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Shryock welcomes Emanuel Ax

Luke McCormick
Daily Egyptian

Shryock Auditorium is preparing for some piano magic. Emanuel Ax, a Grammy Award winner, is scheduled to perform Benjamin's Concerto No. 5, also known as his “Emperor” Concerto, with the orchestra and Benyas at 7:30 p.m.

“Show up and get a ticket,” said Alan Vaux, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. “You may never get a chance to see an artist like this again.”

Jered Montgomery, a senior from Murphysboro studying music performance and a member of the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra, said additional alumni were called upon to flesh out the orchestra for the performance.

Montgomery said for the “Emperor” Concerto the orchestra would need more musicians than the group usually fields to do the piece justice.

According to his Web site, Ax has won seven Grammies, three of which were awarded for his collaborative performances with famous cellist Yo-Yo Ma. His stop at Carbondale comes as part of a six-month world tour, which will take him through major cities in Europe and Asia. He is a world-renowned pianist, and the New York Times has called him “rare and marvelous.”

Ax rehearsed with the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra, conductor Edward Benyas said he had found the way to the pianist’s heart.

Emanuel Ax rehearses with the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra at Shryock Auditorium Monday for the upcoming performance of Beethoven’s ‘Emperor’ Concerto. Ax, a seven time Grammy Award winner, will be performing the piece today at 7:30 p.m. in Shryock.

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Higher degrees available through community colleges

Madeleine Leroux
Daily Egyptian

SIUC has some new competitors.

A Kentucky university has begun offering bachelor’s degrees through area community colleges, including John A. Logan Community College.

Mid-Century University of Mayfield, Ky., is offering an accelerated adult program known as Advantage, which offers an 18-month program at community colleges for a bachelor’s degree in business management.

According to the program’s Web site, there are 30 sites in southern Illinois and Kentucky that offer the program, including three other area community colleges: Rend Lake College, Southeastern Illinois College and Shawnee Community College.

Gary Appar, chair of the faculty senate, said received a letter sent to residents of Williamson and Jackson counties informing them of the Advantage program offered at John A. Logan Community College.

State Rep. Mike Bost, Carbondale, said the letter was worded to sound as if John A. Logan Community College was offering the degree. Bost, a member of the Illinois House of Higher Education Committee, said if the college were offering those degrees, it would be stepping on the status quo.

“We have never done that before,” he said. Bost and his colleagues are in Chicago this week to discuss the program, and he said the program is not a threat.

Phillip Howze, professor of library affairs, said a community college offering a four-year degree would break the “covenant” between community colleges and universities. Howze said the understanding is that community colleges take care of the first two years and universities will do the rest.

However, Bost said the community colleges themselves are not offering the degree; they are offering the classrooms and Mid-Continent University is offering the degrees. Bost said SIU has been offered the same opportunity at John A. Logan Community College.

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CORRECTION

An investigation continues in a reported theft of a debit card from a 19-year-old SIUC student at the Stone Center March 21. The student reported an unknown suspect who took the card from her. A Western Digital External Hard Drive, valued at $50, is still missing from Murray Hall after it was reported stolen Thursday. There are no suspects.

Rebecca Declere, an SIUC student from Hickory Hills, was issued a DFA Friday at 701 E. Grand Ave. Declere posted $100 and her driver’s license as bond.

Police have no suspects in the reported theft of an 560 Samsung cell phone from the Crow’s Nest, which was reported 7:30 p.m. Saturday. There are no suspects.

Ryan R. Muchow, a 19-year-old SIUC student of East Dubuque, was issued a pay by mail citation for cannabis possession at Stegall Hall.

A theft from a vendor machine in Allen

It has no suspects. This incident occurred Saturday.

Julie Green, a 20-year-old of Carbondale, reported a theft of a motorcycle parked under a suspended license Saturday.

There are no suspects in crimes of Criminal Damage to State Supported Property at 2 p.m. Saturday. The damaged property is a glass door in Lenz Hall.

Police have no suspects in the turning of three motorcycles parked in the Lenz Hall motorcycle parking lot Friday.

