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Dunn to leave YSU in March, looks to SIU

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Daily Egyptian

Future SIU President Randy Dunn is expected to leave Youngstown State University earlier than planned.

Harry Meshel, Youngstown Board of Trustees member, said Dunn will vacate his position in March, probably near the end of the month. Dunn's original resignation was set for August 16.

"From what I can see it's an opportunity for both the school to move forward with the new president and give Dr. Dunn a little bit of an opportunity to acclimatize back home," Meshel said. "It gives us an opportunity if we have our presidential choice earlier."

Dunn said the Youngstown Board of Trustees has called a meeting for Wednesday to discuss his leaving.

"The purpose of that meeting is to take action on an amendment to my employment contract," Dunn said. "At this point it does look like we will get to agreement on a date at or very near the end of March when they will release me from my contract here at Youngstown State."

Dunn said it is still undecided when he will begin as president of SIU and the date will be decided by the SIU Board of Trustees.

"My anticipation is that given President Poshard's retirement of June 30, that my first day of work will be July 1," he said. "Given the fact that my work here that I'm anticipating will be done at the end of the month, if there was any change in President Poshard's wanting down plan I would certainly be available – but I don't assume that at this point."

Melissa Wasser, student representative on the Youngstown Board of Trustees, said while some faculty and staff agree with the early leave, a lot of students want to see him finish in August.

Meshel said there has been discussion of an early leave since Dunn announced his resignation Feb. 17.

Dunn said he and his wife Ronda will use the time between positions by establishing their home in southern Illinois.

Before receiving the position at SIU, Dunn served as president of Youngstown for seven months. He served as president of Murray State University before Youngstown from May 2006 to March 2013. The Board of Regents did not renew his contract at Murray by a 7-4 vote.

Cynthia Anderson served as Youngstown's seventh president until she retired June 30, before hiring Dunn at the university. Wasser said Dunn was a definite choice during the presidential search.

"We were really looking for someone who had a dynamic personality, was really open and transparent, and willing to be an advocate for students and Dr. Dunn really did that," said Wasser, a senior studying political science and philosophy from McDonald, Ohio.

She said Youngstown was having budget and enrollment issues when Dunn was appointed as president.

Denise Dick, education reporter at the Vindicator, Youngstown's local newspaper, said Dunn began under the gun.

"He started in July and I believe it was September announced some budget reductions, and those included some layoffs," Dick said.

According to the Vindicator, Youngstown had a \$6.6 million deficit as of September.

Dunn said three-quarters through the fiscal year, the one-year budget reduction plan he created to help the deficit was working.

"It included some lay offs. We ended up dropping some outreach programs, really held back in terms of operational spending as well as travel," Dunn said. "All of those things together got us our \$6.5 million and it to some degree was crisis management having to deal with it. But it seems as now we will get through the year with close to an even budget."

Dunn said nine civil service staff members were laid off, but were all able to find new positions at the university before the notice period.

In order to improve recruitment, Youngstown reworked all its scholarships to create an achievement award, which will be in place next fall and changed areas where the university is recruiting, Dunn said.

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Walking on Water



CHRIS ZOELLER • DAILY EGYPTIAN

Levi Rhodes, a sophomore at Southeast Missouri State University from Jackson, Mo., walks across a slack line Friday over the pool at the Edward J. Shea Natatorium. Slacklining was one of many activities showcased during Slack Off at the Rec, a free event hosted by Outdoor Pursuits. Students also played water volleyball, went kayaking and were able to see tents that can be rented for camping. Rhodes said he and his friends once tried to set up a slack line over a lake near their campus but it wasn't set up as well as they had it during the event. "This was quite a bit more fun," he said.

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Passion defeats agricultural conflicts

TIA RINEHART
Daily Egyptian

Students, alumni, faculty and supporters of agriculture came together Friday to celebrate excellence and overcoming hardship.

The 62nd Annual All-Ag banquet, put on by the Agricultural Student Advisory Council, brought together the agricultural community to socialize and reward students and faculty for their achievements this 2013-2014 school year.

Amanda Oldfield, a senior from Colona studying agricultural systems and education and the Ag Student Advisory Council secretary, said the council plans the event all year.

"It's a time for the students and teachers to mingle as well as supporters of agriculture," she said. "It's a banquet to celebrate the students. It's to celebrate their achievements, their accomplishments, and it's just a fun, relaxed evening."

Lauren Arteman, a senior studying plant and soil sciences from Bellflower, was this year's recipient of the College of

Agricultural Sciences Outstanding Senior Award.

"I was really nervous because I actually didn't think I was going to get it," she said. "There's like 10 of us who are pretty competitive in the class so I thought it could go to anybody. I was pretty excited."

Arteman said she grew up on her family's corn and soybean farm and it sparked her interest in studying agriculture.

"A lot of people don't know where the food comes from, and that's what I'm kind of interested in educating on," she said. "I'm also pretty passionate about vegetables, which is weird to say, but I want to teach and research with vegetables, so we'll see how that works out."

Arteman said she hopes to work her way up in the Agricultural society and potentially solve the issues regarding the clash between conventional and sustainable Ag practices.

"It's pretty touchy but I want to kind of get in the higher ups and bring everybody together," she said. "I have big plans."

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Brett Wilson, a senior from Paris studying animal science, models his personalized lab coat Friday after he was chosen to be a part of the first-ever group of i2i scholars.

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Explore your career fair

MELISSA PARKER
Daily Egyptian

SIU is hosting the Explore Your Career Fair in the Student Services Building Tuesday from 3 to 5 p.m. in multipurpose rooms 150, 160 and 170.

Students will be able to explore and learn about more than 200 majors available at the university as well as

network with professionals.

Students will get the opportunity to meet with representatives of every college on campus and learn about future careers.

Students who are interested in changing their major, or are in UCOL 101, are strongly encouraged to attend.

This event will provide a variety of opportunities to help students practice

their networking and interviewing skills while meeting with representatives from specific colleges.

Students will also get an overview of possible classes they will be taking related to the major they decide to engage in.

The fair provides opportunities for students to speak to faculty members in specific colleges and get information about requirements for each major.

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“The idea really was to shake up how we were working enrollment at the university,” Dunn said. “I think the indicator so far is the applications for fall 2014 are significantly higher than what they were corresponding time a year ago.”

Dunn said universities should give potential students a reason to attend, and not predict enrollment numbers based on if the institution is close to home.

“At YSU, one of the things that I think was a problem is that for so many years it was just able to get its numbers by being the only name in town,” he said.

Dunn said he plans to apply those tactics at SIU as well.

“We need to affirmatively tell the story of what (SIU) can mean in terms of providing opportunity and preparing students for their lives and careers.”

Wasser said Dunn connected well with the campus and was always involved in the community, as was his wife. She said students felt confused and betrayed by the unexpected job search, but it was a position he could not miss.

