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Cheng begins as Chancellor

Enrollment, education among goals

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

After months of preparation, Chancellor Rita Cheng said there was one major thing that surprised her about Carbondale — there's more to the university than budget concerns.

"You read negative things, all about the budget, and here I'm finding so many wonderful things going on here," she said. "The events, the quality of the research, all the student activity; it's a really dynamite campus."

Cheng began her first day as chancellor Tuesday, taking over the position held by Sam Goldman for the last two years. Cheng was announced as his replacement Nov. 17.

She said she would spend most of her first week in office meeting with administrators, faculty and city officials. She will also meet with students Friday during the Student Orientation Advisement and Registration.

She said she would also travel to St. Louis at the end of the week to meet with chancellors from other Missouri Valley Conference schools to discuss athletic issues facing the universities.

"It's a busy time, just to touch base on a lot of the issues that are going on," Cheng said. "Luckily I've met with many of these people earlier in my transition."

Cheng said she had made it a focus to spend several days in Carbondale every month during the spring semester to better understand the campus.

University spokesman Rod Sievers said Cheng's monthly visits put her in a position to understand what problems are affecting the university.

"She's done her homework. When she comes here, she understands what is going on," Sievers said. "That will benefit her immensely, she knows the issues we're facing — she's not coming in cold."

SIU President Glenn Poshard said Cheng's grasp of the issues at hand has impressed him.

"She's already studied tons of material on every issue confronting our university," Poshard said. "She's off to a running start, or even better. I greatly admire her grasp of the issues at this early part of her tenure. I have great respect for her and the way she has started."

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LAUREN LEONE | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Veterans listen to the keynote presented by P. Michael Jones, director of the John A. Logan Museum, at Carbondale's 144th Memorial Day service held at Woodlawn Cemetery. More than 300 people attended the event in honor of fallen soldiers and veterans.

Carbondale holds 144th Memorial Day ceremony

Tradition continues at location of one of the nation's first observations

LAUREN LEONE
Daily Egyptian

Memorial Day means more than a grill and burgers for Carbondale.

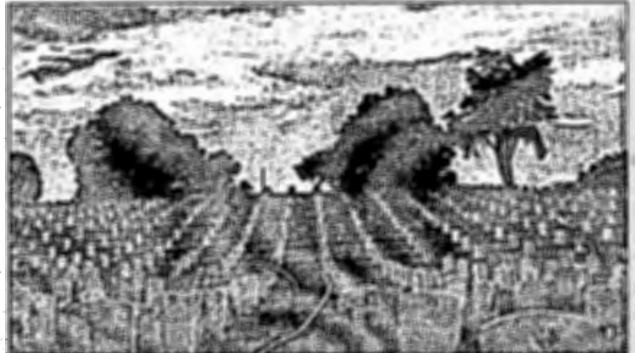
The city continued its tradition of honoring fallen soldiers by hosting its 144th Memorial Day ceremony, which took place at the historical Woodlawn Cemetery, the place where General John A. Logan gave his April 26, 1866 keynote address.

Mayor Brad Cole said some people believe the address is one of the nation's first observations of Memorial Day. The History Channel's website lists Woodlawn Cemetery as one of the five potential birthplaces of Memorial Day.

Cole welcomed the more than 300 in attendance as mayor, as well as the son of a veteran.

"My father was a veteran of the Korean War era, so it's important for me to remember him and other veterans today," he said. "So much history is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery where this holiday began."

In remembrance of the co-founders of Carbondale, the ceremony included a laying of wreaths on gravestones. This includes the graves of Captain Asgill Connie, Company K of the 18th Infantry and co-founder of Carbondale; Dr. William Richard, co-founder of Carbondale; and Lt. Col. John H. White, a member of the 31st infantry killed in action during the Civil War. Carbondale Cub Scouts decorated a monument in dedication



JESS VERMEEREN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

The sun sets over a section of Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on Memorial Day in St. Louis, Mo. The Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery was established as a cemetery in 1866 and is the burial site for more than 170,000 veterans from all wars the U.S. has fought in.

