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Transferring to the stage

Sarah Barker, right, of Carbondale, and Rita Pearce, left, of Marion, help Joyce Deutsch with her makeup Monday before a dress rehearsal of “Other Desert Cities” at Varsity Center for the Arts in Carbondale. Deutsch, of Carbondale and transcript evaluator at SIU Transfer Student Services, plays Aunt Silda in the production, which is her first role with The Stage Company. “I saw an advertisement that the director was looking for a woman in her sixties, which I thought was very rare,” Deutsch said. “I used to do drama as a child, so I thought it would be a very big thing for me to come to an audition.” The performance will open Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Varsity Center for the Arts.

USG debates engineering council, tables allocations

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Daily Egyptian

USG approved three new Registered Student Organizations and allocated eight RSO’s which amounted to more than $14,800 at the government’s Tuesday night meeting.

Treasurer Cameron Shulak said USG has more than $17,000 left in the student organization activity fee account, along with an additional $9,000 for emergency.

The Senate was to negotiate umbrella organizations fiscal year 2015 operational allocations requests, but because of a late submission from the Engineering Student Council, USG must discuss about the operational allocations.

Shulak and Sen. Chris Wheeler, both of whom are running for the USG president seat, went head to head in a heated debate about the late allocation submission.

“Can’t you tell it’s campaign season?” President Adrian Miller said. “There are nearly 10 people in this senate and I’ve heard from three.”

The Engineering Student Council requested $6,000 for programming. The debate was to either amend the bill or table it, and ended with the decision to discuss it in the future.

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Campaigns begin for student trustee election

The SIU Board of Trustee student trustee election takes place April 9 and 10 on D2L. The student trustee campaign has USG President Adrian Miller facing USG Sen. Kane Hudson. An hour-long debate will be held. April 8 in the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at 6 p.m. between the two candidates. The trustees’ term begins in June when current Student Trustee Jesse Cler’s term expires.

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Adrian Miller, a junior studying political science from Carbondale, is running for the open student trustee seat on the SIU Board of Trustees.

Miller said he is running because he believes he can truly represent students and advocate the student body on important issues and topics. Miller is president of the Undergraduate Student Government and previously served as a senator for two years.

Miller said as president, he passed the largest finance reform and an election bylaw reform. He is managing changes and improvements to the USG constitutional amendments.

“We’ve had a lot of success in USG the last year. I think that’s a tribute to the great team I’ve had,” he said. “But as president, I have been able to oversee a lot of that success.”

Miller said he matured as a leader and is ready to move on from his current position and willing to make student representation present as a member of the board.

“I believe I’ve grown as much as I could and I have done as much as I could as president for the year and it’s time for me to move on,” he said. “It’s time for me to serve in another capacity, and I believe that capacity is to serve as student trustee.”

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Daily Egyptian

With a year of legislative work under his belt, Kane Hudson wants to continue his success in Undergraduate Student Government as a trustee in the fall.

Hudson, a freshman from Peoria studying engineering, will announce his candidacy for USG trustee Wednesday.

He said he feels his first year as senator in USG opened up many opportunities and made communicating with students and faculty much easier.

One of the biggest experiences Hudson said would help him is the communication skill he gained in his senator position.

“I would like to investigate and try to create more of a sense of community within the university,” he said. “Because right now, as many people explained earlier, we are a diverse campus, but yet we are still separate.”

Self-segregation is a problem on our campus and not enough is done to address it, Hudson said.

He said the best way to address this problem is to hold seminars, ask questions, dissect students’ problems and hold interviews to provide students with answers to create more understanding and interest in their university.

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The Affordable Care Act took center stage at the Graduate Professional Student Council meeting Tuesday night as members decided whether they wanted the university to opt in to a fully compliant plan.

The ACA, commonly known as “Obamacare,” took effect April 1 and was created to expand health coverage across the nation. Mat Ryg, vice president of administrative affairs, said the university is using minimal compliance to adhere to the law.

“It’s come in the time in the school year, this meeting and next, to voice our opinion about what kind of health insurance we want as a student body,” Ryg said. “Do we want a student insurance plan that is fully compliant with the Affordable Care Act or do we want to leave alone our minimally compliant plan?”