Dunn will make \$430,000 during his four-year contract at SIU compared to his Youngstown \$375,000 contract, a \$55,000 increase.

“I think as people watch the news and talk to people around campus, they realize it was a dream job and it was a better opportunity – maybe. He was able to go home,” she said.

Wasser said there are some Penguins who do not agree with his decision, and many

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— Harry Meshel
Youngstown Board of Trustees

community members took to social media to express their disappointment.

Jessie Tuscano at @jessietuscano, tweeted Feb. 17, “If #YSU President #Randydunnwants to leave, let him. I'd rather have someone be president who cares about the University. #Youngstown.”

Youngstown Social at @Ytownsocial, tweeted the next day, “Randy Dunn is the girlfriend that breaks up with you, but you force to still live with you for the next 6 mos becuz your lease isn't up #YSU!”

George Clarke, a YSU senior studying interdisciplinary studies from Youngstown, said he is a fan of Dunn and does not blame him for leaving.

“The vibe was he was turning his back on Youngstown, that he didn't really give us a try. A lot of people don't understand he's going to a better situation,” he said. “We don't really do things that well at Youngstown State, the school itself is down in enrollment the past seven semesters – the area itself is not a great area.”

Meshel said Provost and Vice President for

Academic Affairs Ikram Khawajja could serve as interim president until the search to replace Dunn is complete.

Dick said the board met Wednesday and voted to use the same search firm used to find and hire Dunn.

She said the presidential search is transparent and open to the public, unlike the recent SIU search. Wasser said to her knowledge the board will meet again March 12.

Meshel said there are no definite candidates as of now, but Jim Tressel, executive president for student success at the University of Akron and former Ohio State University football coach, has been receiving much support to run for the position.

There has been speculation that Meshel will seek the presidential seat, but he said the position is not for him.

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Many other awards were presented throughout the night. Mickey Latour, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, announced the scholars from the Ideas to Investigation Program, also known as the i2i Scholar Program, an initiative to encourage research among undergraduate students.

Nine students received plaques as the first group of i2i Scholars. Latour said he developed the program to provide students the tools to investigate problems hands-on.

“It's high-ability students who work idea to investigation,” he said. “So they find a problem and they get a faculty member and they're paid to do it and they have money to do work and investigate it.”

Latour said the program is designed for all students from any department, and can potentially be executed anywhere in the world.

“For example, they could live in Chicago for the entire semester, take all their courses online, so they are on track to graduate, and do a project with a company and be mentored by a faculty member,” he said. “That's the concept: anytime, anywhere education.”

Ashani Hamilton, a sophomore from Jamaica studying animal science, said even though growing up on a goat farm in Jamaica was difficult, it drove him to study agriculture.

“It was very fun; I rode a lot of goats,” he said. “Being a third-world country like Jamaica is, you farm and you still have to work while you farm. Farming was like a hobby; you still had to maintain yourself as well.”

Hamilton said he loved growing up on a farm and is humbled to be where he is today.

“A poor little farmer's son, now in Carbondale,” he said. “It's great here.”

Thomas Marten, a 2012 graduate and a member of the Alumni Association, said the banquet is a great tradition for students to meet alumni, and his experience with the Collegiate Future Farmers of America was one of the highlights of his career.

“There's just some great work they're doing out there. Just showing that agriculture can be sustainable and still produce enough food, fiber and fuel for the growing demand of our economy and growing population of the world,” he said.

Marten said he is farming on his family's corn and soybean farm near Raymond, Ill., even though he had not always planned on it. He said the hard times he saw his family face while farming did not drive him to be a farmer.

“Seeing the family go through some hard times—that's one of the unfortunate things about farming,” he said. “It's easy to look at it now and say, ‘Man, that's profitable.’ Wait a few years and things can completely change with markets and costs.”

All of the troubles are outweighed by the opportunities of agricultural life, Marten said.

“There's so many issues and barriers, but there's also so many opportunities with all those barriers,” he said. “You have to be an eternal optimist; otherwise, you would never farm.”

The All-Ag Banquet also raised \$781 for the Heifer International Project through its silent auction.

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March celebrates women, achievements

ELIZABETH ZINCHUK
Daily Egyptian

Women's History Month is a time to remember influential women of the past and address issues of the present.

The month kicked off Friday and will continue to have events throughout March and the beginning of April. Melinda Yeomans, coordinator of the Women's Resource Center, is one of the many faculty and staff who have helped organize the programming.

Carbondale's Women's Center, the Women, Gender and Sexuality department and University Women's Professional Advancement are some of the organizations collaborating for the programming.

Yeomans said this month is a way to have deep dialogue about such issues as sexual assault, body

image and the way women are often depicted in the media.

"The events are celebrating women's revolutionaries, activists and intellectuals that laid the groundwork for women to be where they are in the U.S. as we are emerging as leaders both in the community and at the state and national level," Yeomans said.

Many of the events highlight the benefits women bring to society as leaders, she said.

"When women are in power, it is shown that you have healthier schools and a higher level of consciousness regarding wellbeing," Yeomans said.

The Illinois Network of Women in Higher Education Conference will be hosted by SIU April 4.

"It's an amazing opportunity to learn from women leaders and to network professionally," Yeomans said.

The 2014 Women's History Month also will take a critical look at sexual assault and ways women are seen, she said. Yeomans said there is still a long way to go in regards to creating a culture that prioritizes women's safety, equality and empowerment.

One in four women on a college campus are sexually assaulted in some way before they graduate, Yeomans said. The gender wage gap shows women are paid 77 cents for every dollar men make.

"Those are staggering statistics," Yeomans said. "Some people tell me 'Aren't we equal by now?' but there are still issues that we need to be reminded of."

Lei Gao, a graduate student in business administration from Changzhou, China, is working with Yeomans to help create a website and social media platforms

for the Women's Resource Center.

Gao said it's important to shed light on what women have achieved so present women have role models.

"It's quite meaningful and despite working for the Women's Resource Center, I can learn a lot by going to these events happening," Gao said.

Gao said being from China, when she came to SIU and saw events for women empowerment she gained a different perspective.

The women equality is present in many cultures globally, Gao said. Gao said the U.S. is comparatively better but still needs to improve on its equality.

"It's important to be a part of this movement, be connected and support each other as women," Gao said.

Yeomans said Women's History Month focuses on collaboration

with multiple groups, including men derived groups.

"It's about helping men and women create a culture that empowers women and is mutually respectful by helping remove exploitation and violence," Yeomans said. "We want to create an environment that brings out the best in all of us where men respect women and women respect men," Yeomans said.

Women's self-image will also be addressed through "Self-Image, Self-Perception as a Black Woman" and "Within and Without: Inner Beauty versus Outer Beauty," which is hosted by Sisters Interacting Successfully.