"These kind of ceremonies are special to me personally for the people who died for our country and for people like me who have survived."

— Calvin Scott
Vietnam War veteran

to unknown fallen soldiers.

Calvin Scott, 66, a Vietnam War veteran, participated in a Salute to the Dead alongside fellow members of the Foreign Wars, Tetter-Carter-Watson Post 2605.

"These kind of ceremonies are special to me personally for the people who died for our country and for people like me who have survived," he said.

Scott said he participated today not only to honor the young soldiers who have passed on, but the men and women at war in Afghanistan and Iraq. What Carbondale memorialized Monday is happening right now over there, he said.

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- Upcoming Calendar Events**
- Brown Bag Concerts**
- The Natives, today
 - The Swamp Tigers, June 9
 - Hot Sauce, June 16
 - The Parsley and Sagebrush Bang, June 23
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- Grower's Market**
- June 5, 12, 19, 26 in the Town Square

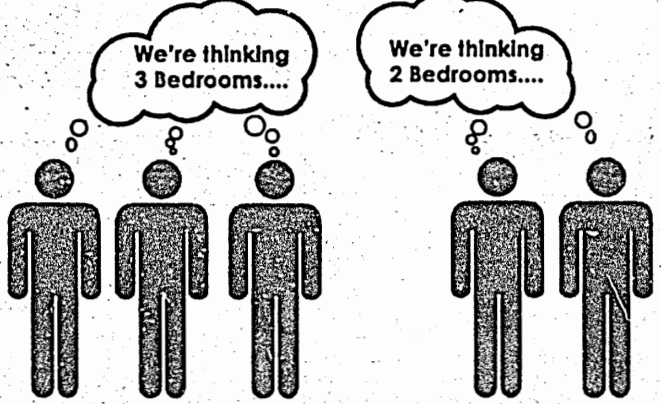
- SIUC University Museum Free Summer Programs 2010**
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 - The Museum Story Book, June 16 in the museum
 - Making Music, June 23 in the museum
 - All Sorts of Print Makers, June 30 in the museum graphics lab
 - Library Explorers, July 7 in Morris Library
 - Giant Sculpture Challenge, July 14 in the museum
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— Rita Cheng
Chancellor

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Cheng said she is fully aware of the financial situation the university faces, and would work with Poshard and her staff to stabilize the situation. She said she has approached the issue in her meetings with administrators and faculty.

Cheng said she has two goals so far — enrollment and education.

"I'll be looking at enrollment and the student experience, to make sure that the students who we enroll are successful and that more students want to enroll in the future," she said. "As the second goal, I want to focus on growing our research, building on the good scholarly activities going on around campus."

Poshard said because Cheng is already knowledgeable about the university's issues, he expects her to bring expectations to his office — instead of vice versa. He said he and Cheng share expectations on enrollment and budget issues.

"Those two things, in and of themselves, will be major issues facing her over the next several months," Poshard said. He said her experience at

the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee shows she is capable of the challenge.

Sievers said the reception for Cheng has seemed positive.

"She's very energetic, very peppy and just a really nice person. Of course it's just her first day, and it's just like the first day of class and no one is in trouble," Sievers said with a laugh. "But she has been getting a very nice, warm reception from everybody who has met her."

Cheng shared the sentiment. "This is just such a warm campus, everybody has made me and my husband feel right at home," she said. "We're pretty busy; we have a lot of personal and professional things to adjust to, but we're really excited to be here."

She said although she has been preparing for her chancellorship since November, it couldn't prepare for finally stepping into the chancellor's chair.

"I've done a lot of reading, I've done a lot of talking, I've done a lot of studying," she said. "Now I just have to be here and listen and learn and discover on my own."

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P. Michael Jones, director of the General John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro, served as keynote speaker. Jones said Carbondale co-founders established Woodlawn Cemetery in 1854.

"Both our nation and our cemetery were not even a decade old when our nation tore itself apart over the question of whether a country founded on the belief that all men are created equal could abide slavery," he said.