The council agreed they wanted the students to have a fully ACA compliant plan and voted unanimously to propose a resolution to be voted on at the next meeting. If the resolution passes, it will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the April 17 meeting.

The ACA also came into the spotlight during the nomination process for next year’s members.

John Stewart, vice president of graduate affairs, was unable to accept a nomination for a second term because of what he calls the “75 percent rule.”

Stewart said he was unsatisfied with being unable to run and it hindered the democratic process.

“It does stifle representation because … someone tried to nominate me and I understand that I’m just one person,” he said.

Southern Illinois Steampunk Society requested $925, which USG allocated.

The Hispanic Business Association requested $777, divided into $500 for catering, $227 for venue and related expenses and $50 for advertising, which was approved by the Senate. Brad Dillard, associate director of facilities and a member of the smoke free implementation committee, spoke and said he hopes USG will support the smoking free policy.

The Senate approved the name change to Student Government Association could confuse graduate students as to which council to go with concerns since it does not identify itself as for undergraduates.

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Hanging with the kids

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Kat Burns, left, director of Kids Korner, Emma Raymond, 7, and Madeline Prideaux, 11, sit and talk Tuesday during the after school program at Lenus Turley Park. Burns said a lot of parents are still working when kids get out of school and need their children to be looked after and they work to get them outdoors and bonding with one another. “At Kids Korner, we try to teach everyone it is okay to be unique in their own way,” Burns said.

**OPINION POLL RESULTS**

| The Office, 2013 | 43% |
| Friends, 2004 | 25% |
| 30 Rock, 2013 | 4% |
| Seinfeld, 1998 | 26% |

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Palestinians resume bid for further UN recognition

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RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — In a surprise move which could derail U.S. peace efforts, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, on Tuesday, resumed a campaign for further international recognition of a state of Palestine, despite a previous promise to suspend such efforts during nine months of negotiations with Israel. Shortly after Abbas’ announcement, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry canceled plans to return to the Middle East on Wednesday, but also said it’s “completely premature” to write off Abbas’ dramatic announcement as a negotiating tactic or signaled a fundamental shift in strategy.

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Nancy A. Kelleher, later urged the international community to pressure Israel to release the prisoners, indicating the Palestinians might reverse course if their demand is met. Still, Abbas’ surprise decision signaled a new crisis in Kerry’s troubled peace efforts.

Kerry had nudged Israelis and Palestinians back to the table in July, after a five-year break in negotiations, and got them to commit to nine months of negotiations, until April 29. The target was to reach a framework deal on the terms of a Palestinian state alongside Israel. As part of the resumption of talks, Abbas had promised to suspend efforts to seek further international recognition of a state of Palestine for nine months.

A major nod from the U.N. came in November 2012, when the General Assembly voted by an overwhelming majority to accept a Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem — lands Israel occupied in 1967 — as a non-member observer, overriding Israeli and U.S. objections. Palestinian officials have said that vote paved the way for Palestine to join 65 international institutions, conventions and treaties. A Palestine Liberation Organization statement quoted Abbas as saying Tuesday that the 15 letters he signed were for conventions and treaties that can be joined immediately.

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“Not one person has the complete solution to the problem,” Hudson said. “It’s just many different people have different parts of a solution.”

One of the major points Hudson said is of great importance to the university, is the problem of increasing fees and tuition. He said these rising costs are causing students to lose their college education.

“I had one friend, he was talking to me last semester, complaining about how he didn’t know whether or not he could afford to attend this college next semester,” he said. “This semester, he’s not here.”

Hudson said although it is necessary to increase some fees, many frivolous fees are negatively affecting students and making it difficult to maintain their ability to stay enrolled.

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As a student trustee, I can’t stop all fees increases,” he said, “but I can stop small ones, the ones that aren’t as necessary.”

Hudson said some of the needles fees go into funding random projects that do not necessarily need to be taken care of right away. Eliminating some of these fees could slow down the miring tuition.

With elections coming soon for the fall semester, Hudson said he had high hopes for the next year and would like to continue to be a part of the student's voice by becoming the next trustee.

“I hope the election goes well, and the student’s voices are heard,” he said.

