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**COLE-finalist-for-SIUC-position**

Sean McGahan | Daily Egyptian

Since he came to Carbondale 19 years ago, Brad Cole has held many titles in the university and city government — but never in both organizations at the same time. That could change as soon as next week, when officials are scheduled to announce the appointment of a new head of alumni relations. The second-term mayor is one of two finalists vying for the role of SIUC's next associate vice chancellor for institutional advancement and executive director of the Alumni Association.

Though the university and the city have close ties, some residents voiced concern about the potential for a conflict of interest if Cole were to hold leadership positions in both simultaneously.

During Cole's open forum interview for the job Friday, two of 18 attendees told Cole they opposed him applying for the position while serving as mayor. One said he and other citizens would petition the Illinois governor's office to investigate "hiring corruption" if Cole gets the job.

Retired Carbondale Fire Chief Charles McCaughan, 75, said he and other residents question the connection between Cole's interest in employment with the university and the plan he proposed as mayor to donate $20 million to the university's Saluki Way project.

The City Council voted in August to donate $20 million over a period of 20 years to the university's plan to build several new buildings on campus.

Cole's appointment to the university job would be a pay-off for pushing the city's donation, McCaughan said.

"I'm not against Brad Cole getting the job," he said. "But I am against him voting for $20 million of the taxpayers' money to give to the university, which is a tax-supported entity, and then tell me that he isn't getting his job for it. I don't want the man to make a fool out of me, insult my intelligence."

Cole said the claims had no merit because the city's support for Saluki Way was developed more than a year ago, long before the position opened. He also noted the project was approved by the City Council, which is elected to speak for the citizens.

"Whatever you're searching for, you're not going to find, because there is no connection between the two, at least not in my part. This job came available. I applied for it," Cole said.

"It is not against any law or city code to work for both entities and several previous and current city employees have also held posts at the university. When questioned about potential conflicts of holding both positions, Cole noted the history of former Carbondale Mayor Neil Dillard. Dillard, who was mayor for 16 years before his 2003 retirement opened the door for Cole, also served as the director of regional research and service in SIUC's Economic and Regional Development department.

Cole has focused on the relationship between the university and the city throughout his city government campaigns, from City Council elections in 1999 to the most recent mayoral race in 2006.

During that race, he often stressed his ability to be a full-time mayor, saying it allows him to be more effective.

"Brad is not thought about how the position, which he called "the best job on campus," would affect his work as mayor because he is still only a candidate.

"Being mayor is a job that can be defined by the incumbent in the office. They can put as much or as little into it as they like, and I've put as much as I've had and at some point may have to address that," Cole said.

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**Capital funding frozen for ninth year**

**Diana Soliwon | Daily Egyptian**

SIU President Glenn Poshard and local legislators united Monday in a plea for the Illinois House to renegotiate a statewide capital plan that has been blocked for the ninth year in a row.

Last week, the bill seemed poised to pass as both Republicans and Democrats expanded funding options in an effort to put through billions of construction dollars they say the state desperately needs.

The $34 billion bill would allocate funds for final Morris Library renovations and a new transportation center at Southern Illinois Airport, among other state construction projects.

Yet in the final hours of the session, the Illinois House used a parliamentary move to eliminate the funding option because it used money earned from state gambling. The move took the entire bill off the table.

"It was the best bill we could build under the circumstances," Poshard said.

Local officials voiced their frustrations with the bill's historic delay.

"We live in the fifth-largest state in the nation, yet it has been nine years since Illinois last created a capital plan,"

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Mayor Brad Cole, left, of center, answers questions during a discussion with Nancy Vallino, left, a business administrative associate, Kathy Jones, associate athletic director, and Jim Scales director of career services. Cole interviewed for the position of associate vice chancellor for institutional advancement and executive director of the Alumni Association Friday at the Student Health Center.

John Jackson, chairman of the nationwide search for the position, said the two finalists are closely matched and have the advantage of experience at the university, both as two-degree graduates and previous Alumni Association staff.

Jackson said it is too early to determine what measures would be taken if the mayor is chosen for the post.