After speaking about Carbondale's history during the Civil War, Jones asked the audience to pledge to honor and protect the resting places and memories of veterans, as long as warmth of light remain within.

"It is the power that brings the past to life," Jones said. "It's the power of immediacy. We are all here now but all too soon, we will be a memory."

Near the end of the keynote address, Jones reiterated the importance of Memorial Day. "Woodlawn Cemetery embodies individual sacrifices made," Jones said.

Ed Dirks, member of the Company C of the 31st Illinois Volunteer Infantry, has volunteered for Carbondale's Memorial Day service since 1980, and has missed only one ceremony. He said memorializing the men and women of past wars is critical.

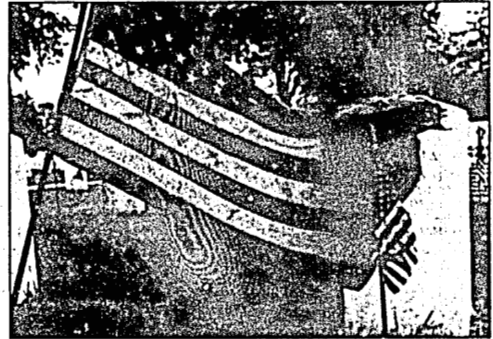
"If you don't study history, you're damned to relive it," he said.

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DAN DWYER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Members of the Kewanee Veterans Council begin rolling their flag as a heavy rain caused the cancellation of Memorial Day events at Veterans Memorial Park Monday in Kewanee, Ill. According to History.com, Memorial Day originated in the years following the Civil War and was known as Decoration Day, as General John A. Logan, Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, encouraged members to decorate the graves of soldiers with flowers.



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An American flag rests at a gravesite on Memorial Day in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Monday in St. Louis, Mo.

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WASHINGTON

Al-Qaida announces death of its No. 3 official, Mustafa al-Yazidi; US says missile strike

WASHINGTON — Al-Qaida announced Monday that its No. 3 official, Mustafa al-Yazidi, had been killed along with members of his family — perhaps one of the most severe blows to the terror movement since the U.S. campaign against al-Qaida began. A U.S. official said al-Yazidi was believed to have died in a U.S. missile strike.

A statement posted on an al-Qaida Website said al-Yazidi, which it described as the organization's top commander in Afghanistan, was killed along with his wife, three daughters, a grandchild and other men, women and children but did not say how or where.

The statement did not give an exact date for al-Yazidi's death, but it was dated by the Islamic calendar month of 'Jumadi al-Akhar,' which falls in May.

A U.S. official in Washington said word was 'spreading in extremist circles' of his death in Pakistan's tribal areas in the past two weeks.

LOUISIANA

BP establishes floating hotels for workers in preparation for massive cleanup on Gulf Coast

PORT FOURCHON, La.— The 40-foot-long conga-tiled steel boxes, resembling oversized white shipping containers, are stacked two high and the tops wide atop a barge at Port Fourchon, the oil industry's hub on the Gulf of Mexico. The words "Marlin Quarters" painted in black offer the only clue that they're not stuffed with cargo.

This barge is a floating hotel, or "flotel," set up by BP and several subcontractors to accommodate more than 500 workers hired to clean up the worst oil spill in U.S. history. Temporary housing is the only way to station workers at Port Fourchon, a massive shipyard that serves offshore oil rigs and is surrounded by ecologically sensitive marshes and beaches.

"There are no permanent residents here on the port," said Dennis Link, a manager from a BP refinery who's handling logistics at the 1,300-acre site that's easily accessible by ship, but reachable on land only by a state road that snakes through the bayous.

UNITED NATIONS

Security Council calls for impartial investigation of Israel's deadly raid on flotilla

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council called early Tuesday for an "impartial" investigation of Israel's deadly commando raid on ships taking humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip and condemned the "acts" that resulted in the loss of at least nine lives.

After an emergency meeting and marathon negotiations that lasted nearly 12 hours, the 15 council members finally agreed on a presidential statement. It was weaker than what was initially demanded by the Palestinians, Arabs and Turkey because of objections by the United States, Israel's closest ally.