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Separatists blamed for China knife attack; 33 dead

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KUNMING, China —

Authorities on Sunday blamed a slashing rampage that killed 29 people and wounded 143 at a train station in southern China on separatists from the country's far west, while local residents said government crackdowns had taken their toll on the alleged culprits.

Police fatally shot four of the assailants — putting

the overall death toll at 33 — and captured another after the attack late Saturday in Kunming, the capital of Yunnan province, the official Xinhua News Agency said. But authorities were searching for at least five more of the black-clad attackers.

State broadcaster CCTV said two of the assailants were women, including one of the slain and the one detained.

"All-out efforts should be made to treat the injured people, severely punish terrorists according to the law, and prevent the occurrence

of similar cases," said China's top police official, Politburo member Meng Jianzhu, who arrived in Kunming early Sunday, an indication of how seriously authorities viewed the attack.

The attackers' identities have not been confirmed, but evidence at the scene showed that it was "a terrorist attack carried out by Xinjiang separatist forces," Xinhua said. The far western region of Xinjiang is home to a simmering rebellion against Chinese rule by some members of the Muslim Uighur (pronounced WEE'-gur)

population, and the government has responded there with heavy-handed security.

Police in Kunming on Sunday were rounding up members of the city's small Uighur community, believed to number no more than several dozen, for questioning in the attack and information about the assailants.

"How do we know them?" said a Uighur man who gave only his first name, Akpar. "We could not tell if the assailants were Uighurs as they were all dressed in black. We did not like the attack either."



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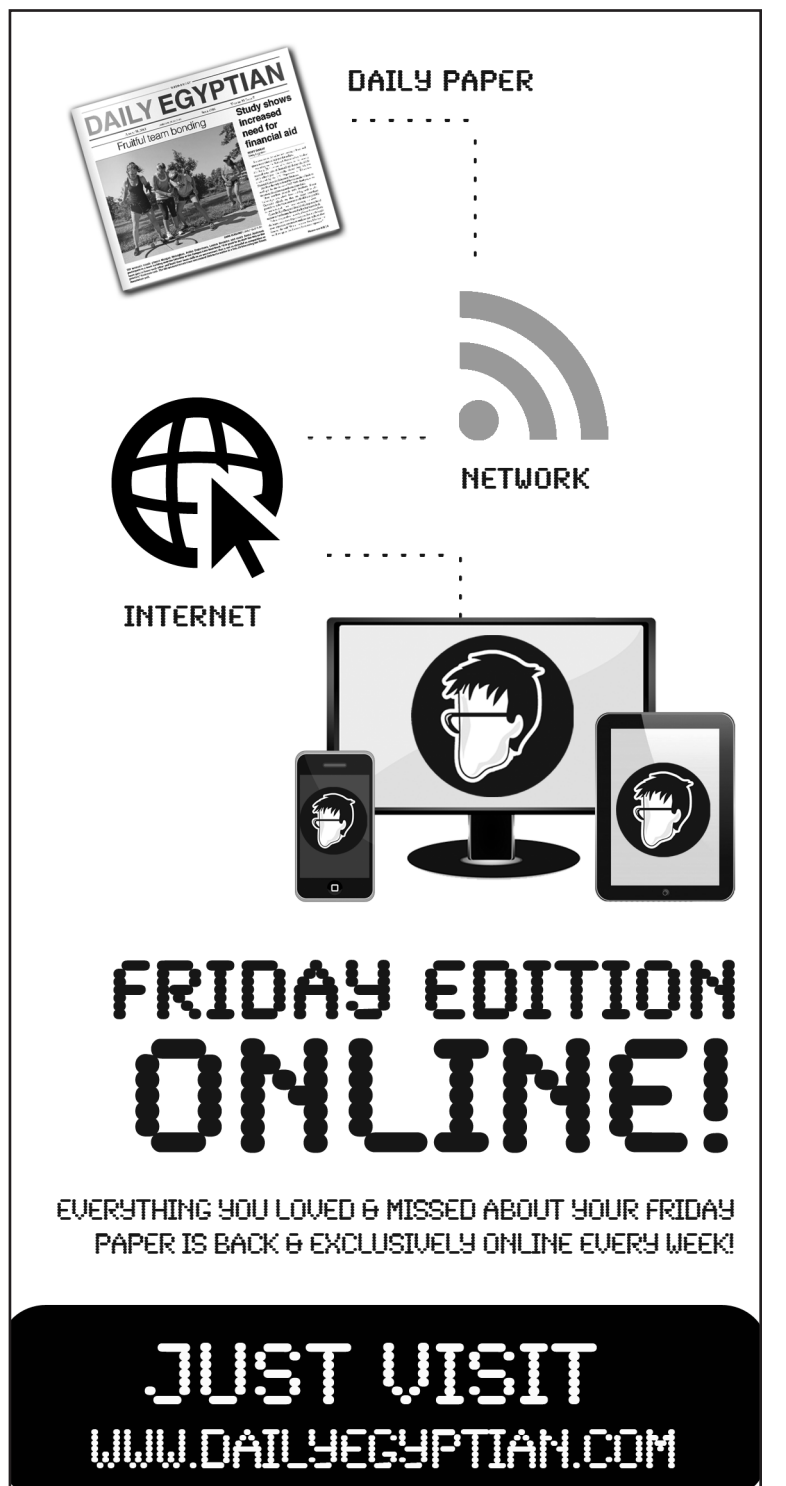
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“Non-Stop” has awkward trajectory

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Daily Egyptian



You’ve heard of “Snakes on a Plane.” But have you ever heard of Liam Neeson on a plane? That’s probably how the pitch went down for Neeson’s “Non-Stop” (Rated PG-13; 106 Min.), his newest collaboration with “unknown” director Jaume Collet-Serra. While “unknown” plopped Neeson into a “Bourne Identity” scenario with rather campy but surprisingly good results, “Non-Stop” isn’t so lucky in its attempt to freshen a tired genre.

Neeson stars as Liam Neeson in his role as air marshal Bill Marks, because really it doesn’t matter what generic name the writers slap on the character, it’s Neeson’s persona that takes over. He’s been typecast into playing the aging super agent capable of taking down anyone in his path, and while he’s a bit more reserved here, “Non-Stop” lacks the tight scripting and editing of “Taken.”

Marks has a past that he’s tried to drown with a drinking habit. As he boards his London-bound flight he receives a message from someone on his private network connection informing him that unless \$150 million is wired to an account,

someone will die on the plane every 20 minutes.

Collet-Serra takes a stab at a “Murder on the Orient Express” style thriller in the air — every passenger could be the killer. The usual suspects are here: the nervous flier, the hot-head, the couple interested in joining the mile-high club, the child flying by herself on a plane for the first time. The first half of the film is held hostage by the numerous camera shots to passengers with shifty looks on their faces.

The one highlight in the first hour is a tense battle in an airplane bathroom. Collet-Serra and his cinematographer Flavio Labiano shoot the sequence in a series of extreme close-ups that provide the suspense the film fails to build elsewhere.