“It’s not clear it’s going to come to that, but if it were, people on both sides will have to sit down and work out the potential of conflict and set up some rules and guidance about how to act,” Jackson said. “I think it can be handled and, as long as you recognize it, can be anticipated and dealt with.”

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Surveillance of West Nile underway

Jackson County receives research grant to combat deadly virus

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Researchers are scoping out mosquito hotspots throughout Carbondale in an effort to save lives this summer.

The insects known to carry the deadly West Nile virus spread quickly this time of year, and the Jackson County Health Department is working to ensure the virus doesn’t spread with them.

Through federal and state funding, Geo. Rod Blagojevich granted the Illinois Department of Public Health $2.8 million for surveillance and research for several counties throughout the state.

West Nile originated in the Northeastern U.S. in 1999 and quickly spread all over the country. More than 1,000 human cases have been reported in Illinois alone, and the number continues to grow each year.

Because of the number of cases in previous years and the amount of mosquito samples that tested positive, Jackson County was the recipient of $14,640 to combat the problem, said Alteney Arnold, spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Public Health.

“It is important for areas that have a high potential for an outbreak to have money to help with surveillance of the virus,” Arnold said.

The two grants Jackson County received include the Emergency Fund and the Vector Surveillance Grant.

Funds from the one-year West Nile Prevention Fund should promote an educational campaign for the public to learn about the virus and how they can help with the prevention process. The two-year Surveillance Grant funds the collection of mosquitoes and other potentially infected animals, such as birds, for testing.

Kevin Gillespie, director of Environmental Health for Jackson County, said dead birds discovered by residents are collected and tested on a weekly basis at the labs in Murphysboro.

There have been two groups of mosquitoes, found in Peoria and DuPage County so far this year, that tested positive for the West Nile Virus. Gillespie said Jackson County began its process of testing for the virus throughout the area May 1 and all the results have come back negative.

Although it is just the beginning of the summer, Gillespie said it is important that everyone learns as much as they can about the virus so they will not become victims.

“People need to know how to avoid getting bit by mosquitoes and prevent mosquitoes from reproducing in backyards and other places where there is standing water,” Gillespie said. “This will help stop the spread of the virus and lower the number of deaths.”

Jarod Shelton, a junior from Rushville studying physiology, said although he knows very little about the virus, he thinks the grants will help people become more knowledgeable on the subject.

There was one case in my hometown that was a big deal, but since then nothing has been brought up about it,” Shelton said.

Besides humans, animals are also at a risk for catching the virus, especially horses. When the first outbreak occurred, many horses died throughout the U.S. because no one knew how to prevent it, said Sheryl King, director of equine sciences at SIUC.

There was one confirmed case and one suspected case on the SIUC campus farm in 1999 and there have not been any since. It is most likely due to a vaccination that came out a year later, which is given to the horses right before the West Nile season starts, King said.

King said much research has been done and with the grants received this year, researchers should find more methods to prevent the virus. Nothing should be expected to change overnight, King said, but at least one population of species is protected.

“If researchers can get across an awareness of the virus and the problem it causes then more can be done about it,” King said.

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President Bush nominate Gen. Norton Schwartz, a career airman and their commander, to explain his moves to donors in Virginia on Tuesday to small business owners in Washington. Things are looking grim for the economic war. Meanwhile, voters blaming Bush for the economic woes, Republican candidates for federal and state offices are scrambling to distance themselves from the bad news without abandoning core principles such as low taxes and modest government intervention in activities like banking and lending. Democrats are trying to cut off any debate on the issues.

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Gates announced on Thursday that he was removing top military leaders from the chief's job and Wyne as top military leaders. Gates is accountable for failing to fully correct an erosion of nuclear-related performance standards, a concern linked to the cross-country flight last August of a B-52 carrying armed nuclear weapons.

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SIUC engineers to appear on The History Channel

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College of Engineering

researchers make their History Channel debut today on a segment of the show "Modern Marvels."
The hour-long episode "Super Hot" explores the realm of extreme temperatures—a realm with which the university's Center for Advanced Friction Studies is well acquainted.
The segment shows demonstrations of the company's technology, which is used to simulate the friction of Boeing 767 landings and take-offs. Creating the scorched temperatures similar to those of coal mines, Filip said, "I'm pretty sure.