The Islamic nations had called for condemnation of Monday's attack by Israeli forces on the flotilla "in the strongest terms" and an independent international investigation.

But the presidential statement that was finally agreed to and read at a formal council meeting instead called for a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation conforming to international standards. And it only condemned "those acts" that resulted in deaths, without naming Israel.

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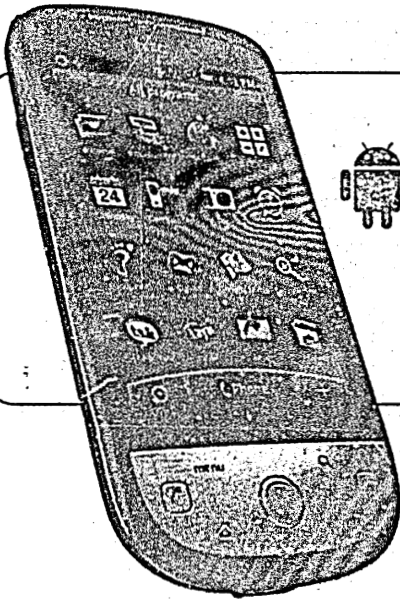
Activists sending more boats to challenge Gaza blockade despite deadly Israeli raid

JERUSALEM — Pro-Palestinian activists promised Tuesday to send two more boats to challenge Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip as international outrage mounted over a botched Israeli raid that left nine people dead.

Also Tuesday, the U.N. Security Council called for an impartial investigation of Israel's deadly raid, condemning the "acts" that resulted in the loss of life. After an emergency meeting and lengthy negotiations, the council agreed on a presidential statement that was weaker than that initially demanded by the Palestinians, Arab nations and Turkey.

Israeli officials have not identified the nine dead or the estimated 34 who were wounded in the raid, but said they would release the names of the dead later Tuesday. They said 50 of the 679 activists aboard the flotilla have been taken to Israel's international airport for deportation. The others, they said, have refused to identify themselves and will remain in detention in a prison in southern Israel.

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Olympic hockey, playoffs making the NHL cool again

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CHICAGO — Not too long ago, wearing Chicago Blackhawks gear would earn you quizzical looks or jokes about being the last of the team's fans.

Now the Blackhawks are the talk of the entire town.

"So many more people are talking about the Blackhawks, you need to follow them just to have a conversation," converted fan Paul Zywicki said.

The buzz isn't limited to Chicago. Fueled by a thrilling Olympic tournament in time-zone friendly Canada and down-to-the-wire playoff series involving some of the league's most storied franchises, the NHL is the hottest it's been since the pre-lockout days.

Television viewership in the United States is the highest in eight years, arenas have been filled to capacity — and then some — during the playoffs, new sponsors are signing up and merchandise sales are on the rise.

"As an athlete and as a hockey player, you feel like the third, maybe fourth or even fifth place in the sporting world," Blackhawks forward Adam Burish said. "But you can sense as you go around to the different cities, and especially here in Chicago, that hockey's exploding. It's bigger than it ever was."

Already trailing the NFL and NBA in popularity, the NHL was in danger of becoming a niche sport after a lockout wiped out the 2004-05 season. It typically takes several years for any league to recover from labor strife, and there were a few factors making the NHL's return to relevance even tougher.

Most of the NHL's television package was moved to OLN (now Versus), which doesn't have nearly the reach as old partner ESPN. The first two Stanley Cup finals after the lockout were Carolina vs. Edmonton and Anaheim vs. Ottawa; teams that lacked the big names and buzz

that can attract casual fans and create new ones. Chicago, home to one of the Original Six franchises and the country's third-largest media market, was a nonentity, mustering a season ticket base of just 3,400 in 2007.

The Olympic tournament at the 2006 Turin Games was a yawner, too. Sweden and Finland played for the gold medal while Canada and the United States finished at the bottom of the standings.

This year, however, the NHL hit the popularity jackpot.

"I think a big part of it was the Olympics," Philadelphia Flyers forward Daniel Carreiro said. "What a tournament that was. The final game brought a lot of hype around hockey."