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**Cities in pension straits**

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Associated Press

**SPRINGFIELD, Ill.** (AP) — Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s plan for fixing the city’s $10 billion in pension problems includes making the city’s employees and retirees pay more. The city’s threatened bankruptcy is now in the hands of the state lawmakers who will be asked to address those shortfalls in the city’s fire and police pension plans, a problem that nearly every large city in Illinois faces.

Chicago has the worst-funded public pension system of any major U.S. city, a distinction that could threaten its attractiveness as a modern transportation hub and a place for high-tech development. Emanuel announced he had reached a deal with several municipal and labor unions to cut in half a $19.5 billion pension debt over 40 years in plans that cover more than 50,000 employees and retirees. The agreement would raise property taxes by $250 million over five years, require higher contributions from employees and reduce the annual benefits retirees receive.

Last year began from facing the voters for re-election, Emanuel’s plan is politically risky. “Voters didn’t elect me to think about my political future,” Emanuel said in a statement Tuesday. “They elected me to think about Chicago’s future.” He suggested the effort with the unions could be a template for solving $50 billion in other public and private pension shortfalls, but didn’t suggest specifics, including how the city could meet a required $600 million in annual payments to the police and fire funds next year. And despite Emanuel’s claim of widespread union support, a coalition of West Side firefighters, police officers, teachers, nurses and other city workers called West Side One Chicago all but promised a lawsuit if lawmakers OK the plan. A similar group has filed a lawsuit over the state plan. In Springfield, Republicans were noncommittal, saying they wanted to see the details and who would have to pay for the plan before they signed on. Emanuel, who chairs a bipartisan committee in both legislative chambers, already began drafting language for the necessary bill in the House the past two decades. Police funds, for example, were 75 percent funded in 1991, while they were only 54 percent funded — $162.50 per child.

The commission points out that assets in that time have tripled, but liabilities have also tripled. Springfield Mayor Michael Houston said police and fire funds were hit hard because the financial downturn of 2008 didn’t allow the city to make properly enhanced pensions to benefit funds that did not come with money for them to pay.

**Missed health care deadline?**

**CONNIE CASS**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It’s not too late to get covered. A few routes remain open for those who missed the health care law’s big marketplace deadline.

Millions may be eligible for a second chance to sign up for subsidized health insurance this year. And people who get coverage after the deadline can still avoid, or at least reduce, the fine for going uninsured.

Here are five options for those still without insurance:

1. **Take advantage of the grace period** This special break was created for anyone who began enrolling in an insurance marketplace by Monday’s deadline but didn’t finish. That includes people who signed up by website or by phone but were later unable to confirm their enrollment with their insurance company. People who get coverage after the deadline can still avoid, or at least reduce, the fine for going uninsured.

2. **Use a special enrollment period** The government also is offering special extensions for a host of problems that might have prevented people from signing up through the marketplace: Natural disasters. Domestic abuse. A serious illness. Mistakes by an insurance company. Errors by insurance companies. To seek a “special enrollment period,” contact the federal call center. It’s 1-800-318-2596, or your state marketplace and explain what went wrong. It’s on the honor system. If the extension is approved, that brings another 60 days to enroll.

Also, at any time during the year, certain life events — such as changing jobs, getting married, becoming divorced, or becoming a parent — open a 60-day window to sign up for marketplace coverage.

3. **Sign up for Medicaid** Those who qualify can still enroll in Medicaid — there’s no deadline. Eligibility is based on income and varies from state to state. About half the states expanded their Medicaid programs. The main beneficiaries of the change are: - single adults earning up to about $16,100 per year, with no children living at home. Previously, Medicaid was limited mostly to poor children and their parents and people with disabilities.

4. **Buy insurance outside the marketplace** Buyers can always go directly to an insurance company, but it may be more expensive. Plans bought outside the marketplaces don’t come with government subsidies that hold down the cost for people with low or mid-level incomes. But they do include the law’s consumer protections. For example, insurers can’t turn down customers because of pre-existing medical conditions.

Even after the deadline, buying a plan that meets the law’s essential coverage standards may not wipe out the penalty owed, which is based on the number of months without coverage.

The fine for going uninsured all year is the greater of two formulas: about 1 percent of household income above the tax-filing threshold of $10,150 or $95 per adult and $162.50 per child under 18, up to $285 per family. It’s due to the IRS in April 2015.