Jamal Adams, a 19-year-old SIUC student from Chicago, reported a theft of a backpack on Sunday. He was issued a pay by mail citation for possession of marijuana. There are no suspects.

There are no suspects for damage done to property at Davies Gymnasium on Tuesday.
Panel urges alternative medicine

Assistant professor of Community Nutrition Sharon Peterson speaks with Paulette Subka about how nutrition needs to be more thoroughly addressed by physicians.

Student Center hosts health experts

Tim McGovern  Daily Egyptian

An apple a day may keep the doctor away, but some more unconventional methods got students’ attention Monday. A panel of medical personnel and experts in the health field gathered in the Student Center to discuss complementary health care and alternative medicines to an audience of several hundred. Keynote speaker Tieraona Low Dog, serves on the faculty at the Program of Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona. She said patients need to harbor a healthy skepticism of the medical field and patients have a right to choose any therapy, which may include alternative medicines and methods such as acupuncture, chiropractics, herbs and mind-body medicines.

“Conventional medicines may cause side effects… It is OK to explore other options,” Low Dog said. “People need to have a mind-body management. I am sometimes shocked by what people eat and their lack of exercise.”

She said health science education should be promoted and should begin at an early age. This would eliminate bad habits and ease poor health when one reaches maturity. She added that people have an abnormal understanding of science and health in general.

“We need to promote health and well-being,” Low Dog said. “I am here to serve, and service gives you great hope.”

Speaker Lola Lehman, a certified healing touch practitioner, is a nurse at the United Methodist Church in Anna. Lehman said there is an acute difference between curing and healing.

“Curing eliminates disease. It is a one-time thing,” Lehman said. “Healing is more of an ongoing process. We heal ourselves.”

Healing may involve less conventional methods such as yoga and meditation, which are used by speaker Shyam Bhat, an assistant professor of internal medicine and psychiatry at SIU School of Medicine. Such practices, he said, are common in countries such as India.

“In India, people don’t seek out Western medicine. Hospitals are seen as scary, foreign places,” Bhat said.

While the panel propagated the need for healthy lifestyles and encouraged the use of alternative medicines and practices, students listened attentively.

Jessica Rolla, a junior from Christopher studying food and nutrition, said she thought Low Dog’s speech was interesting. Rolla said she agreed that people tend to approach the issue of health with trepidation.

“Most people are extremely miseducated when it comes to health,” Rolla said. “We need to enforce the issue of health care.”

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Alert system tested in recent floods, outages

System notifies of weather-related problems

Madeleine Leroux  Daily Egyptian

The recent storms of floods and power outages saw the first practical uses of the new emergency notification system at SIUC.

The recent weather-related problems have given SIUC a chance to fully test the wireless emergency notification system, as well as uncover and solve a few of its flaws, said Mike Ruiz, director of University Communications.

Ruiz said since sign-up began March 3, around 4,800 people have signed up for the new system.

“It seemed to work pretty well,” Ruiz said. “We went through that entire thing and I think I got one complaint.”

Michael Smart, manager of SIUC Telecom Systems, said there was an influx of phone calls to the university’s alert line during the recent power outage, especially during the first half-hour. Smart said the alert line received nearly 1,300 calls throughout the outage.

Leah Rodder, a sophomore from Crawfordsville, Ind., studying public relations, said she signed up for the emergency alert system when there is a problem, Ruiz said.

“I think it’s really helpful,” Rodder said. Madeleine Leroux can be reached at 536-3314 ext. 268, or mlrurux@uis.edu.

Jarrett Nehring sprays nitrogen over a canola crop near the SIU farms off McAlafferty Road. Nehring works at the agronomy research center for SIU. Canola is a great source of protein and can be harvested by May, allowing enough time to plant corn after it. The canola will be used to feed SIU dairy cows as an alternative to alfalfa hay. Nehring said the use of canola as a food alternative is still in the beginning stages of research, but the cows received it well last year.
Amid calls to drop out, Clinton says Obama wants to stop states from voting

By JARREN J. OLIVER – MCT/COLUMBIA PHOTOGRAPHY

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama gives a speech on biodiesel fuel at Molly's Gas Station Monday during a campaign stop in Manheim, Pa.

