule started immediately for SIU. Lowery said when the Salukis came back from the Diamond Head Classic in Hawaii Dec. 26, they had one day of practice before they went to Evanston Dec. 29 and subsequently lost 78-60.

Moccia said the conference schedules are drawn up by the MVC with help from each of its member schools. The dates for conference play to start were Dec. 28 to 29, and Moccia said he let the MVC know SIU wanted a home game at the later date due to its trip back from the Diamond Head Classic.

Moccia said the MVC helped SIU as much as possible by putting the Salukis on the later game, but the only one available was an away game at its nearest conference rival.

“We would love to get a home game on (Dec. 29), but I don’t control that, the league controls that,” Moccia said. “That was one of the rare times where we would have input on the games, but we sure didn’t get what we want. I guess we got half of what we wanted.”

Lowery said the schedule really piled on during a week-long stretch Jan. 15 to 21 when the team lost on the road to the Missouri Valley Conference’s top two opponents, Creighton and Wichita State, with an overtime loss at home against Drake sandwiched between the two.

“It’s hard to practice. We’ve had two three-day trips in a week,” Lowery said Jan. 23, two days after the 85-42 loss to Wichita State. “It was pretty clear that we were tired from the beginning (against Wichita State).”

The MVC sends out suggestion forms to each of its member schools in August. Moccia said, so the conference knows what each school is doing during the basketball season and how it would prefer its schedule to pan out.

The Valley has to deal with those suggestions from all ten member schools with men’s basketball, so Moccia said it is almost impossible to make a schedule that works for everybody.

Sports information director Tom Weber said the conference has a locked-in 18-game schedule for basketball with start and end dates, Dec. 28 to Feb. 25 this season.

Moccia said the assistant coaches do most of the work to organize non-conference games with area teams and non-conference rivals. Moccia was involved in the scheduling of a few, such as the Nov. 15 contest against Saint Louis University.

Moccia said he focused on SIU’s presence in national tournaments, such as the Diamond Head Classic, this season.

“For our long history of making the tournament, playing on ESPN, we got to be a known commodity,” Moccia said. “Certainly, we have dipped from a performance standpoint since the days we were making regular appearances on ESPN, but we’ve maintained our network with them.”

SIU is locked into a two-year contract to appear in tournaments hosted by ESPN such as the Diamond Head Classic this season and the Charleston Classic next season.

Moccia said networking with schedulers and promoters such as ESPN and other organizations helps, land the Salukis in tournaments or other televised special events, such as when SIU held its first game in the new SIU Arena against Northeastern Nov. 16, 2010, as part of ESPN’s 24-hour basketball marathon to start the season. Moccia said he called Ann O’Connor, a former events scheduler for ESPN, and pitched her the idea of opening the new SIU Arena on national television.

“She said they only had the 9 a.m. game, but on the main network,” Moccia said. “I took it to campus, and said here’s the opportunity, but they said students were in class. We kind of weighed that stuff for a two-hour commercial on national TV, and the institution thought it was a good deal.”

Moccia said the national TV appearances don’t always have a significant payout for the university, but SIU usually has its travel and food expenses paid for, along with the added promotion of playing for millions on TV.

The school also lost money when it entered the 2K Classic in 2008. Four teams, SIU, Duke, UCLA and Michigan, played in the nationally televised tournament in Madison Square Garden, but there was a preliminary round when the four teams played two other teams to decide who played in New York.

SIU hosted the University of Massachusetts and Division II California University of Pennsylvania. Moccia said the university worked out a deal with the tournament promoter to give the promoter a portion of the season ticket and regular ticket sales for the two games in return for the chance to play on ESPN.

With SIU down 15 to UMass in the first half of its Nov. 12, 2008 matchup, the chance to go to New York was slipping away.

“That cost us about $90,000. You know how bad I was sweating it when we were losing to UMass by 15?” Moccia said. “Once we advanced, they paid for our travel and hotels, which is expensive in New York, and we were

“Hell” Week

Schedule of the men’s basketball team’s hectic week of January 14 through January 22.

- Approximate time and date the team left for Omaha: 1 p.m., Jan. 14
- Any practices between then and the game against Creighton: Practice at 9 a.m. Jan. 15
- Game against Creighton: 6:05 p.m. Jan. 15, SIU loses 90-71
- When the team left for Carbondale: 6 a.m., Jan. 16
- Any practices between then and the game against Drake: 3 p.m. Jan. 17 and 18
- Game against Drake: 7:05 p.m. Jan. 18, SIU loses 75-68 in Overtime
- Any practices between then and when the team left for Wichita: 3 p.m. Jan. 19 and 20
- Game against Wichita State: 7:05 p.m. Jan. 21, SIU loses 85-42
- When the team left for Carbondale: 4:30 p.m. Jan. 22

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guaranteed two nationally televised games. It was worth the risk.”