Indeed, hockey at the Vancouver Games couldn't have gone more perfectly had it been scripted, with Canada and the United States playing for the gold medal. Sidney Crosby, the NHL's biggest name along with Alex Ovechkin, scored the winning goal in overtime for Canada. It was only the second gold medal since 1952 for the hockey-crazed nation.

Televised on NBC, it was the most-watched hockey game in the United States in 30 years, drawing an average viewership of 27.6 million.

While NHL commissioner Gary Bettman called the Olympic impact a "mixed bag" players had no doubts about its importance. Burish recalled going to a restaurant with some of the other Blackhawks to watch the Olympic final, and finding it packed with cheering fans.

"A couple of years ago, especially here in Chicago, hockey wasn't relevant. They wouldn't have cared," Burish said. "And here they are, cheering for a game that's not even the Blackhawks."

That enthusiasm has carried over into the playoffs, where 10 of the first 12 series went six games or longer.

NBC averaged 1.89 million viewers for the first three rounds of the playoffs, best since 2002. The overnight rating for Monday night's

matchup between Chicago and Philadelphia was a 4.1, the best on record for a Game 2 of the Stanley Cup finals and a 21 percent increase from last year.

The average overnight rating for the first two games is 3.5, the highest it's been since 1999 and a 17 percent improvement from 2009.

Arenas have been filled to 102 percent of capacity, the NHL said, including the sellout-plus crowd of 22,275 for Monday night's game at the United Center. Unique visitors to NHL.com increased 31 percent, the league said, with page views up 51 percent.

Corporate sponsors for the NHL rose 20 percent this year, including new partnerships with Geico, Starwood Hotels and LG Electronics. League revenues should be up 4 percent this year, Bettman said.

Sales of merchandise at playoff venues are 10 percent higher than last year, and the NHL's online store has seen a 31 percent increase.

To get an idea of what those numbers really mean, wander through the United Center, a building that was practically empty three years ago. Now the Blackhawks are the hottest ticket in town, with 101 straight sellouts dating to the 2007-08 season.

Almost everyone at Monday's game wore a Blackhawks jersey or T-shirt. Not the Hull, Esposito or Chelios sweaters that used to be the mainstays, either. No, most fans, young and old, were decked out in Toews, Kane or Niemi jerseys, young players who will be the mainstay of the league for years to come.

"It indicates what we've always believed, that it's an exciting game and we just need people to recognize it," said Brendan Shanahan, a three-time Stanley Cup champion who is now the NHL's vice president of hockey and business development.

"Going from a player to this side, one of the exciting parts for me is just seeing so much potential for the game of hockey," Shanahan said. "I think we're just getting there."