Filip and assistant scientist Todd Policandriotes also appear in the episode, which will air at 11 p.m. The center is the only one of its kind, and houses one of only two subscale aircraft brake dynamometers in the world, Filip said. The other is owned by B.F. Goodrich, but researchers at the center designed it and sold it to the company.
The center also works with four Formula One racecar teams to select brake materials and improve their designs, performs medical research with knee and hip implants and develops tools used in Illinois coal mines, Filip said.

"I think anything we do that shows we have interaction with the industry in doing state-of-the-art work benefits the university," said John Nicklow, associate dean of the College of Engineering.

"The stuff we're doing is directly applicable. It's interesting and it's fun."

Faculty and students say the show could have a positive impact on the university as well the center.

"It brings in a lot of research money for the friction center and the friction center contributes a lot of money to the university," said Cody MacCrimmon, a graduate student from Carbondale studying mechanical engineering. Policandriotes said some of the material used in the center's aircraft and Formula One brakes could possibly be carcinogenic and cause environmental problems.

"The non-heat treated carbon is activated carbon, meaning it can be carcinogenic if you breathe it," said Policandriotes. "Once it's heat treated it's no longer inert and it is not dangerous to the human body." Filip said they are keeping an eye out for potential environmental problems.

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Emergency text message system has delays

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Jessica Jacobs doesn't care so much about thunderstorm warnings, but she would like to know if there's a shooter in the building. Jacobs, a graduate student from Murphysboro studying English, signed up for the SIUC emergency text message system believing that she would receive notifications in the event of extreme danger on campus.

But Jacobs said warnings about thunderstorms that happened an hour earlier offered little assurance about the system's effectiveness at times when urgency is crucial.

Todd Sigler, director of SIUC Police, said the system has not been perfect, but he is confident that it helps to inform students of man-made and natural threats.

"There have been instances of slow delays with the text messages," Sigler said.

But he said Innovation Logistics Corporation, the company the university uses to implement the system, has done a great job on troubleshooting problems. Sigler added that monthly tests have been successful.

Enrollment for the text message alert system opened March 5. Mike Ruiz, director of University Communications, said a team of individuals from telecommunications, information technology and SIUC Police meets regularly to discuss new strategies for communicating in an emergency.

The university already uses e-mail messages and its Web site along with text messages.

No one should rely on one form of messaging to communicate in an emergency, Ruiz said.

"I know that text messaging is very popular with a lot of people right now and obviously that's why we're putting a lot of effort and resources into that, but that's not infallible," he said.

To help build interest in the text message system, Sigler said he informs parents of prospective students about the service at student orientations.

Ruiz said the team cut back on the reasons for using the emergency service, saying people would be less likely to take the messages seriously if they received a text for every thunderstorm.

"One thing you don't want to have happen is they get into SIUC and it starts to become some kind of normal event," he said. "We want to get people's attention."

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For the women: Ladies, the toughest role isn’t always wearing 10 pairs of shoes and trying to keep yourself together. It’s being a bigger fish in the fast food, small town pond that we can end up being. It’s being the “good” one that all of your friends go to for help. It’s the most boring role there is. It’s the role that no one wants.

There are good reasons to have a job. Your job is to support you and your family. It’s the role that we need to fill. But it can’t be the only role we fill. We need to have time to ourselves, to do the things that we want to do.

There are reasons to have a job. But there are also reasons to be a lady. It’s important to your family, to your community, to your country. It’s important that you have the courage to do what you need to do.

It’s not an easy role, but it’s a necessary one. We need to be women who are strong, who are independent, who are capable of doing anything that we need to do.

The Sunsets, which start this Thursday, are your best chance to observe them in their natural habitat. This town pretty much shuts down every week when it gathers at Shroyer or Turley Park to enjoy some free music. And there is certainly permission that we are still not encouraged to. Anniversaries, if you have the courage, venture to the strip. A warning however: PKS is not for the nervous one. Start out at Hangar and work your way up.

This summer, you can find new local places to go and eat too. Southern Illinois has all types of great barbecue joints and an even greater selection of delectable breakfasts. Chug your coffee a bit down here while you get the chance.