Remains of Ohio soldier found in Iraq, missing since 2004

By TERRY KINNEY – THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATAVIA, Ohio — The parents of an Ohio soldier who was killed in Iraq are hopeful that their son’s remains will be identified and returned home.

The Army didn’t say how or where in Iraq his son’s remains were discovered, just that the identification was made with DNA testing, Maupin said.

The discovery of a body with soldiers at the time Matt was captured helped the Army focus its search, Maupin said.

Responding to Clinton, Obama spokesman Bill Burton said: “That would be surprising if we saw commitments in Bucharest at a level that would fully meet all the requirements of our European and police trainers, Gates said.

But we’ll just keep working at it,” Gates said.

The United States wants not only more troops, but also fewer restrictions from some governments on how their troops can be used.

“We’ve all been saying that we all need to do more,” Hadley said.

“We’ve also been saying this is going to be a long effort and we’re going to have to be committed to a long-term effort in Afghanistan. I think that’s true. We need to step it up. I think you’ll find that countries are stepping up. That’s a good next step. But there are things we can be doing to support the Afghan forces,” Gates said.

The U.S. House has rejected the plan,理由是 it would be “completely laughable.”

Obama was very clear in the race as long as she chooses while indicating a lengthy primary battle would not help the party.

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There’s a hole in your sock…

Audra Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Someone sitting next to you in lecture points out that your shoe is untied and you have a hole in your sock. Glancing at your feet, you realize that you wore sandals today. What gives?

Today is April Fools’ Day. For the one day a year jocks, pranksters and friends have an excuse to pull the silliest, fastest or most elaborate practical jokes on the theoretically unsuspecting victims.

Tabitha Welch, a sophomore from Fatima studying animal science production, said she has been lucky enough to not be the victim of any big practical joke. She did admit to pranking her mom one year by taping the kitchen sink apron down, consequently soaking her mother.

While most jokesters go for the basic one-liners, such as “Your shoe is untied… just kidding!” more imaginative pranksters develop elaborate schemes.

Jessica Grammer, a junior from Murphysboro studying plant and soil science, said she’s not creative enough to pull together a big practical joke, but in the spirit of April Fool’s Day she said she does get her friends with little jokes.

Though today April Fool’s Day is a light-hearted, just-for-fun day, it does have a historical origin. According to http://www.history.com, April Fool’s Day most likely originated around 1582 when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar.

On the Gregorian calendar, the new year began on April 1, while in 1582 when France made the conversion to the Julian calendar and the new year began Jan. 1, several people were still celebrating the new year on April 1. These people were deemed as fools and thus, the origin of April Fool’s Day.

Cultures around the world celebrate April Fool’s Day, though different traditions are followed in each culture.

For example, in Scotland, April Fool’s Day is celebrated over two days. Pulling a prank is called “hunting the gowk,” named after the cuckoo bird, as the fools are called “April gowks.” On the second day, the prankster finds around the buttocks — this practice is responsible for the origin of “kick me” signs.

In England, tricks can only be played in the morning and the victims of the jokes are called “noodles.” Though many people aren’t sure if it was to get in the spirit of the day and pull a small joke on somebody, “I’ll probably get somebody if the opportunity presents itself,” said Clayton Cowan, a freshman from Scotia studying mechanical engineering.

— Allison Petti contributed to this report.

Olympic flame rekindled amid security in Beijing

Stephen Wade
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING — The elaborate ceremony to rekindle the Olympic torch went off without a hitch Monday in closely guarded Tiananmen Square — with hundreds of cheering women in brightly colored T-shirts, flowered children’s confetti and confetti.

There were no protests in Beijing, although some are expectant of the 58,000-mile world tour. Demonstrations are expected as the torch goes to London, Paris and San Francisco. Even stops in Kazakhstan, on Wednesday and Turkey on Thursday could be flash points for China’s Muslim Uighur minority living abroad.

