Dunn to leave YSU in March, looks to SIU
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Future SIU President Randy Dunn is expected to leave Youngstown State University earlier than planned.

Harry Medel, 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 acclimate back home,” Medel said. “It’s given us an opportunity if we have our presidential choice early.”

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 agree 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 is given President Poehlman’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 Poehlman wanting a down plan I would certainly be available – but I don’t assume that at this point.”

Melissa Waser, 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.

Medel 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. Waser 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 Waser, 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 tuition,” Dunn said. “All of those things together got us our $6.6 million and it to some degree was crisis management having to deal with it. But its terms 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 of its scholarships to create an achievement award, which will be in place next fall and changed areas where the university is recruiting, Dunn said.

Walking on Water

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. Sheea 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.

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 Eldorado studying agricultural systems, education and the Ag Student Advisory Council, brought the agricultural community to socialize and reward students and faculty for their achievements this 2013-2014 school year.

“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.

“Pretty touchy but I want to kind of get in the higher ups and bring everybody together,” she said. “I have big plans.”

Please see AGRICULTURE 2
Explore your career fair

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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 158, 160 and 178. 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 year 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.

“By VSU, 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.

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“No poor little farmer’s son, now in Carbondale,” he said. “It’s great here.”

Thomas Martin, 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.

“Just some great work they’re doing 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.

Martin said he has a son 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.

“Just 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 market and seasons.”

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

“There are so many issues and barriers, but there are 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.
Separatists blamed for China knife attack; 33 dead

The overall death toll is 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 four of the assailants — putting the injured people, severely punish terrorists from the country’s far west, while local residents said it was “a terrorist attack carried out by Xinjiang separatist forces,” Xinhua said.

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, Public security 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 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, Alipa. “We could not tell if the assailants were Uighurs as they were all dressed in black. We did not like the attack either.”

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

The 2014 Women’s History Month also will take a critical look at sexual assault and ways women are treated, 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 college campuses 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 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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"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 flyer, the hot-head, the couple interested in making the most of the few times he gets to be a bad-ass. 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

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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 become 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 received at 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 what my plans were going to be the plan. The day after

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Easy Riders truck through Carbondale

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The sounds of blues and rock ‘n’ roll resonated off the walls of Tres Hombres as the Easy Riders trundled 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 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 artists 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.

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.

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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-off 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.
Republicans criticize Obama for stance on Ukraine

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.

“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.”

“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.”

“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.”

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

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.

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

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.

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 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.”

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.”

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 aligning itself with those principles,” he said.

Other Republicans pounced on Obama. 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.”

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.

Republicans were split over Syria, though, as many were not eager for military action.

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— Marco Rubio
Republican senator; Florida
Slacklining, triathlon attract athletes to Rec

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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 Caramongan, an alumnus from Mount Vernon. Caramongan 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],” Caramongan 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.’”

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

“Actually I am thinking about doing an Xterra this summer,” Caramongan 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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Women upset stagnant shockers

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Sophomore forward Dyana Pierre makes a shot over Wichita State University junior guard Jamillah Bonner Saturday. The Salukis defeated the Shockers 66-65.

The last sellout in SIU Arena was 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.

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

Before the Indoor Championships, Lozano strolled 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.

“T onight we put it all together,” Coach Cindy Stein said. “They definitely wanted a hard-fought game, and they got the win because of it.”

Although the Salukis trailed at the midway point, they never gave up.

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

Junior JJ Dura started the rubber match and recorded the first win of the season by a Saluki starter.

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Freshman Tyler Smithketers hit a 3-pointer with 9.3 seconds left to put the Daws ahead.

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

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Track finishes third in MVC

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

Before the Indoor Championships, Lozano strolled 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.

“When 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.”

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