Bring back the child You remember how much fun things like Go-Karts used to be as a child? They are still that much fun; you just stopped riding them. Bring out the child in yourself and plan some summer adventures specifically to bring out the little racist in you.

There are a number of bowling alleys in southern Illinois and the cheapest of all is in the Student Center. If, like Barack Obama, bowling isn’t your thing, go for the Go Karts. There are a couple of places in Southern Illinois, but the closest is out in Murphysboro where 127 and 13 meet by Hardies. It’s cheap and worth it, plus they have rain-golf! Whatever your preference, just go out and do it. Go to the dollar store and walk out with 88 worth of balloons and water guns. Drive to St. Louis for the day and spend it on their beautiful (yet pricey) board walk. Drive to Kentucky, where you can pay someone money to go hunt wild bears with handguns (seriously, you can). Whatever you do, just don’t come complaining to me that you’re bored.

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**The Daily Crossword**

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Check here tomorrow for today’s answers.

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**Unscramble these four Jumbles to form four ordinary words.**

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**Today is a 6** — Consult a person who does something easily that you find difficult. There are a couple of tricks you can learn that will make the world a better place.

**Today is a 5** — Encourage the others to express themselves. Hold your opinions until last. If a compromise is achieved, you are the one most likely to think of it. Maintain objectivity.

**Today is a 4** — If you’re worried about making things go smoothly, as planned. Instead, be watching for breakdowns, errors and miscommunications. Keep others on track.

**Today is a 3** — The gang wants to get out and celebrate your success. Unfortunately, they may want you to pick up the tab. Watch out for that. You could go from hero to death in the blink of an eye.

**Today is a 2** — The world is in chaos, and you’re not safe.

**Today is a 1** — Hold your breath.

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**The Sudoku**

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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**The Duplex**

**THE GIRL YOU'RE DATING IS OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE**

...YOU'VE BECOME A ONE MAN CONCERGINE SERVICE

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

Marshall: I have nothing to wear. Can you pick up my dry cleaning right now?

Sure, I wasn't doing anything anyway.

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**10% OFF ALL PARTS**

by Glenn McCoy

HELLO, MY PHONE CALL IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME.

WHO IS THAT?

I DON'T KNOW.

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**THE DAILY EGYPTIAN** Tuesday, June 10, 2008

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**By Linda C. Black**

Today’s Birthday — You have a special connection with the location marked in the process, but you can also stand apart. You can remember the facts when others are caught in emotions. You need to get the advantage, check the day’s rating. 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Be careful at work. Don’t assume that things will go along smoothly, as planned. Instead, be watching for breakdowns, errors and miscommunications. Keep others on track.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — It’s not a good time to gamble or to brag about what you already have. Nobody needs to know about things that aren’t any of their business. Let other people do the talking.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — Encourage the others to express themselves. Hold your opinions until last. If a compromise is achieved, you are the one most likely to think of it. Maintain objectivity.

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**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Be careful at work. Don’t assume that things will go along smoothly, as planned. Instead, be watching for breakdowns, errors and miscommunications. Keep others on track.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — If you’re worried about making things go smoothly, as planned. Instead, be watching for breakdowns, errors and miscommunications. Keep others on track.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Things won’t go exactly according to plan, you can count on that. Not everything that can go wrong will, but a lot of it sure could. Proceed with caution.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — The action is fast and furious. There’s not a moment to lose. Great wealth or savings can be yours, if you move quickly. Sell stuff, and hit the sales.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Things won’t go exactly according to plan, you can count on that. Not everything that can go wrong will, but a lot of it sure could. Proceed with caution.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — Somebody doesn’t like almost anything you’ve done. Make a list of corrections you’d like to make. Don’t let people bully you anymore.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Somebody doesn’t like almost anything you’ve done. Make a list of corrections you’d like to make. Don’t let people bully you anymore.

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**Unscramble these four Jumbles to form four ordinary words.**

**A**

**B**

**C**

**D**

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**That Scrambled Word Game** by Mike Angirion and Jeff Knurek

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**GOING OUTSIDE IS OVERRATED.**

**smarde**

by Glenn McCoy

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**Eat Smart, Live Happy**

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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**JUMBLE**

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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**VCL**

by Glenn McCoy

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**Hungry?**

By Linda C. Black

**HUNGRY?**

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**You Don't Mess With the Zohan**

**Ratings:** PG-13

**Starring:** Adam Sandler, John Turturro, Emmanuelle Chriqui

**Directed by:** Dennis Dugan

**Runtime:** 113 minutes

Adam Sandler has spent the last few years trying to build a reputation with adult audiences by showcasing his more serious and family-oriented side. Unfortunately, he's not coming across very convincingly in this film.