The tournaments help add games to the NCAA limit of 29 games per season. Tournaments are considered “multi-team events,” which means they count as just one game on the schedule, even though a school can play several games in a tournament.

Moccia said even though the school has some control with its non-conference schedule, scheduling, as a whole, is a headache.
SIU rugby competes for national title in Las Vegas

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Senior rugby player

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SIU sets itself apart from the other 32 teams entering the USA National 7s Rugby Tournament as the only Registered Student Organization in a pool of Division 2 schools.

“Every other team has the money to give out a partial or full scholarship,” said rugby club president Daniel Lowery.

In the club’s first bout of the tournament Thursday in Las Vegas, SIU will go head-to-head with the University of Club, the defending Division 2 national champion.

There will be three days of round robin play at Las Vegas’ Silver Bowl Sports Complex, with SIU going up against either Regis University of Colorado or Michigan’s Davenport University Friday.

SIU rugby qualified for the national tournament last year with a first-place finish at the Midwest Collegiate Rugby Showcase in Wisconsin.

“We can’t go to Nevada anticipating a loss,” said Sam Pellegrino, senior rugby player. “We made it to playoffs last season for the first time in 15 years, we have a lot of returning seniors, and we’re ready to get out there and compete.”

Although Division 2 rugby teams consist of seven players, eight players less than Division 1 schools, Division 2 consists of some Ivy League schools.

“Teams like UCLA, Yale, Stanford and Brown all compete on the same stage with SIU,” Lowery said. “We have just as high of a chance to walk away national champions as any of them do.”

Ben Crybusky, former club president, said the team’s focus seems to be in the right place despite excitement for a trip to Las Vegas.

“We’re going to this tournament to win,” Crybusky said. “After we do the absolute best we can all three days, we have the rest of the weekend to hang out in Vegas before coming back to southern Illinois for school on Monday.”

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Senate candidate can’t escape sports scandals

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AUSTIN, Texas — In the sports world, Craig James was a star football player for Southern Methodist University and the New England Patriots. He later became a household name in Texas as a television analyst for ESPN.

Now that he’s running for the Senate, James can’t separate his Republican politics from football, which accounts for nearly all of his name recognition. But drawing attention to his athletic exploits also means revisiting a pair of well-known scandals going back to the 1980s.

So instead of fielding public-policy questions, he must constantly fend off comments about how he took improper payments at SMU and played a role in firing a popular Texas Tech coach.

“I’m ready to move on,” James, now 51, said last week in an interview at an Austin restaurant. He won’t be easy in a state where football inspires almost religious devotion, and fans cling to long memories.

James, who has never run for office, says his years as a small-town rancher, businessman and dad make him an ideal candidate to bring common sense to Washington.

His rookie campaign sticks to broad conservative talking points: attacking President Barack Obama on the federal health care law, protecting the Constitution, cutting off illegal immigration and easing regulations on business.

Recent polls have shown him far behind his rivals, and his negative ratings among Texans are twice as high as his positives.

“The negatives are coming at him from multiple sources,” said Austin political consultant Bill Miller. “This is the deal with scandal: If it comes out early and you can get it behind you, you can survive. If it always stays in front of you, it’s a killer. He’s got to get it in a rearview mirror.

We’ll see if he’s got the wherewithal to make it happen.”

James played at SMU from 1979 to 1982 and was a major part of the record-setting “Pony Express” backfield with Eric Dickerson. The Mustangs won Southwest Conference championships in 1981 and 1982, but the team was also embroiled in several NCAA investigations.

In 1987, the NCAA hit SMU with the so-called “death penalty” for repeated infractions, shutting down the program for a year after concluding that the school continued to pay players, even after a 1985 promise to stop. SMU also chose not to play in 1988.

James had already been gone from SMU for several years when the penalty was imposed, but he acknowledges taking “insignificant amounts” while playing there. He says he can’t remember how much or who gave it to him. He dismisses it as the mistake of an 18-year-old kid who wasn’t mature enough to say no.

He and his teammates were “the highest-profile people they’ve ever seen play at SMU,” James said. “I don’t have anything to run from or hide from. It is what it is.”

He’s also partly responsible for why an NCAA investigation from the 1980s is still dogging him today.

James helped publicize the 2010 ESPN documentary “Pony Express,” which dusted off the scandal for fans who didn’t know about it or had forgotten the details behind college football’s most famous corruption case.

James’ past also raises doubts among many Texas Tech fans who blame him for the 2009 firing of coach Mike Leach. James complained to school administrators that Leach mistreated his son Adam, a former Red Raiders player, by twice ordering him to stand for hours confined in a dark place after he got a concussion.

Leach denies mistreating the younger James and has said Craig James was a meddling dad who pressured coaches to get his son more playing time. Leach also contends an $800,000 bonus he was due on Dec. 31, 2009, was the reason he was fired. Leach has sued the university, ESPN and Craig James.
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