The film also uses text-message conversations between Neeson and his suspect to build tension, but just as technology has allowed us to become disconnected from personality, so does “Non-Stop” remove the personal tension of an ominous voice on the other end of the line. Looking at words isn’t suspenseful.

Things start to improve in the film’s mid-section, where the writers finally attribute traits to the characters. The audience gets background info on the pasts and insecurities of characters played by Julianne Moore and Corey

Stoll, giving them a better degree of development than Neeson ever receives. And the movie does play on some of the stereotypes it sets up at the beginning.

But just as Collet-Serra starts adding some unique twists on the genre, he lets the climax slip out of his grasp into a muddled twist held down by so much last-minute exposition that the movie quickly uses the goodwill it built up during the second act. Normally it would be easy to forgive a Neeson flick —

after all, no one promised “Non-Stop” would be a masterpiece — but this movie doesn’t use Neeson to his full potential.

Neeson does seem to be enjoying himself, chewing on bad dialogue and making the most of the few times he gets to be a badass. And a few of the twists early on will keep audiences guessing. It’s just a shame the movie has to flame out when it reaches the climax, a political allegory that seems too hurried; it may take some pages from “Murder

on the Orient Express” but it certainly doesn’t have the same level of ending.

“Non-Stop” doesn’t exactly deliver the goods, and what cool lines it had up its sleeve it gave away in the trailer. It’s a better-than-normal thriller, but it is by no means 30,000 feet above average.

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Junior college isn't the worst decision

TYLER DIXON
Daily Egyptian

High school graduation is one of the most exciting times in a person's life, but it could also be the scariest.

The constant questions about future plans and where one is going to college becomes annoying to the point where we tell people whatever we think they want to hear.

With the pressure students feel about preparing for college during their last two years of high school, most don't consider any other option besides a university.

For me, staying in Illinois was vital, due to in-state tuition, so Eastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University and SIU were options. Most of my friends wanted to go to the University of Missouri or Southeast Missouri State University, but those schools weren't really feasible for me.

About 10 miles from my hometown was Shawnee Community College, a two-year junior college. The normal thoughts ran through my head about how I was settling to go to a junior college when having the option to go to a university like everyone else. I was already accepted to SIU and that was going to be the plan. The day after

receiving my acceptance letter, I found out about an academic scholarship I had received to Shawnee. The scholarship ended up paying for my two years at SCC, which was extremely beneficial.

Shawnee was basically a big high school. It was only one building and if it took longer than three minutes to get from class to class then it was obvious you were lost. The biggest classroom at Shawnee held around 30 people. Freshmen classes at universities could easily have more than 100 students and the professor has no idea who is in his or her class and why they are there. In contrast, professors at Shawnee actually knew their students and knew what their plans were after they left.

Junior college can be ideal for athletes as well. Some don't have the ability or the option to go to a bigger school, but playing at a two-year school can open doors for them. The level of competition isn't as high but it could help the transition for a player that just isn't ready to make the leap to a bigger program.

Going to Shawnee was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I wasn't the best student in high school and didn't know the time commitment college would need.

Shawnee helped the transition and helped instill the skills needed to excel at a university.

Another perk of community college was taking core classes and being able to focus on my major when I came to SIU. Before SIU, I had not taken any journalism classes and have been able to focus on my major since I transferred here.

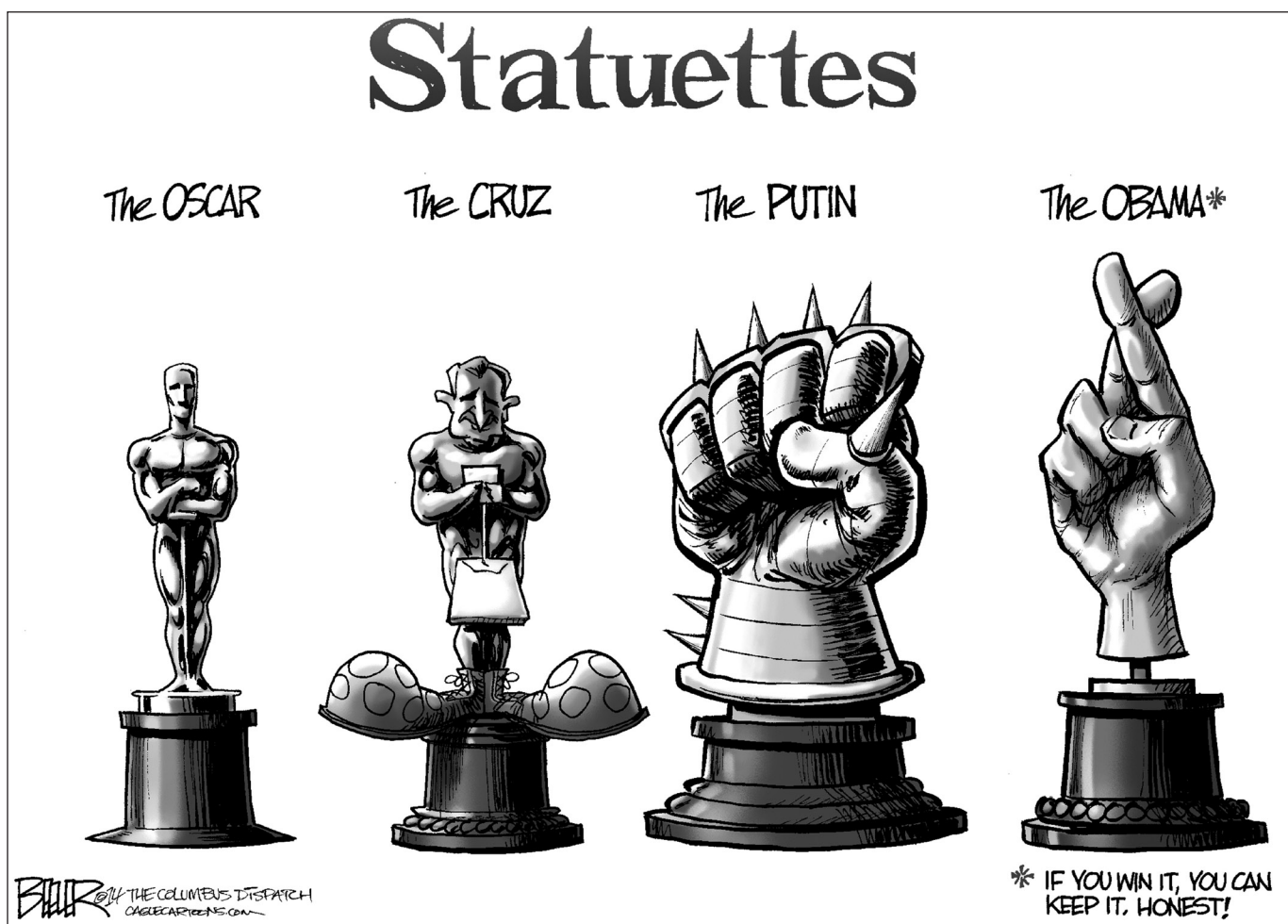
The friends that I made at SCC are some of the best friends I have today and they can relate to the transfer-student life as well.