But President Hu Jintao presided at the elaborate ceremony in Beijing’s Tiananmen Square, where the flame — carried from Greece in a lantern aboard an Air China flight — ignited the Olympic torch.

The ceremony, filled with political jargon, multicolored balloons and confetti, was broadcast on state television 130 days before the games open. It was meant to display a confident China ready to use the Olympics to show off its growing economic and political clout. About 5,000 people attended the invitation-only event. Hundreds of seats were vacant, save for dozens of plain clothes security agents in black jackets.

Liu Qg, head of the Beijing organizing committee, in his speech repeated that the games will be “green Olympics, high-tech Olympics and the people’s Olympics.”

There were few ordinary Chinese at the ceremony, however. Roads around the square were closed, nearby subway stations were shuttered and police bartenders kept back thousands of people about a half-mile from the tiny flame.

Julie Engler
Pulse Chatterbox

Plucking the emo kids was always kind of a joke in high school, but it’s not keeping people from thinking this. If anything would’ve happened here, it would’ve happened a while ago. Seeing as the music’s not very popular anymore, I hope the violence ends soon.

Alicia Wade
Pulse Chatterbox

I’m sure. OK. Ever. But hopefully we just stick to eyeliner and Pete Wentz worship in the States. What? Can someone get a better music trend going?"
Pessimistically Optimistic

Our image: bloodied and bruised

JORDAN WILSON
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If SIUC had a face, it would have two black eyes and a bloodied lip. That’s because this school’s image has taken a beating lately, and this past week was no exception. Our chancellor is in boiling water and I might have to suit up for the Lady Saluki basketball team since half the squad left because of continuing problems with its coach. Ahh! Opportunity. Usually, making fun of the university is like making a frozen pizza – I look forward to it and it requires little effort. This week, there will be no jabs (look for that in a future column).

I feel bad for SIUC and can’t kick it while it’s down. This place can’t buy a break. Let’s run down this past week.

The university announced it wouldn’t build a billion-plus dollar power plant — something that would have dramatically reshaped southern Illinois’ economic landscape. Embattled Chancellor Fernando Tevito asked for extra time to make a case to keep his post. To ice the cupcake, a handful of basketball players went public with some troubling stories of coach Dana Eakley’s conduct.

What a week. A bunch of negative pub.

When was the last time something good happened for this university as a whole? I’m not talking about individuals or certain programs; some will always thrive. I’ve been talking about the entire system. Does this administration make you proud? When was the last time you clench your maroon and said, “Gez folly! I’m proud to be a Saluki.”?

Back in December, I thought losing Jerry Kill to NIU would be the worst hit this university would take all year. When I started this job, there were three things I learned about Jerry Kill:

1. Don’t stare at Jerry Kill’s teeth.
2. Don’t question Jerry Kill on why he refers to himself as Jerry Kill.
3. Jerry Kill epitomized southern Illinois and losing him would be devastating.

Kill leaving wasn’t the pinnacle of bad, it was the beginning.

Since that time, SIUC’s image has been spat on far too many times. Aside from the aforementioned problems, SIUC has dealt with its own. There isn’t a whole lot happening on this campus. This is the time for higher education’s top two floors to remain unfinished.

Someone was unintelligent enough to allow school to continue on even though inches of ice blanketed all walkways. Dozens were injured.

I could spit out examples all day, but the Daily Egyptian has only so much ink. All these situations must have some individuals smiling. Glenn Poshard has to be depressed. Capital funding didn’t come through. His choice for chancellor didn’t pan out and enrollment dropped again. (Hey, at least he didn’t get thrown out for plagiarizing like students do.)

Don Rice has to be stressed out. As if being the vice chancellor and interim provost wasn’t enough, he’s the temporary chancellor, too. Can we give this guy some help?

Mario Moccia has to be wishing this semester was like his last three semesters. He started his tenure out with men’s and women’s basketball championships. The men missed the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2002 and the women’s squad may implode after all the she-said, she-said.

Fernando Tevito has to be somewhere.

Any person can be stressed out. University communications has to be dizzy from trying to spin all of the above. How can it actually market this place to such a large audience when it has so little to work with?