5. **Get ready for next time** Open enrollment for 2015 is coming later this year. It’s scheduled to begin Nov. 15 and run just three months. That’s the chance to get covered or switch into a plan with subsidies.

Supporters of the law are calling on President Barack Obama to make things easier next time around. The advocacy group Families USA suggested changes Tuesday, including more face-to-face sign-ups, coordinating enrollment with tax-filing season so people better understand their taxes, and improving coordination with Medicaid programs.

**Recent advances in embryology and reproductive medicine enable prospective parents to learn much about the genetic makeup of their future offspring, including the sex and health profile of a child-to-be. Whether parents can or should utilize this information in their reproductive decision-making is the subject of intense debate in legal, ethical, and medical circles.**

**Professor Judith Daar holds a joint appointment at the Whittier Law School and the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine. In her lecture she will review the current state of reproductive decision-making is the subject of intense debate in legal, medical and ethical circles.**

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The bizarre names celebs call themselves

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While munching on popcorn with your feet kicked up on the couch, you hear a name that makes you spit out your soda or just blatantly laugh. We all know someone with a crazy nickname, whether it makes you giggle or raise an eyebrow.

In the celebrity world, there are many stars and athletes with names that make you do both. Rob Morrow, from the TV show “Numbers,” named his daughter something everyone would have to look for in the future. Literally. His daughter is named Tu Morrow. Her first name is bad enough, but Tu Morrow? Really?

Some people are inspired by their favorite movie or even TV show. Magician Penn Jillette considered both when he and his wife Emily Zelten named their daughter Monty Grinstein.

This name seriously sounds like a character from a generic 70s movie. The sad part is, Jillette actually said he wanted his daughter and cops to know they’re similar, in terms of trying to fight crime. Yes, no comment.

Former Washington Wizards player God Shammgod was originally known as Shammgod Wells until permanently changing his first name to God. I’m sure the real God may have been a little upset after his name was used in vain. Long story short, Shammgod only lasted 20 games in the NBA.

Celebrity names are getting a little ridiculous. To be honest, there are times when I wish I could change my last name from sounding like a linebacker but, jeez, is it really necessary?

The sad part is, everyone is trying so hard to be unique and now they’re just starting to sound unintelligent.

People with boring and typical names should try to add pizzazz by calling themselves names like Peachy, Rainbow or Crispy. I guess they feel like they need crazy nicknames to stand out. It seems as though professional football player Walter “Sweet” Achiu thought the same.

The commentator who does play-by-play must get a lot of people who say “bless you” after yelling “Achiu!” a million times during a broadcast.

Not to be pessimistic, but I know we live in a world full of war, anger and defeat. Some people may wish and pray for peace and happiness, while others act more drastically by changing their names to World B. Free and Metta World Peace.

World Peace and Shammgod went to high school together. Shocker right?

On another note, celebrities have not taken proper grammar into consideration during name picking either, especially Terrell Dshaun “Too Smooth” Smart also known as “He Hate Me.”

The new fragmented sentence on the back of his jersey caused a few jaws to drop. It’s clear everyone doesn’t necessarily love us, but He Hate Me is kind of clever.

After watching He Hate Me’s name, I almost forgot about Chad Johnson, better known as Chad Ochocinco. I mean, there’s a lot of Ochocinco’s in the world right. This is completely normal. Let’s just change our name to numbers—in Spanish.

No big deal.

Out of courtesy, I saved the best for last, only if you’re really ready to hear. Writer Paula Yates and her husband, actor and singer Michael Hutchence made my day with their children’s names and I’m sure she will make yours.

Honeyslumbin, Fifi Trisibelle, Heavenly Hiranni Tiger Lilly, Little Piste Geldof and Peaches. I wish I were kidding. I could not make this stuff up, even on a good day. I’ll just let you ponder on this last one.

Although I wish I could understand these people’s thought processes, I do not. It’s getting to a point where naming ourselves after things we see in the room like pencil, iPhone, or post-it is completely acceptable.

But on a serious note, stop. These names are giving me a headache.

Editorial Cartoon

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Professors hydrate film

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Several SIU faculty members let their finely crafted films about water flow.

Seven employees created the seven films focused on the relationship between humanity and water featured in the Big Muddy Faculty Showcase. They presented the projects in Morris Library’s Guyon Auditorium March 27. The films had many differences from one another; while each film related to water, they each focused on an individual narrative.