On the other hand, I haven't had the normal college experience. I went to junior college in a cornfield, and I didn't go to bars as a freshman or even a sophomore. Hearing about people's crazy stories about how they went to every bar in Carbondale in one night sounds great, but I wouldn't change the experiences I have had. Focusing on school and work has been at the forefront since my time at SIU.

When looking back, going to junior college wasn't only good at the time; it was also good for the future.

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Easy Riders truck through Carbondale

KYLE SUTTON
Daily Egyptian

The sounds of blues and rock 'n' roll resonated off the walls of Tres Hombres as the Easy Riders strolled through Carbondale.

The group, fresh off the August 9 release of their new album "Earthbound," made the journey from Peoria to southern Illinois Thursday to showcase their vintage sound. The band, which played the show one man short, consists of lead guitarist and frontman Mike Miller, Nick Fairley on drums, Pat Connolly on bass and Steven Kaufman making a guest appearance on organ and keys. Brian Railey did not make the trip to Carbondale but plays hand percussion and provides vocals for the band.

Formed in 2007 by Miller, the band produces a sound similar to the Grateful Dead and the Allman Brothers Band, two groups they covered throughout the night alongside some of their original pieces. The music has a rhythmic feel, combining classic blues and jazz influences with vintage rock.

The bluesy growl of Miller's voice hovered over the venue as the band took viewers on a groovy exploration back in time. As he sang, Miller added Jerry Garcia-influenced and detailed guitar solos into the mix while Connolly and Fairley kept the foot-stomping beat alive. Kaufman used his extensive knowledge of the keyboard to fill in the spaces with blissful organ tones.

Miller said he loves to perform classic rock 'n' roll because of the pure format the genre comes with.

"It's the sound, man. Everyone can play their instruments and sing. They aren't faking



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Mike Miller, lead guitarist and vocalist for Easy Riders, performs Thursday at Tres Hombres in Carbondale. The blues and rock band from Peoria has played at the Summer Camp Music Festival in Chillicothe and has opened for well-known artists including The Marshall Tucker Band. Easy Riders released their debut album "Earthbound" August 9.

it," he said. "Now you're hiding behind a soundboard and somebody is messing with your vocals and putting makeup all over it. It's just so raw. It's true."

Connolly, who joined the band shortly after its formation, said the Riders play a style of music that served as the basis for many modern day musical trends.

"There is a magic about it and I feel those influences in almost all of the modern rock 'n' roll," Connolly said. "They are the roots of some of the modern sounds."

Kaufman has played this style of music in Carbondale for years now. While sitting in with another Peoria-based band, Art of Ill Fusion, at the 2013 Summer Camp Music Festival in Chillicothe, he had a chance to play with Miller and was asked to hop on the Easy Riders train, he said.

Kaufman said he jumped at the opportunity to travel out west with the band when Miller invited him to tour through Colorado with him last year.

"I'm a full-time keyboard player," he said. "If I can go play, I'm going to go play."

Easy Riders has seen much success since its founding. As the house band for the VIP tent at Summer Camp for the last four years, the band has played with some top touring national acts; in 2013, Miller was asked to sit in on an improvisational set with bass legend Victor Wooten.

The band was selected to represent Peoria for the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tenn., in 2010 and has opened for well-known bands including The Marshall Tucker Band and the Johnny Winter Band.

In 2013, Easy Riders performed more than 100 shows across the country. The band will travel back to Peoria after playing a small winter tour through Illinois.

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'12 Years a Slave' wins best picture

GARY THOMPSON
Philadelphia Daily News

The historical drama "12 Years a Slave," the true story of a free man captured and sold into slavery, won best picture yesterday in a tight race against "Gravity."

"12 Years a Slave" also won best supporting actress (Lupita Nyong'o) and best adapted screenplay, but "Gravity" ended up winning more Oscars, including best director for Alfonso Cuaron.

He thanked star Sandra Bullock, and described the movie "as a transformative experience, which is good, because otherwise it would have been a waste of time."

Cate Blanchett won best actress for her role in the Woody Allen movie "Blue Jasmine" as the wife of a disgraced financier who falls apart when she's forced to live without money. She thanked Allen for casting her and for writing about women, and said the

movie's success is proof that "audiences want to see them, and in fact they earn money."

Matthew McConaughey won best actor for his role in "Dallas Buyers Club" as a homophobic rodeo cowboy who contracts AIDS, then finds his humanity by devising inventive ways to provide drugs for others stricken with the disease.

Nyong'o won best supporting actress for her role in "12 Years a Slave" as Patsey, a slave forced to give up her child and to endure horrific beatings by her owner.

The award, said Nyong'o, born in Mexico to Kenyan parents, is proof that "no matter where you're from your dreams are valid."

She dedicated the award to Patsey, and said it has not escaped her notice that this role, which has brought her so much personal joy, has arisen from the suffering of so many.

Jared Leto won best supporting actor for his performance in "Dallas Buyers Club"

as a doomed transgender AIDS patient, helping to find much-needed drugs for other victims in the Dallas area circa 1985. He dedicated his award to the 36 million people who died of AIDS, and thanked his family. Leto talked of being raised by a single mother in Louisiana, thanked her for sacrificing to make a better life for her children, for teaching him to be creative, and "for teaching me to dream."

Host Ellen DeGeneres complimented Leto for being the prettiest star in the room. DeGeneres also felt bad for Jenkintown native and former Daily News intern Bradley Cooper ("American Hustle"), who lost to Leto, and presented him with two scratch-out lottery tickets and a quarter.

Cooper later presented the award for best documentary, which went to "20 Feet From Stardom," a story of backup singers. Cooper, at DeGeneres' urging, also took a

group selfie of several celebrities in hopes of breaking the record for retweets. Pink won a standing ovation for her rousing version of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," part of a 75th-anniversary tribute to "The Wizard of Oz." Will Smith presented the Oscar for best picture.

John Ridley won best adapted screenplay for "12 Years a Slave," taken from the memoir of Solomon Northrup.

"All the praise goes to Solomon Northrup," Ridley said. "These are his words and this is his life."

The Oscar for best foreign film went to "The Great Beauty," from Italy.

"Gravity" won best original score, and dominated most of the craft and technical awards, winning best editing, cinematography, sound editing, sound mixing and visual effects. "The Great Gatsby" won for best costumes and production design.