Jordan Wilson has to be relieved. He graduates soon and doesn’t have to deal with a university quickly losing its worth.

Wilson is a senior studying journalism.

GA United’s stance

Dear Editor:

On behalf of GA United as the vice president of communications and in response to Charlie Groce’s letter Monday, I would like it to be made clear that GA United has not announced an opinion on the proposed “groce” for not has it had any role in the proposition.

The remarks made by Mr. McGrath in Wednesday’s article were made on behalf of her position with the Graduate Professional and Student Council, not in her capacity as a member of GA United and do not in any way represent any opinion of GA United. In fact, it seems as though Mr. Groce might be confusing the two independent organizations, calling GA United a student union — rather than the working union it is.

GA United is committed to keeping the rising cost of education at SIUC as minimal as possible and is currently leading a trip to Springfield for Higher Education Lobby Day Wednesday, April 9. We will actively lobby state legislators to increase funding to colleges and universities in Illinois — an increase of funding that we hope will allow the steady rising fees to be stopped or cut. This trip is open to any member of an IEA bargaining unit on the SIUC campus — including Mr. Groce.

In the spirit of finding a solution to the problem of the high cost of education, rather than simply complaining about the fees from the comfort of our chairs, GA United extends a personal invitation to Mr. Groce to attend the Higher Education Lobby Day and speak directly with legislators who have the power to perhaps curb what Mr. Groce calls the “privatization of our educational institution.”

Kylie Olean
graduate student studying English

Treviño treated unfairly

Dear Editor:

I find the actions taken against Chancellor Fernando Tevito to be extremely unfair. His term of employment has not been sufficient to make a determination of performance.

Furthermore, there is no equity in the Board of Trustees’ actions placing him on administrative leave. This university is riddled with “poor performers,” but none of them have been placed on leave. If performance and fulfillment of job duties are the tests by which SIUC judges its employees, it would have to eliminate all but a handful of instructors I had the misfortune of experiencing.

Consequently, the action taken against Chancellor Tevito is nothing short of hypocritical. It appears as if this institution is looking for a scapegoat it can blame student enrollment and retention upon. This is not only unfair to Chancellor Tevito, but it will not resolve these issues.

To resolve these problems, SIUC needs to scrutinize its instructors who are derelict in their duties as educators, and take corrective action against them. Furthermore, SIUC must place education as its No. 1 priority, as it was during the tenure of Delyn W. Morris.

Cory Douglas
senior studying electrical engineering

India event a success

Dear Editor:

This past Saturday the Indian Student Association held its annual India Night (Navarang 2008) at the Carbondale Civic Center. My friends and I decided to attend after being invited by an Indian friend. We couldn’t have had a better Saturday evening.

The ISA members and families put on a wonderful showcase of classical and modern Indian dance and music, a play that humorously explored the Indian view of marriage and courtship and a great meal of traditional Indian food. It was a fun way to learn about the unique and beautiful culture of a rising economic superpower, and to see how the Indian community here in southern Illinois holds on to its native traditions.

When the academic year is over, I hope to see this event continue.

Abigail Young
junior studying computer science

Letters to the Editor

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The idea of a little child captur-

ing audiences' hearts with charm

and innocence is a common one in

Hollywood.

With child stars such as Abigail

Breiling, Freddie Highmore and

Dakota Fanning lighting up the sil-

ver screen with their talents,

it's difficult to comprehend the type

of work, planning and stress

that took for those actors to become famous.

The latest VH1 reality program

aims to show how hard it takes to be a child star, including the work, pressures and parental ego.

“I Know My Kid’s a Star,” is host-

ed by former child star with a bad

reputation, Danny Bonaduce, who

stared as a child in the 1970s sitcom

“Partridge Family.” He pairs stars of

childhood and parent against each other. The teams participate in competitions such as voice acting for a cartoon and talent shows. The par-

ent is evaluated on how well he man-

ages his child when stress hits his

knowledge of the business, while the

child supplies the talent.

Each week a team is eliminated from

the show and the final team stand-

ing will earn $50,000.