However, to say the films could be divided into cut and dry sections is quite an understatement, as each film was elaborate in its own respect. Journalism instructor Peter Lemish, along with his publication "Imagining Geographies," sponsored the event. Lemish said the water films were part of a university-wide theme this year.

"The seven faculty-produced films are exemplary of the research and multiple perspectives contributed by the arts to environmental-oriented discussions across campus and in the region," Lemish said.

All of the pieces focused on the value of water as it connects to our individual lives. Although the methods of filmmaking differed, each one managed to speak out for an intense appeal.

Cinema and photography professor Cade Burrell incorporated intriguing and iconic imagery in her two films, "Heron Pond: Boardwalk View" and "Waveland."

"(The films) are very different pieces. "Heron Pond: Boardwalk View' is about this place in southern Illinois, and how we visit a place and how we engage with a place," Burrell said. "You are kind of limited to experiencing Heron Pond to this boardwalk. So my question was, 'how do you get to know a place and become intimate?'"

"Heron Pond: Boardwalk View' naturally found its theme through a stroll down the boardwalk around the pond. Burrell scattered images of a forested area in a grained texture throughout the fragmented narrative.

Burrell’s "Waveland" focused on the state of, and her concerns for, the ocean with excerpts from theatrical films and quotes from "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," a famous poem by romantic-era poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

"The ocean is critical for our survival, the health of the ocean is important," Burrell said. "The more research I did, the more I became aware of how it was being impacted by being overfished, oil spills, climate change, acidification, all of these issues."

Burrell created the films with a Super 8 and 16mm film and hand processed the result. She ingrained extra images onto the film, making for an intense appeal.

I think the aesthetic is similar because that’s the way I tend to work, with the handmade," Burrell said. "Both (films) utilize hand-processing techniques. One has hand-painted material on clear litter, the other actually took a plant and glued it onto clear litter and photographed it."

Clear litter is 16mm film with no image on it. Burrell said she would apply either paint or duckweed plant frame by frame.


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West has competition for the starting job this season. The Salukis bring back sophomore Matt Vincent who did not attempt a pass last season. SIU will also try out junior transfer Mark Iannotti. Iannotti played for Eastern Michigan University last year, only throwing one pass for the Eagles.

Lennon said Iannotti’s style fits the type of offense SIU will run this season.

“His skills are right on to what we want to do,” Lennon said. “One of the schools that recruited him heavily out of high school was North Dakota State. They’ve got a good run game, play power football, play action, that type of stuff. That’s kind of what we want to do with our offense.”

Whoever is named the starting quarterback for the season opener against Eastern Illinois University will have a veteran receiver to throw to. 

“There’s the best way to calm Bertelsen down,” VadeBoncouer said. “When things upset, they did not get her down. When SLU pitcher Brianna Lore threw a no-hitter against SIU, Bertelsen started for the Salukis in a match against the Saint Louis University Billikens on March 26, in a 4-3 win. Bertelsen said while the losses were upsetting, they did not get her down. "Playing at United was fun. Getting to play Taylor (Oklahoma) three years at state was fun," she said. "I don’t really look at [the records] right now, but in the future I will. It was a good experience to go to state and get all those records, it was the time of my life. Now I just want to start something new here at Southern." 

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SIU golfer finds home in Carbondale

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SIU and Murray State University may only be two hours apart, but for one Saluki golfer, the two were a world apart.

For Junior Wade Thompson, the hardest decision was to make the jump to Carbondale. Thompson was a two-year golfer at Murray State University before he evaluated his career on and off the course, and brought his swing to SIU.

"I had a scholarship from (MSU) and went down there because I thought I'd like it, but it just didn't end up working out," he said. "Our facilities were not what I expected and I didn't like the way things were run."

Thompson said his initial decision to attend Murray State was a tough one. He said he had multiple Division I institutions to choose from, including walk-on opportunities at Big Ten schools, like the University of Michigan and Penn State University.

Academics played a huge role for Thompson, who was a National Honor Society student in high school while he led his golf team to a state championship. He has a combined 3.91 grade point average through five semesters at both universities.

"I knew I wasn't quite good enough to play (Big Ten) at that stage of my career," he said. "I wanted to be a civil engineer, so I chose Murray State, but they only had civil engineering technology, so I switched to accounting."