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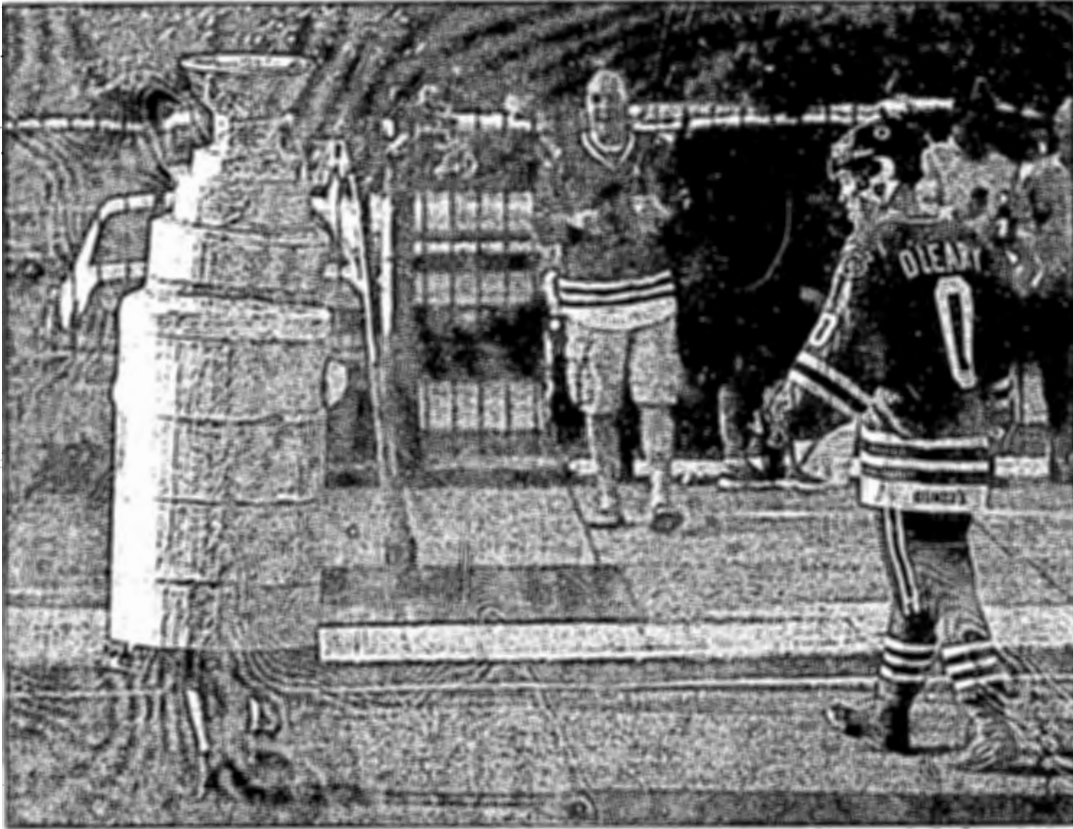


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CHICAGOANS CATCH STANLEY CUP FEVER



Michael O'Leary, 10, and his 11-year-old son, Tim O'Leary, left, dress as Madison Avenue in front of the United Center so a fellow Blackhawks fan can get a closer look at O'Leary's costume before he becomes one of the Stanley Cup Finals in Chicago. Michael O'Leary, a life long Blackhawks fan, said he created the costume a few years ago and frequently wears it to games. He said his son wanted to join him so they made a 15 foot Stanley Cup costume out of cardboard and foil.

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

Wagner looks to continue in collegiate athletics

Former three-sport athlete to pursue softball graduate assistantships

RYAN SIMONIN
Daily Egyptian

The days of playing games are over for former Saluki three-sport athlete Katie Wagner, but she hopes to remain close to collegiate athletics as the graduate assistant coach of a softball team.

Wagner graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in elementary education but she said she is looking to get a job as a graduate assistant for a Division I softball team. She said if she gets an assistantship, she will go for a master's degree in sports management.

"I am still young and I feel like I would make a great coach," Wagner said. "I have had many great experiences at SIU and I want to be able to share that knowledge with other softball players and make them better."

Wagner said if she can't find a coaching job, she will look to make a career as a teacher. She said she has talked to a few coaches about an assistantship but nothing is official yet.

SIUC softball head coach Kerri Blaylock said there are no assistantships available at Southern but believes she will make a successful coach wherever she goes.

"I am very proud of her. She was one of the most competitive players I've ever coached," Blaylock said. "She has great leadership skills and knowledge of the game which will be a great help to her when she becomes a coach."

Wagner, who participated on SIUC's softball, basketball and track and field teams, said the transition out of collegiate sports has been different but she has kept busy.

"I have been spending more time with my family which I haven't been able to do as much in the past five years," Wagner said. "I have also been taking more time for myself and enjoying the time I have off."

Wagner said she was blessed to have been able to play collegiate sports and represent SIUC. She said there are aspects about playing collegiate sports that she will



Katie Wagner prepares to guard an opponent Feb. 20 during a game against Illinois State Saturday. Since graduating, Wagner has pursued softball graduate assistantships.

always miss.

"I will miss heading out onto the court or field in front of all the Saluki fans as well as the daily interaction with my teammates and

coaches," Wagner said. "My memories of what I did on the court or field will eventually fade but the relationships and bonds that I have with my teammates and coaches

will stay with me forever."

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