The concept is an interesting one,

and the produce makes a good bet

with his tales of child star triumphs.

With his insight into the parents

about how quickly a life of excess

earned so young can spin out of

control. But past that, little is shown

during the program showing marks.

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Salukis drop two to NIU

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Daily Egyptian

In its first tune-up before the conference season, the SIU men’s tennis team was swept to end its two-game winning streak.

The Salukis, whose record dropped to 7-8 after a pair of weekend losses, entered the matches with positive momentum in tow after wins against Saint Louis, and SIU-Edwardsville gave SUI its first winning streak since defeating Western Illinois and Murray State on March 2 and 5.

Northern Illinois avenged its 2007 loss against the Salukis in Carbondale with a 7-0 win in Rockford on Saturday while falling to Illinois-Chicago 4-2 Sunday.

The Huskies’ No. 1 player Brian Livingston downed Lucas Waked, snapping Waked’s three-match winning streak. After losing the first set 4-6, Livingston came back beating Waked in the second and third sets 6-1, 6-3.

Livingston also teamed with Adam Ford to defeat Waked and his partner Anton Leonenko, 8-0, in No. 3 doubles action.

SIU coach Pontus Hiort said in a post-match press release he was happy with how the team rebounded from its 5-2 loss against DePaul.

“We competed really well,” Hiort said. “I was very pleased with the tough, gritty tennis that we played.”

In the second game of the road trip, SIU fell to Illinois-Chicago 4-2, in its final non-conference match of the season. Waked rebounded from Saturday’s loss at NIU with a 6-3, 6-3 win against the Flames’ Sebastian Lystad, who came into the match winning three of his last five matches.

Sebastian Rubiano’s 6-0, 6-3 victory against Danny Wilson in No. 5 singles accounted for the Salukis other point in the match. SIU competed shorthanded Saturday and Sunday, forfitting its last three No. 6 singles matches and last two No. 3 doubles matches since Chase Miller has been absent from the team.

Miller has been absent since Wednesday’s home match against SIU-Edwardsville.

Head coach Dan Nelson said he was not pleased with his team’s performance against the Huskies and Flames.

“Lucas (Waked) played the best I’ve ever seen him play, but we didn’t get that kind of level of play from the rest of the team,” Nelson said. “It was disappointing, seeing that we beat those teams the last two years straight.”

The Salukis kick off their conference season when it returns to the court Thursday against Indiana State.

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Young heads to the bench for new role

Former SIU guard will be graduate assistant next season

Jeff Engelhardt

Tony Young helped SIU men’s basketball build a winning tradition as a player and now hopes to resurrect the program as a coach.

The former defensive All-American will serve as the graduate assistant to coach Chris Lowery’s staff next season. Young takes over for Jason Panzowski who served as a team manager before operating as the graduate assistant the last two seasons. Graduate assistants can only hold a two-year tenure.

The graduate assistant does not carry the same responsibilities as a coach, but the assistant helps in day-to-day operations and preparing for upcoming games. Young said he plans on being involved in developing scouting reports, helping as a practice coach and communicating with the team on a different level than the other coaches.

Even though Young does not know exactly what his job will entail he said he is grateful for the opportunity Lowery has given him.

“When I was doing playing, there wasn’t a doubt in my mind I wanted to coach,” Young said. “I just wanted to stay around where I was familiar and learn from coach Lowery and coach (Ricky)大纲 and being in a great opportunity for me.”

While Young is learning from the coaches, he will be teaching the players the tools of the trade that made him an SIU great. Young scored 1,069 points in his career and finished fourth all-time in steals with 171 — edging Lowery’s mark by two.

This season SIU ranked near the top of the conference in total team defense but finished seventh in steals, ninth in blocks and eighth in defensive rebounds.

Young said he is excited for the opportunity to turn those numbers around and usher in the return of “Ploobums U” defense.

“That’s going to be a battle to be fought but I’m definitely going to bring my defense,” Young said. “I’m just excited to get back in the mix and show the young guys how much they can do.”