Thompson said when he joined the Racers, "...things were not as he expected. He said being a Saluki gave him more opportunities to play golf every tournament and more chances in the classroom.

Thompson said he knew about SIU's prestigious accounting program while attending MSU, but academics were not his only reason for switching. At the college level, not all players compete in every tournament. During his first two years, the Racers had top players in the Ohio Valley Conference as well as a solid lineup of seniors.

Players must do well in the qualifying round before being allowed to play a tournament. Thompson said academics come first but the lack of inclusion in tournaments he qualified for also played a role in his departure.

"With how great SIUC's accounting was, it was the biggest reason I ended up here," he said. "But I would also qualify quite a bit but wouldn't get taken to tournaments. I didn't think I was getting treated fairly in that department."

MSU Head Coach Eddie Hunt said he enjoyed Wade as a student and golfer, but disagreed with the notion that he held Thompson out of tournaments for qualified teams.

"I have nothing but positive things to stay about Wade, he was a great kid," Hunt said.

"I'll dispute that (he was held out)," he got every opportunity to play at Murray State."

Hunt said Thompson's departure was a blow to the program. He said he expected Thompson to play more with the graduation of three seniors but in the end, he felt the decision was what's best for both parties.

"He got to be where he wanted to be and we freed up a scholarship," Hunt said. "It was a win-win for both of us."

SIU coach Leroy Newton said he was excited that scored one and ended Murray State's game by the mercy rule.

"A lot of my credits didn't transfer, so I'm going to have to make up a lot of that but I still think it was the best decision for me," he said.

"I like Carbondale. It's been kind of a crooked road but I feel like I'm on the right path now."
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Junior pitcher Katie Bertelsen delivers a pitch Tuesday during the Salukis’ 9-1 win against Murray State University at Charlotte West Stadium. Bertelsen allowed one run off three hits in five innings before the game was called for the mercy rule. The Salukis travel to SIU-Edwardsville Wednesday to take on the Cougars. JENNIFER GONZALEZ - DAILY EGYPTIAN

When the lights of Saluki Stadium shine down on a dew soaked football field, it can only mean one thing. Football has returned to Carbondale. Saluki football opened its spring season last Monday with early morning team practices and drills.

Head coach Dale Lennon said he will use spring practices to establish an identity and trim down the roster.

“Our theme that I’m yelling every time we break is make a statement,” Lennon said. “I want each player to basically show what they’re capable of doing. Spring ball is also a time where we make some tough decisions and we don’t invite some guys back.”

Coach Lennon will also have a new coaching staff to evaluate as well. Lennon will have five new assistants this season on the offensive and defensive side of the ball. One of the new coaches, Nick Hill, will be in charge of the quarterbacks this season. Hill was the head coach at Carbondale Community High School last season, and played quarterback for the Salukis from 2004 to 2007.

Lennon said he likes what he has seen from his new staff so far.

“Each coach has their own strength that they bring to the staff,” he said. “The interaction with the players has been very positive. I think our players have received the new coaches well. It’s kind of a getting to know each other thing in spring ball too.”

There is also a change in who runs offense and defense. Lennon will take the reigns of the defense, while offensive line coach Bill O’Boyle will take charge of the offense.

O’Boyle said he has already installed almost 75 percent of his offense, which will reflect the type of offense that former SIU and current Minnesota University coach Jerry Kill runs.

“We spent two and a half days in Minnesota. It was nice just to see what they’re doing,” O’Boyle said. “Coach Hill is very familiar with their throwing game, and he’s our throwing game coordinator, he’s doing a great job with that.

The team will try out a new player at quarterback in 2014. The team could look to returning redshirt freshman Ryan West to call the plays in place of Kory Faulkner who graduated after the 2013 season. West played in seven games for the Salukis last season with 63 completions for 679 yards and six touchdowns after Faulkner broke his finger.

The Salukis run into spring practice

Tony McDaniels leads the Saluki football team in drills during an early morning spring practice March 28 at Saluki Stadium. Lennon said he’s excited about the offensive players that are returning for the upcoming season. “We feel good about the back field,” Lennon said. “With Malcolm Agnew and Ken Malcome I think you have two quality running backs that you can establish the run game with.”