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Republicans criticize Obama for stance on Ukraine

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 — Lindsey Graham
 Republican senator;
 South Carolina

outlined specific steps. “We are prepared to work with your Administration to reinforce your efforts by authorizing U.S. loan guarantees to Ukraine and increasing assistance to facilitate a peaceful transition of power,” the senators wrote. “We also believe that the U.S. should make use of the tools at its disposal,” the letter said, including some “targeted sanctions.”

WASHINGTON — Republicans criticized President Barack Obama Sunday as too cautious about Russian President Vladimir Putin’s intentions in Ukraine. They insisted that Obama get tougher, and fast.

Rubio had a tougher tone on Sunday. He offered a sweeping view of Russia, saying “they’re increasingly behaving like an enemy of international peace and international norms.”

“I think Putin is playing chess, and I think we’re playing marbles,” House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers, R-Mich., said on “Fox News Sunday.”

He said Putin is rejecting the international standards that arose since World War II, including the spread of democracy and accepted norms for international conduct. “Russia, under this President Putin, does not seem interested in any of that,” he said. “So they are an enemy of that. And they are certainly, as it regards to that, an enemy of the United States with regard to those things I just outlined.”

“Our policy towards Russia under this administration deserves a heavy amount of criticism,” Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., said on NBC’s “Meet the Press.”

Other Republicans pounced on Obama.

“Putin’s on the wrong side of history. He’s on the wrong side of the law. Make him pay a price,” Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said on CNN’s “State of the Union.”

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., Obama’s 2008 Republican opponent, last month told a Phoenix radio station Obama was “the most naive president in history.”

Beyond the rhetoric, many of the specific ideas mentioned by Republicans were also embraced by some Democrats.

Last week, he recalled that Obama drew a “red line” against use of chemical weapons in Syria, and then stepped back from threatened military action in favor of a negotiated agreement that so far has left the Syrian regime in power.

Among them: Admit Georgia to NATO, and create a “democratic noose,” as Graham put it, around Russia. Impose economic sanctions. Restart missile defense systems in the Czech Republic. Suspend Russia from the Group of 8.

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Secretary of State John Kerry said Sunday that the U.S. is weighing possible economic sanctions or other punishments if Putin doesn’t relent.

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The hard line against Putin reflects the Republican effort to regain their political advantage on national security. From roughly the late 1960s, when most Democrats soured on the Vietnam War, until support for the Iraq war began to ebb about a decade ago, Republicans were seen as the party more inclined to use or threaten military force.

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Six Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, including Rubio, joined six Democrats Friday in writing a letter to Obama pledging bipartisan cooperation in developing policy, and

— Marco Rubio
 Republican senator; Florida

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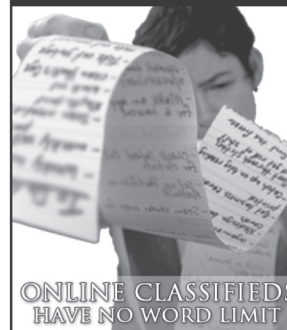
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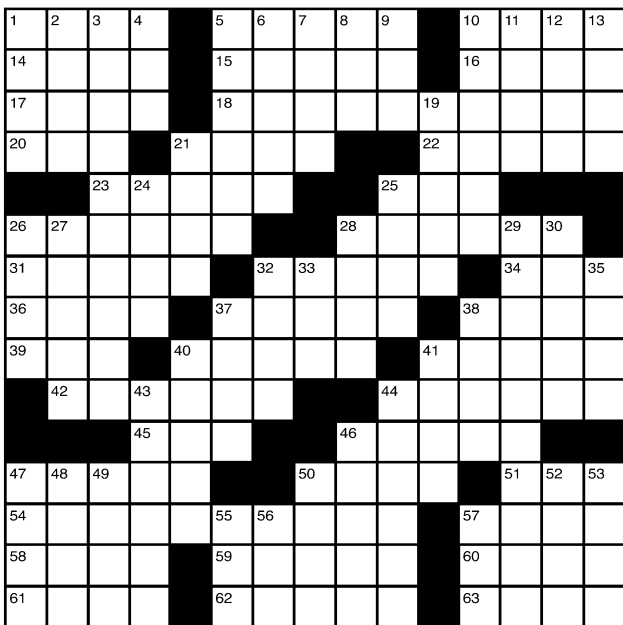
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 - Of the kidneys
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 - Songbird
 - Old clunker
 - Neither's partner
 - Has nothing ___ with; shuns
 - Speech impediments
 - ___ up; loses one's temper
 - Fond du ___, WI
 - Elevator alternative
 - Talks out of
 - Get up
 - Check recipient
 - Wee fellow
 - Indian prince
 - Bottom berth
 - Permanent skin mark
 - "___, Sweet as Apple Cider"
 - Imposed monetary penalty
 - Infantile paralysis
 - Conclusion
 - "See ya!"
 - Two halves
 - Cattle groups
 - Jail, slangily
 - Not bananas
 - Invite
 - Magician's term
 - Qualified
 - Help in crime
 - Furious
 - Chimney pipe
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 - Hackman and Wilder
 - Marine bird similar to a gull



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- Pillow stuffing
 - Dollar abroad
 - Former Soviet republic
 - Reagan or Howard
 - Items in an archer's bag
 - Goes first
 - Look ___; investigate
 - Flying mammal
 - Sick
 - See
 - Broadcasts
 - Swat
 - Deadly vipers
 - Gladden
 - Ripped
 - Actress Bonet
 - Malicious look
 - Robe for Indira
 - Exchange
 - Recolored
 - Like Ziploc storage bags
 - Murdered
 - Ping-___; table tennis
 - Astonishment
 - Lily pad leaper
 - "A Chorus ___"; Broadway hit
 - Convinced
 - Tattletales
 - Skin opening
 - Ring-shaped baked goodies
 - Perceives
 - Terre ___, IN
 - Fellow
 - Gray wolf
 - ___ tea
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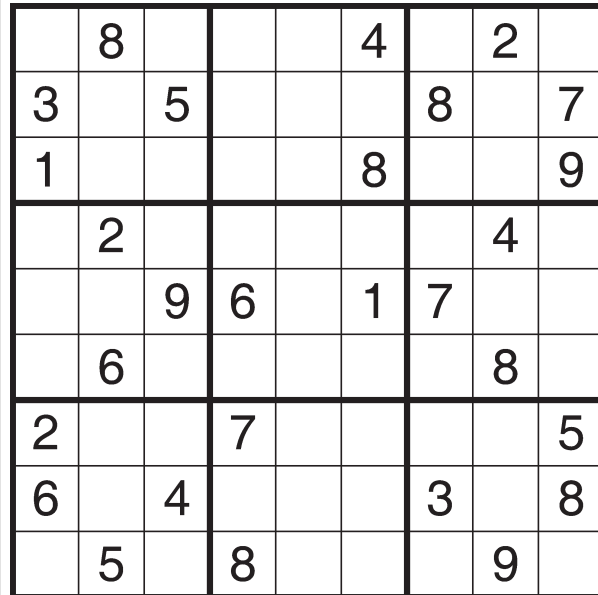
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Gemini — Today is a 5 — Review your data. Be sensitive to a loved one's wishes. Family comes first. Curb spending on entertainment. Enter a two-day contemplative phase. Assess your efforts.