There will be plenty of young guys for Young to mold next season. Committed recruits Kevin Dillard, Anthony Booker and Terra Ricks add all three in with high expectations, while red shirts Brandon Wood, Nick Evans and Justin Boccuzzi, who is out on academic eligibility, could all be added to the active roster.

With the influx of youth, Young said his responsibilities would stretch beyond the court into life lessons.

He said the transition to college can be challenging and it’s one of his main goals to prepare the players for life after college.

“Everyone’s going to deal with it differently, I have been to the Sweet Sixteen and I have had my troubles,” Young said. “Teaching players the right way both on and off the court is what this program has always been about.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Softball

THE INJURY REPORT

Megan Kramer

Any time a wild pitch is thrown or a ball takes a bad hop, someone on the SIU softball team seems to get injured.

Both junior outfielder Chelsea Petry and senior leftfielder Tiffanie Dismore were injured in a March 2 game against Northwestern. Junior third baseman Katie Wagner broke her nose in two places while fielding a ball that took a bad hop, which caused a deviated septum and chipped tooth against Northern Iowa on March 16.

The injuries have forced coach Ken Blalock to switch her lineup constantly to replace voids left by the injured.

“None of them have felt sorry for themselves,” Blalock said. “And the team has trudged really hard and we have tried really hard as the coaching staff to say ‘Hey these are the cards that we have been dealt.’”

Wagner has seen the most playing time of the injured because she was immediately fitted with two face masks, one for in the field and one when she bats.

The mask, in the field, called Game Face, looks similar to a football helmet while the mask for her batting the mask was created by a lab that outlined her face to fit perfectly

Blalock said she expects Wagner to wear them for at least the rest of the season.

Because of discomfort, coaches and trainers have allowed Wagner to be at the plate without the face-fitted mask but Wagner said she isn’t scared to face pitchers without it.

“I’ve played for years without a mask and I know that anything can happen at any time … so I always know there is a chance to be hit, but I’m not really in fear of it,” Wagner said.

Wagner has missed only one game since the injury and is third in the team in batting average at a .339 clip, third with 19 RBIs and first in home runs with seven.

Petry and Dismore have not been as successful with their injuries.

Dismore was taken to the hospital where X-rays revealed a broken jaw. Two days later, she saw an oral surgeon who took more X-rays and then wired her jaw shut.

Dismore said the injury has been especially difficult since it is her last season as a Saluki and because it happened so suddenly.

“It’s hard to deal with because one minute you’re playing the game and the next you’re out for four or six weeks,” Dismore said. “It’s kind of a shock.”

Dismore was given a four-to-six week time limit to allow her jaw to heal, but she is trying to make her comeback for senior weekend at home against Creighton on April 19.

The injury has also limited her activity in practice to hitting a ball off of a tee, fielding balls with caution and playing catch with Petry. Otherwise, Dismore said, she is mostly an observer.

Dismore has been limited to milkshakes and has used a blender to mix foods together to help keep her diet steady.

Dismore said she has always been a picky eater but the injury has widened her variety of choice in food.

“You just get so hungry to the point of where you don’t care what you’re eating,” Dismore said with a laugh.

Petry has seen more action in practice lately since her cast was removed, which could have her back in the Salukis’ lineup as early as Saturday against Indiana State.

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Salukis off to ‘classic’ start

Luis C. Medina

Coming off a No. 17 ranking during the indoor season, the SIU track and field team made a strong case for a Top-25 ranking during the outdoor season.

In its first meet of the outdoor season, the Salukis captured 12 individual titles and 45 top-three finishes in route to the women finishing first and men finishing second at the Gill Spring Classic at McAndrew Stadium.

The SIU women scored 274 total points to place first overall while the men scored 168 points. Wisconsin-Milwaukee scored 108.5 points while SIU-Edwardsville (95) and Bradley (53) placed third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

The men scored 188.5 points but fell short of the top slot, finishing second behind Illinois, which scored 205 points. Illinois State (114.5), SIUE (90), Wisconsin-Milwaukee (89) and Evansville (33) rounded out the scoring on the men’s side.

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Track & Field