Sandler's character, Zohan, is a womanizer who masquerades as a rabbi to escape the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. Her goal is to live a life of leisure in America by replacing the hairdo she was forced to build in Israel with the Paul Mitchell Hair Salon.

Zohan arrives in America and struggles to find work after discovering his 1976 Paul Mitchell stylebook is a hit outlandish. He eventually wins in a salon owned by the beautiful Dalia (Emmanuelle Chriqui). Dalia is a Palestinian woman, which keeps Zohan from pursuing his feelings for her.

Zohan (or “Scrapy Coco,” as he takes on the look with whom he shared his flight to America) quickly learns the talk of the hairdressing industry, chiefly because of his penchant for sexually satisfying his (grovellingly servile) clientele. Thereafter, he is able to make a living as a hair stylist for the beautiful Dalia.

The film's humor comes from a lack of subtlety and an endless stream of sight gags and physical humor. It's a fun movie for laughs, but the writing is not very satisfying. The Israeli/Palestinian conflict is a topic that any viewer could see coming.

**In the end:**

Don't bother with the Zohan.

**By Luke McCormick**

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**Baseball**

Season ends at conference tournament

**Ian Preston**

Despite out of its best records in recent years, the SIU baseball team, much like the rest of the Missouri Valley Conference, was no match for the Wichita State Shockers at this season's MVC Tournament.

The Salukis appeared poised to make a deep run in the MVC Tournament, winning twice of their last 12 and earning the fifth seed in the tournament.

The Salukis took on Northern Iowa May 23 in the opening round of the tournament. Junior pitcher Cody Adams pitched 8 2/3 innings and gave up three earned runs while striking out seven.

I told pitching coach Tim Ditson before the game I wanted the team to “put too much into it,” Adams said. “It sounded kind of selfish but I told him instead of trying to pitch for the team I wanted to pitch for myself. I told him to do it, and he believed how I should approach the game.”

With the win, the Salukis (34-22-2) moved to the second round, where they played the host school — the 13th-ranked Shockers (48-17-3). The Shockers pounded out 23 hits and nine earned runs and put the Salukis in the loss bracket, 12-2.

The Salukis beat rival Creighton (37-21-1, 16-8) 6-5 in the next game. Junior pitcher Mark Kelly and senior reliever Adam Hills each pitched 2-3 innings and replace it with a mega-mall. Zohan and the Phantom of the Opera work together in an ending of Israeli/Palestinian brotherhood that no one could have ever seen coming for miles. The Israeli/Palestinian conflict is the secondary plot in the film, but ultimately creates more humor than Zohan’s antics in the salon. Sadly, the sight gags and physical humor make up the laughs for two-thirds of the film.

Zohan had a lot going for it, as the movie was a success and the film included former SNL scribe Robert Smigel, Hollywood comedy king Jack Apatow and Sandler himself.

You would think the last two members of that writing team would create comedic gold, but the resulting film was not even remotely as funny as the rest of the film. The movie had a lot of potential, but the writing was not the best Columbus had to offer.
Vinny Del Negro? Seriously? With all the other coaches like Mike D'Antoni and Avery Johnson who were or are available, it would have been nice to see John Paxson go with someone who had at least a little coaching experience. If this little experiment fails, Paxson must be the next to get the ax. Let's just hope he doesn't blow the first pick now.

I straight up don't like this move. This team needs a proven coach who knows how to take young talent and mold them into a playoff contender. Del Negro might be ready to make the jump to the sidelines for a coaching search, but this takes the cake. It seems John Paxson is trying to keep fans on the edge of their seats with front office moves instead of low post moves. At least he can get a job as a writer on "Lost" after he gets his mid-season pink slip.
SIU earns high marks

Three athletes qualify for nationals

Justin Kabbes
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Saluki track and field team has made several achievements during the past week. Most notably was the qualifying of three athletes to nationals Wednesday.