Cancer — Today is a 5 — Ask a female for her opinion. It's getting fun. Guard against impulsive behavior. Rushed preparations could backfire. Rest for the busy action ahead. Increase organization.

Leo — Today is an 5 — Expect new orders over the next few days, leading to a rise in status. Promises alone won't cut it. Check for financial leaks. Move slowly. Spur the girls to join. Have the facts. Play passionately.

Virgo — Today is a 5 — Check for a change in plans. There's no need for haste. Travel could be difficult. New problems develop. Make a backup plan, and confirm reservations. Apply what you've learned.

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Sagittarius — Today is a 5 — Don't rush the job. Stick warily to instructions. Work interferes with socializing; yet resist temptation to cut corners. Fulfill promises you've made. Think twice before you borrow.

Capricorn — Today is a 5 — Unfulfilled expectations could create an unpleasant situation. Physical changes are required, and delays could interfere with travel. Delegate what you can. Watch the path ahead.

Aquarius — Today is a 5 — Delight in the comforts of home. Clean and reorganize for practical functionality and beauty. Avoid travel and expense, or stepping on someone's toes.

Pisces — Today is a 7 — Guard against technical glitches, as work action heats up. Study the angles, map out the path and take notes. Don't tell everybody your plans. Make some private time.

Slacklining, triathlon attract athletes to Rec

TYLER DAVIS
Daily Egyptian

Whether swimming, biking or running, Recreation Center attendees were able to test the waters with a plethora of events during the weekend.

Friday night featured "Slack Off at the Rec," a free event presented by Outdoor Pursuits, which included kayaking, slacklining, stand-up paddle boarding and water volleyball. The event took place in the Edward J. Shea Natatorium at the Recreation Center and drew in more than 50 participants during the two-hour event.

With just a signature, SIU students, community members and even students from other schools were allowed to join in the activities.

One participant made the journey from Southeast Missouri

State University for the event. Levi Rhodes, a sophomore at SEMO, attended the event, participating in slacklining and paddle boarding. Rhodes, who never paddle boarded before, said he really enjoyed the atmosphere.

"My friend Robert, who goes here, told me they were having a slackline," Rhodes said. "It was pretty fun, they have a good crowd. What is great is everyone seems like they were really enthused about it."

Saturday brought on the 17th-annual "Rec Your Body" triathlon. As one of few indoor triathlons in the area, for \$15, participants ages 18 and older can compete. Participants under 18 needed a parent's signature in order to compete.

Cay Gerlock, parts store manager for the Department of Automotive Technology and the adviser for

the triathlon club, said the event has brought on a wide array of competitors because of the age and ability level of contestants.

"The nice thing about our tri is that it's really good for beginning students," Gerlock said. "This year we'll probably have a record number of beginners. We've also had a man start it when he was 81 years old and a woman start it when she was 82."

The annual triathlon is broken down into 13 age groups and divided into four groups based on ability level. Awards are given to men and women in each age group and the three top scorers overall. Scores are determined by a point system which awards points for total distance covered over the course of the three sections.

Competitors swim for 10 minutes in the pool, spend 20 minutes on

a stationary bike and run for 15 minutes around the 200-meter track, completing as many laps as possible.

Gerlock said many people use the triathlon to train for longer events.

"We have had stellar athletes over the years," Gerlock said. "A large number of the people who do our triathlon go do larger events on a regular basis. We've had men and women both do Ironman distance races in the last couple of years."

One of the entrants who used the competition for training was Brant Caronongan, an alumnus from Mount Vernon. Caronongan said he has competed in team triathlons before, but this was his first time doing a full triathlon by himself.

"I think it was 2008 or 2009, I did the team triathlon with [Gerlock]," Caronongan said. "I did the bike portion, she did the swim

and somebody else did the run so after that it was always in the back of my mind that, 'Hey, you know what? I can probably do this.'"

Caronongan said he plans to do an outdoor event later this year.

"Actually I am thinking about doing an Xterra this summer," Caronongan said. "I'm going to have to get some swimming and running in so I figure with three months of preparation, yeah, I would do another triathlon."

"Rec Your Body" is a prelude to SIU's other triathlon, the Doc Spackman, on April 26. This year's Doc Spackman will honor the late Robert "Doc" Spackman, a longtime athletic trainer at SIU.

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Lozano's throw bumps her to fifth in the SIU history books and 16th in the nation.

The Salukis' junior jumper Lauren Cheadle walked away with an MVC title as well. Cheadle finished first in the long jump after a 19-foot leap to take the crown.

Cheadle's jump leaped to the fourth-best distance in SIU history. Her teammate, distance runner Sadie Darnell set her name in the record books as well.

Darnell finished in third place and completed the 5000-meter run in 16:48.74. Junior distance runner Krista Menghini entered the record books for seventh all-time at SIU.

On the men's side, freshman Franklin Adams took the Salukis' only men's MVC title. Adams' long jump of 24 feet put him on top. His leap also makes it the first men's MVC Championship Indoor win since 1982.

Junior thrower Curtis Wideman threw 66 feet, which planted him in

second place behind Illinois State senior Akil Mills.

For the SIU women, day two did not end as well as day one, and the women dropped from first place to third with 92.50 points. However, the men bumped themselves from sixth place to third with 95 points.

Sophomore thrower Josh Freeman finished in second place in men's shot put after throwing 61 feet. Freeman lost to Illinois State Curtis Jensen by .08 meters. Wideman finished in third place behind Freeman.

The SIU jumpers swept day two. Freshman jumper Kyle Landon and sophomore Kemar Jones took the top two spots in the men's high jump. Landon finished first, Jones finished second after they both jumped six feet.

Senior jumper Kenya Culmer also cleared six feet in the women's high jump for first place. Culmer took fifth place after jumping 39 feet in the triple jump event.

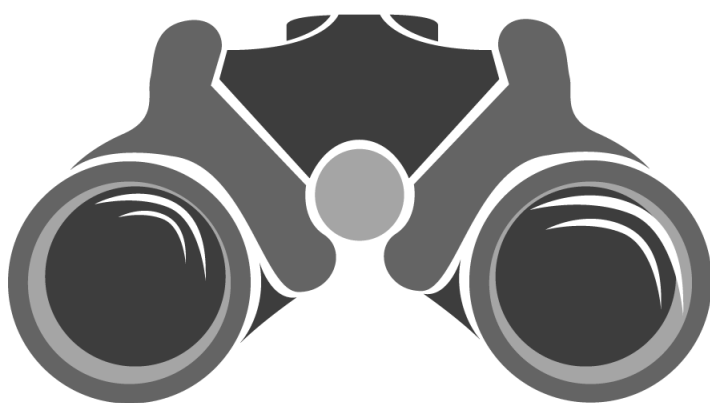
Qualifiers will have one week to prepare themselves for NCAA Indoor Championships March 14-15.

MEN'S BASKETBALL



Freshman guard Tyler Smithpeters is lifted by Jalen Pendleton and celebrates with his teammates Saturday after the men's basketball team defeated Illinois State University 66-65 at SIU Arena. Smithpeters scored a three-point basket with nine seconds left on the clock putting the Salukis ahead by one, and securing the win. The Salukis claimed the sixth seed in the Missouri Valley Conference and will take on the University of Northern Iowa Friday at 8:35 p.m. at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis.

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SALUKI WEEKEND WRAP UP

Women upset stagnant shockers



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Sophomore forward Dyana Pierre makes a shot over Wichita State University junior guard Jamillah Bonner Saturday during the Salukis' 64-59 win at SIU Arena. Wichita State is ranked first in the Missouri Valley Conference. The women's basketball team will compete at 7 p.m. Thursday against Loyola University in Chicago.

SYMONE WOOLRIDGE
Daily Egyptian

Saturday the Salukis shocked the world after breaking their eight game losing streak and battling through a 64-59 win over the Wichita State University Shockers.

The Shockers are ranked first in the Missouri Valley Conference and came into the game with an overall record of 22-5 and 13-3 in conference to the last place Salukis, who were 4-22 overall and 1-12 in conference.

SIU trailed WSU by 10 points four separate times in the first half.

Although there were three Shockers who scored in double-digits, sophomore center Dyana Pierre and sophomore forward Azia Washington led the Salukis.

Pierre was SIU's leading scorer after marking her 20th double-double of the season with 23 points and 15 rebounds. Washington was the second leading scorer with 10 points and five rebounds.

The home team battled back and forth, decreasing the Shockers' lead before letting it extend again. SIU never led until 3:56 left in the game, where they then held on for the win.

By halftime, the Shockers led 30-20. Although the Salukis trailed at the midway point, they never gave up.

In the second half, SIU trailed WSU by 10 points. In five minutes, the Salukis went on a 13-5 run to lead by three.

Near the beginning of the season, the women struggled to make a free throw. In

this game, they shot 14 of 19 from the line, only missing one in the second half.

The second half was the Salukis' time to shine. They even outscored the Shockers 44-29.

With just under four minutes remaining in the game, SIU never let its lead slip. This was the first women's basketball win since Jan. 26.

"Tonight we put it all together," Coach Cindy Stein said.

It was a memorable senior night for Jordyn Courier and Sydney Goins who won their last home game at the SIU Arena.

Goins collected nine points and Courier had two points. Courier had a big night Thursday, scoring a career high of 21 points.

"This team has a lot of great love for Sid and Jordyn," Stein said. "They definitely wanted a hard-fought game, and they got the win because of it."

Not only was the Wichita win great for the seniors; it also gives the Salukis a great amount of confidence going into the MVC Tournament.

Before the tournament, SIU has two road games. The Saluki women will take on the Loyola University-Chicago Ramblers and the Bradley University Braves.

The last time Bradley and SIU met, the two competed in a close-knit double-overtime battle where the Salukis came away with a four-point win.

Track finishes third in MVC

SYMONE WOOLRIDGE
Daily Egyptian

After competing for two days in Cedar Falls, Iowa for the Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Championships, the men and women finished behind Indiana State University and Wichita State University.

Following six events Friday, the Saluki men finished in sixth place with 23 points and the women took first place, gathering 50 points, which pushed the Salukis two points ahead of second place finisher Indiana State.

Junior thrower Sophia Lozano won the weight throw competition after a 68-foot throw to become the MVC Champion.

Before the Indoor Championships, Lozano stood 14th in the nation. The Saluki said she felt mixed emotions before her throw and was even in the midst of crying as she stepped to the cage.

Prior to throwing, Lozano found out her teammate, DeAnna Price couldn't compete because of a knee injury.

"I was really sad for her so I was teary eyed when I went up to throw," she said. "I was also beyond nervous, probably the most nerves I ever felt, but finishing first was one of the best feelings."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

TYLER DIXON
Daily Egyptian

The Salukis delivered on Senior Day and claimed the sixth seed in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in front of a sold-out crowd at SIU Arena.

SIU (13-19, 9-9) played Saturday in front of a full house for the first time since 2008 against the Illinois State University Redbirds (16-14, 9-9) in a 66-65 win. The last sellout in SIU Arena was also against the Redbirds.

Freshman Tyler Smithpeters hit a 3-pointer with 9.1 seconds left to put the Dawgs ahead.

Sophomore Anthony Beane led all scorers with 21 points. Senior Desmar Jackson scored at least 10 points in every game this season and finished off his career in SIU Arena with 18 points.

The Salukis play their first game of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament against the University of Northern Iowa at 8:35 p.m. Friday at Scottrade Center in St. Louis, Mo.

BASEBALL

AARON GRAFF
Daily Egyptian

The Saluki baseball team has won six of its last seven games.

SIU was on a four-game winning streak before hosting Northern Illinois University in a three-game series. NIU won Friday's game 1-0 to end the streak, but the Salukis won both games Saturday, 3-1 in the first game and 2-1 in the final game.

Freshman Kyle Pauly recorded his first collegiate win in game two. He pitched three innings in relief and

only gave up one hit off a bunt single. Freshman Jake Hand hit an RBI single in the seventh, and another run scored off an error, which was enough for a Saluki win.

Junior Aaron Hauge started the rubber match and recorded the first win of the season by a Saluki starter. He struck out six in six innings and only allowed two hits. The Salukis scored two runs in the fourth, capped by an RBI double from freshman J.C. DeMuri.

Freshman Kyle Pruemer recorded his first collegiate save in game three.

The Salukis play at 4 p.m. Tuesday against Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn.

Game 1

SIU 0
Northern Illinois University 1

Game 2

SIU 3
Northern Illinois 1

Game 3

SIU 2
Northern Illinois 1

Women's Golf

Time Warner Racer Classic
SIU 2nd place out of 6 teams

t-7th Cassie Rushing 75-78 (153)

t-7th Ashleigh Rushing 75-78 (153)

t-7th Kris Grimes 78-75 (153)

t-13th Brooke Cusumano 82-76 (158)

t-17th Xianmei Jin 80-79 (159)

Men's Tennis

Cleveland State University 4
SIU 3

Women's Tennis

SIU 4
Cleveland State University 3

Softball

Game 1
SIU-9
Miami University (Ohio)- 0

Game 2
University of Kansas- 4
SIU-0

Game 3
SIU -10
Miami University (Ohio)- 3