The Saluki track team took 14 athletes to compete in 14 events during the Mid-South Regional Track and Field Championships in Fayetteville, Ark., May 30 and 31, where the athletes advance to the NCAA National Championships.

At regionals, senior thrower Brittany Riley, women's world record holder for the weight throw, came in second in the hammer toss after she threw 202-6. Senior thrower Brenton Simmons threw the shot put 59-7.75 for a second place finish. Junior jumper Bianca Stuart, will compete in the long jump after finishing third with a jump of 21-1.25. The national meet will be held Wednesday through Saturday at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

In addition to competing at nationals, Riley and Stuart are also preparing for Olympic tryouts over the next few months.

"She [Riley] has a good chance of making the Olympic team," head coach Connie Price-Smith said. "There are a lot of good hammer throwers in the country, but she has a good chance of placing in the top three at the trials and making the team."

Two weeks before the national qualifiers, the Salukis hosted the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Championships May 16 and 17. The women's team finished second and the men's team finished third overall. The women's team lost to Northern Iowa by 14-3 points. For the men, Northern Iowa also clinched the top spot with 204 points, while Wichita State finished second.

Three athletes qualify for nationals

Danielle Glosson
pitches during the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament opener against Missouri State May 10 at Charlotte West Stadium.

Glosson pitched a career high 11 strikeouts, striking out seven of the first 10 Missouri State batters.

Ian Preston
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Despite a disappointing postseason, the SIU softball team has much to look forward to in the pitching circle in 2009.

SIU (30-24, 15-8) played the dark horse entering the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. After finishing the regular season on a hot streak and hosting the MVC Tournament, SIU appeared to have a legitimate chance at winning the tournament.

In game one against seventh seeded Missouri State (28-22,11-13) the Saluki bats went quiet. Despite a pitching gem by freshman Danielle Glosson, in which she struck out seven of the first 10 batters she faced, SIU fell to the Bears 5-0.

Glosson received no run support from the women behind her who could not figure out Missouri State pitcher Melissa Pacheco. SIU managed only two hits off the senior, who struck out 10 batters.

Glosson pitched six 2/3 innings, gave up eight hits, and five runs but only one earned and 11 strikeouts.

"We had just beaten her two times two weekends before the tournament, but she came in and did what she needed to do," head coach Ian Preston said.

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Fantasy minute with Ian

Welcome to the first Fantasy Minute of the summer.

As the resident fantasy guns on staff here at the Daily Egyptian, it will be my pleasure to fill your heads with the numbers, trends and significant injury reports to give you the weekly insight you'll need to keep both your fantasy baseball and football teams powered up. I'm very excited to share my expertise with you all during the next few weeks, so let's get to it.

In my inaugural minute, I want to take some time to talk about what I feel is the most important part of winning in fantasy baseball: pitching. So without further ado, I'd like to take a look at my first quarter of the 2008 season honor roll for Ian, a guy typically known as my "High Fantasy Baseball Expert".

First quarter "Pitcher": Volquez

Before this season, Volquez never made more than eight starts in one year at the big league level sporting an ERA of roughly a touchdown and a field goal in his first two seasons.

For Lee, he only played half a season in 2007 and there was question as to whether or not he could even make this season's rotation out of spring training. However, coming into this week, Volquez boasts an 8-2 record with a league leading 1.31 ERA and 91 strikeouts.

First quarter "Under the Radar Pitcher": Marcum

Despite a so-so 5-3 record and the fact he plays baseball in Canada, the 26-year-old Marcum has been a 2.52 ERA and WHIP of under one. Marcum never plays half a season's rotation out of spring training, and again he is with a team this year is because he's on the same team as A.J. Burnett and Roy Halladay.

First Quarter "Waiver Wire Cy Young": Dempster

This award goes to a guy typically not drafted, but who may be the ace of your staff for the rest of this quarter. It's Dempster. He is a knuckle closer for the Cubs last year, playing Jekyll and Hyde every ninth inning, but now the 30-year veteran appears to have rejuviated his career. He currently holds a 7.2 record with an ERA under three and 64 K's.

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